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THURSDAY

October 28, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW
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BRIEFLY

SMMC Relay team sets haunted house

Scenic Mountain Medical Center Relay for Life team will hold a haunted house Friday through Sunday at the Malone & Hogan Clinic (old "Texas Surgery" department).

Hours will be from 7 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 per person with all proceeds going to Relay for Life.

UW restaurant feature continues

K.C. Steakhouse is the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County featured restaurant this week. A portion of Friday's proceeds at K.C. Steakhouse will be donated to United Way, which helps 15 area agencies with funding. For information about the local United Way or to make a donation, call 267-5201.

Bikes for Tykes benefit planned

The Cossacks Motorcycle Club will hold a benefit for Bikes for Tykes Saturday beginning at noon at 1610 N. Birdwell Lane. Activities will include a battle of the bands, brisket cookoff, in-house bean run, and more. Food will be available, as will camping. Brisket registration will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday. For more information, call (432) 213-0654 or 267-5462.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

A tow truck plowed into several unmaned Texas Department of Transportation vehicles Wednesday afternoon at a construction site 15 miles east of Big Spring on Interstate 20. The truck was driven by a Sweetwater man, who was treated for minor injuries and released at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room.

Only minor injuries occur as tow truck slams into TxDOT vehicles

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Texas Department of Transportation construction crew working on Interstate 20 approximately 15 miles east of Big Spring had an extremely close call Wednesday afternoon, as a two-ton truck plowed into several vehicles on the shoulder of the highway.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Kneel Stallings said the three TxDOT vehicles damaged in the crash were unmaned at the time, and the driver of the truck, 59-year-old Shelby Van Walker of Sweetwater, received only

minor injuries.

"The truck was traveling eastbound and was entering the construction zone," said Stallings. "He tapped his breaks to slow down due to the wet conditions and the rear end of the truck began to slide to the left. It went into a side skid and the driver lost control, running into the equipment that was here in the construction zone. All of the TxDOT equipment was unmaned. The only occupant involved in the accident was the driver of the truck that lost control."

Stallings said he believed the rainy weather was a fac-

tor.

"I believe the weather played a role in the accident," said Stallings. "He tapped his brakes to slow down, but the wet conditions caused the rear end to begin sliding around. The driver suffered minimal injuries, mainly a cut over his eye."

Walker was taken to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room to be checked out by doctors and was later released.

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AG ruling nixes use of county inmate labor for non-profits

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Inmate labor has been an integral part of the Howard County community for many years now, and according to Sheriff Dale Walker, it's now gone, thanks to an opinion issued by the Texas Attorney General late last week.

Attorney General Greg Abbott announced on Friday that county jail inmates, who have provided free labor for local agencies and charities for years, could not provide labor for non-profit organizations. Abbott's opinion also pointed out joint ventures between the non-profit groups and counties are also not allowed.

Walker said the implications are serious and far reaching for the many organizations that benefit from the inmate labor.

"The majority of the work that our inmate program does is for non-profit organizations," Walker said gravely. "The fair, rodeo, Howard County 4-H — all of them rely heavily upon the inmates to set up their pens and things like that. Cleaning up and cutting weeds, just doing all kinds of manual labor that the organizations don't have the manpower to handle."

"When I first heard of the opinion, I

"If this is something you believe is a valuable service to our community, get involved and write a letter."



Dale Walker

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Early voting ends Friday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Area residents who haven't already cast their ballots during early voting and want to beat the long lines associated with Election Day, beware — the clock is ticking.

Early voting ends Friday at 5 p.m. at the Howard County Courthouse, and with record participation already reported during early voting all over the nation, the lines at the polls Tuesday are expected to be long and the process time-consuming.

"We'll take everyone who is in line to vote Friday at 5 p.m.," said Howard County Clerk

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Organization reaches out to help victims

Woman tells how Victim Services helped her family

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Features Editor

For one single mother in Howard County, Victim Services provided comfort, education and support during an intense criminal procedure.

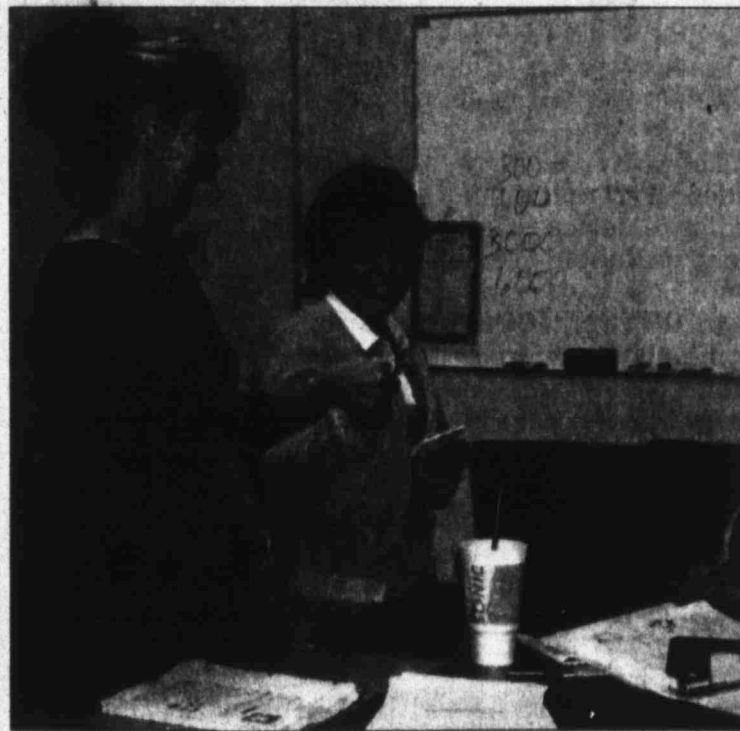
"When my son was scheduled to go to court to testify in an indecency case, Victim Services became our ally. The personal attention, understanding and care we received made the entire experience easier to withstand," she said.

The mother said a Victim Services worker walked her son through a mock court procedure, explaining how he should answer a prosecuting attorney's questions,

what he could expect from the courtroom and the judge and how important it was to answer truthfully and succinctly.

"She even told him where she would be sitting during his time on the witness stand. She told him she was his sup-

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HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Shann Thomas, left, executive director of Victim Services, and Linda Perez, assistant director and volunteer coordinator, prepare materials for a volunteer training workshop. Victim Services depends on United Way funding to provide services to victims of violent crimes.

Moore Development mulls pending state hospital forum

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The board of directors for Moore Development of Big Spring handled routine business during its Wednesday meeting, with the main focus on the upcoming forum concerning the feasibility study currently being conducted at the Big Spring State Hospital.

"I think it's very important we all make every effort to attend the meeting and help the effort in

any way," said Kent Sharp, Moore's executive director. "There are several local officials that will be going to the forum and will speak to the panel about the necessity of the facility."

Several board members said they plan to attend the forum, which is slated for Wednesday in San Angelo.

"The Chamber of Commerce has arranged for a bus to and from the forum," Sharp told the board. "There are 50 seats available and they will be leaving from the east parking lot at Dorothy

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TIME TO GET SPOOKY



HERALD PHOTO/Kendra Wlass

Shannon Nabors, executive director of Canterbury, stuffs Halloween bags with Elaine Wadell, Canterbury resident, on Wednesday in preparation of Canterbury's Spook House from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. See story, Page 3A.

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Support groups

THURSDAY

□ Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8-9 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

Take note

□ **COMMUNITY WIDE PRAYER MEETING** at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 in the Municipal Auditorium. Free and open to the public. Contact Everett Bender at 263-0556 for more information.

□ **A BAKE SALE TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT REFLEX SYMPATHETIC DYSTROPHY** is set for Nov. 6 at the west door of Wal-Mart. Contact Marilyn Miers at 267-1135 for more information.

□ **POPCORN BALLS FROM BETTYE PARRISH'S HOUSE**, 410 College St. in Coahoma, will be given away Saturday.

□ **BUFFALO COUNTRY FINA** is giving away an autographed photograph of Michael Jordan, along with two other Jordan magazine covers, to help with medical costs of 12-year-old Sage Gibson, son of Big Spring Junior High School assistant principal Tommy Gibson, who has been diagnosed with a tumor. For an update on Gibson's condition visit www.carepages.com/ServeCarePage?cpn=Sagepage&nlq=923947. For more information about the Buffalo Finna fund-raiser call 267-5050.

□ **A SPECIAL MEETING OF LULAC CHAPTER 4791** is set for 6:30 p.m. today in the community room of the Howard County Library. Contact Jennifer at lulac_jennifer@sbcglobal.net or 264-1287.

□ **MARCY ELEMENTARY PARENTS/TEACHERS ORGANIZATION** is hosting a Veteran's Day Brunch for all veteran's in the community from 9-11 a.m. Nov. 11. The food is free to all veterans and there will also be a music program provided by Marcy Elementary students.

□ **THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL STEADHAM** is in need of help to pay for his funeral expenses. Friends of the family say he had no insurance and died suddenly. An account has been established at the Cosden Federal Credit Union for those wishing to help the family. For more information, call 264-0838 or 264-2600.

□ **COLLEGE PARK CHURCH OF GOD COWBOY AND COWGIRL COSTUME EVENT** from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday. Western costumes only with a prize for the best costume. Also collecting canned food and bottled water for hurricane victims. Call 267-8593 for more information. Church is located at 603 Tulane.

□ **HERITAGE MUSEUM TOURS TO HISTORIC ABILENE** is set for Nov. 5. Cost is \$25 to tour the Buffalo Gap Historical Village, the Perini Ranch Steakhouse for dutch treat lunch, Frontier Texas! and the Grace Museum. Make reservations by Friday. Call 267-8255.

□ **BENEFIT TO HELP WITH MEDICAL EXPENSES OF CURTIS JAMES** is set for Nov. 13 at Grant's Country Store, North Service Road of I-20, east of the refinery. Call 263-0011 for more information.

□ **THE BIG SPRING WEST TEXAS GIRL SCOUTS COUNCIL SENIOR TROOP 266** is collecting stuffed animals for Scenic Mountain Medical Center's emergency room. A collection box for the stuffed toys will be at Seams-So-Nice in the Big Spring Mall. Or call Laurie Peterson at 432-267-9773

□ **A FUND TO HELP WITH EXPENSES FOR THE FAMILY OF MICKEY EMERSON OF FORSAN** has been set up at State National Bank, 901 Main St.

Trick or Treat
Saturday
at
Mountain View Lodge
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
The Staff Of Mt. View Lodge
wants Everyone To Have A Safe &
Happy Halloween
2009 Virginia Ave.

Police blotter

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

• **OSCAR VELASQUES JR.**, 29, of 1309 Princeton, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **MICHAEL ANTHONY JUAREZ**, 19, of 634 Caylor, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 1700 block of Wasson.
- in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- in the 300 block of Owens.
- in the 900 block of 15th Street.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1700 block of FM 700.

Sheriff's report

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

• **RONALD GENE HENRICHS**, 47, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **GREGG MARTINEZ**, 30, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off of bond for two counts of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 200 block of S. Moss Lake Road.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2700 block of South Anderson Road.

Mickey was involved in a motorcycle accident Sept. 23 and is in intensive care in a Lubbock hospital. Contact his mother, Carolyn Winbush, at 263-1178 with any questions.

□ **AN ORIGINAL SUE BAGWELL PAINTING** will be given away in April at the Heritage Museum. Contact the museum at 267-8288 for more details.

□ **FORSAN SCHOOL BAND WILL PERFORM IN WASHINGTON D.C. JULY 4, 2005**, by special invitation, representing Texas. Funds are needed to cover the \$145,000 cost of the trip. Donations are being accepted at the First Bank of West Texas, account name Forsan Band Trip. Contact Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson or band directors Jim Rhodes and Jeremy Higgenbotham at 457-2223.

□ **A FUND TO HELP DEFRAY** the funeral costs and medical bills of Johnny Darden, a Howard County man who was killed by a swarm of bees, has been set up at State National Bank under account no. 2007126.

□ **A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME** has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

□ **MANNA RELIEF**, a non-profit ministry that provides glyconutritional supplements to critically ill children, is accepting donations for the program. Call Gene or Robbie Froman at 263-0385.

□ **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

□ **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

□ **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

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.

• Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 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 Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between 3 p.m. and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1200 E. Fourth St. Public is invited.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

• Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 13-15-19-37-40. Bonus Ball: 6.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$7 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-17-20-30.

Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$17,454. Winning tickets sold in: Gilmer, Pasadena. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

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

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows near 50. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. North winds near 10 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows near 50.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 50.

Monday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s.

Monday night...Mostly clear. Lows near 40.

Election day...Mostly sunny. Highs near 70.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows near 40.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs near 70.

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Hungry for a great steak?
K-C Steak House
Come as you are and bring your friends
Friday, October 29
A portion of our sales for Friday is donated to the United Way - so have a great meal and help out 15 local agencies!
Open Monday - Saturday 5 - 10 p.m.
N. Service Road I-20 West 263-1651
Dine Out Day United Way

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Canterbury, Park Place to host Halloween activities

By KENDRA WISS
Staff Writer

Chains rattle, witches cackle and werewolves howl at the 25th annual Canterbury Spook House.

"This year we've changed a lot of things and made it more fun for children of all ages," said Canterbury's Executive Director Shannon Nabors.

Canterbury will begin

Saturday's festivities at 5 p.m., when Ronald McDonald will be signing autographs and posing for pictures at the front entrance located at 1700 Lancaster. He'll continue to entertain children until 5:45 p.m.

Also at 5 p.m., Park Place will begin its Halloween carnival for younger children. The carnival will feature games, booths, a bottle toss, fishing for

For a list of Halloween-related activities, see Page 5A

prizes and other Halloween favorites. Park Place is located at the corner of 17th and Lancaster.

The Spook House at Canterbury, featuring new attractions such as a graveyard and mad scientist's laboratory,

will be open from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for younger children and scaredy-cats, then shift into spooky from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Security will be on hand to keep the event both fun and safe.

"The famous Canterbury witches will be mingling with the crowd, along with some new fun for everyone," said Nabors. "Bring the whole family to the new and improved

Spook House and don't forget to use Canterbury South's main entrance on Lancaster to enter."

All events are free and the public is invited to spend a safe and fun Halloween with Canterbury and Park Place.

Contact Staff Writer Kendra Wiss at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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Garrett Coliseum at 2 p.m.

Sharp said the bus is expected to arrive in San Angelo at 4 p.m. for a "Dutch treat" dinner at Golden Corral before the forum begins at 6 p.m.

Officials from several different local agencies, including the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Moore Development, met last

week to discuss the process by which the Texas Health and Human Services Commission will make its recommendations as to possibly closing the facility. That decision is due Dec. 31.

Among those planning to attend the forum is Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, who told other local officials last week, "I think what we need to look at doing is creating an ad hoc committee to gather information on the state hospital for this

meeting. We need to take a logical approach to the situation and not an emotional one."

Sharp said the committee was formed and has been putting together a format for speakers to express their views during the forum.

The feasibility study being conducted is a result of Rider 55, part of the General Appropriations Act passed during the last legislative session, which called for the examination

of facilities all over the state. While studies to look at the possibility of privatizing state facilities such as the Big Spring State Hospital drew no bids from private sector providers, the current study has the power to close the facility.

"In our business case, we know to be viable we have to be cost efficient and effective," said State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon during the first strategic meeting. "We have to have a physical

plant that is in good repair and doesn't have a high need for capital investment. We've had our eye on this ball for a long time. I don't think we're caught off guard by this. But the new impact is if they did do something, how does it really ripple down into the community?"

Forums concerning West Texas' stake in the possible closures and consolidations will be held in San Angelo and Lubbock. Moughon said he and his

staff are concentrating on the Nov. 3 meeting in San Angelo, slated for 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the San Angelo Convention Center, located at 500 Rio Concho Drive.

The deadline to sign up to ride the bus is Friday at 5 p.m. and costs \$20. For more information, contact the Chamber at 263-7641.

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port, that she would be in the courtroom just for him. That made it so much easier to face, knowing there was someone looking out for my son," the mother said.

And when a plea bargain was reached which released her son from testifying, Victim Services continued to offer support, she said.

"This worker offered my son counseling, and really listened to his answers. She treated us both like real people with a real problem, and she left the door open should we ever feel the need to address the issue.

"Victim Services gave me peace of mind and gave my son the love and support he needed. I was amazed at their dedication and support, their professionalism and confidentiality, and I am so grateful for their efforts and their

Local Victimization Statistics for 2003

- Child victim of physical abuse — 9
- Child victim of sexual abuse — 29
- Victim of DUI/DWI — 6
- Victim of domestic violence — 135
- Adult victim of sexual assault — 8
- Elder abuse — 1
- Adult molested as a child — 5
- Survivors of homicide victim — 3
- Robbery — 4
- Assault — 10
- Violent crime — 2
- Hate crime — 1
- Other crime victim — 69

282 victims of crimes were served locally in 2003.

446 individuals were served in 2003, including secondary victims, such as family members.

dedication," she said.

Victim Services, a United Way agency, serves victims of crimes in Howard, Glasscock, Martin, Borden and Mitchell counties.

A non-profit, independent, communi-

ty-based program serving victims of crime, including but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence, Victim Services depends on the United Way to keep the doors open and the services ongoing.

"United Way funding is extremely important to our organization. The money we receive from the United Way goes strictly to supplying the victims with their needs, whether it be clothing, or transportation or other emergency and crisis expenses," said Shann Thomas, Victim Services executive director.

"We depend heavily on the United Way to meet these financial needs, and it is greatly appreciated and very important to us. The United Way is one of the entities that keeps our services available," she said.

One key ingredient to providing services funded by United Way dollars is education brochures that are made available to victims within the five counties through the local police depart-

ments, she said.

Last year Victim Services received \$22,600. Along with the United Way, Victim Services receives two grants each year, as well as funds from a local foundation and the city and county governments.

One of those state grants was cut \$15,000 this year, as were all agencies served by the grant, across the state. Thomas said thrift and diversity allowed the local agency to continue, despite the cut.

"For Victim Services in places like Houston or Dallas, \$15,000 was one month's utility bill. For us, that was a lot of money," she said.

Victim Services workers and volunteers are available 24 hour a day, 356 days a year. These individuals dedicate themselves to providing support, encouragement and assistance to victims and their families.

To donate to the United Way, 808 Scurry, call 267-5201.

VOTE

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Donna Wright. "We'll give each of them some sort of tag so we know they were in line at 5

p.m., but we'll have to turn people away after that time."

Early voting polls have certainly seen their share of attention this election season, posting 5,135 ballots since they opened on Oct. 18 with two days left to go. That total also puts

early voting 906 ballots ahead of totals established on the same day or early voting during the 2000 presidential election.

"In 2000 we posted a total of 5,541 through early voting in its entirety," said Wright. "We

should surpass that mark today (Thursday), as we're averaging approximately 506 ballots each day of early voting. We've posted totals ahead of 2000 that are consistently 30 to 40 ballots more per day. That's a considerable

increase."

Wright said her election staff, which includes election judges and officials, will be hitting the classroom this evening to prepare for Tuesday. See the weekend edition of the Big Spring Herald for a

list of Election Day polling places.

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knew this was going to have a heavy impact on our community, and we can't just sit down and let it happen."

Walker said he immediately sent out memos to various organizations and county agencies about the drastic change, and is currently spearheading an effort to gather letters and information on its impact in Howard County.

"Sheriffs all across Texas are doing the same thing I did," said Walker. "They are notifying everyone in the communities that this is an opinion that was written by our attorney general, and we're all requesting that everyone contact their legislators and representatives and see if we can get this changed right away.

"I personally passed this information on to Pete Laney today and asked for his assistance. He said he

would check on it immediately and begin studying it to see how and why it came about. He told me he can't imagine why this opinion would be made."

While non-profit organizations such as 4-H, the Fair Association and Sheriff's Posse, Howard Colleges' Junior Rodeo and other groups have the highest stakes in the matter, Walker said he hopes anyone who feels Abbott's opinion is wrong will put pen to paper in protest.

"There's work to be done, but I believe this community will stick together and work for an immediate change in this opinion," said Walker. "I'd welcome letters, not only from local government officials and the heads of these non-profit organizations, but from the citizens of the county as well — the people that benefit from the work

that these organizations do. If this is something you believe is a valuable service to our community, get involved and write a letter. I will personally see to it that Pete Laney gets a rather large package from Howard County."

Another organization that could be seriously effected is Keep Big Spring Beautiful, which has relied on inmate labor heavily over the years.

"I spoke with Pat Simmons, who heads up that organization, and she's very upset about it," said Walker. "All of the organization heads I've talked to are offended by this. We won't even be able to use inmate labor for the 4-H office, which is located in the county courthouse. I really don't understand it."

Walker said he believes the opinion is the result

of years of abuse of the system, some of which has been recently exposed in Tom Green County.

"The sheriff was using inmate labor at his home," explained Walker. "At some point another sheriff in the state asked the attorney general's office for an opinion on labor for non-profit organizations and this is what we got."

Walker said the Howard County Jail has approximately eight inmates performing manual labor at

any given time, putting out an average of 1,440 hours each month. At \$5.15 per hour, the federal minimum wage, inmate labor in one month alone would total \$7,416.

Letters concerning Abbott's decision should be forwarded to Walker at 300 South Main Street, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call 264-2244.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

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OUR VIEWS

Have a fun but safe time this Halloween

Ahhhh, it's the time of the year when pirates and princesses, super heroes and witches roam the hallways and streets — all in good fun of course. Halloween always means lots of excitement and, of course, treats.

As usual, we get calls at the *Herald* from people wanting to know if Halloween is really going to be celebrated on Sunday. Well, it's not within our power to change the date, of course, but it seems reasonable that if Saturday works better for you, then change it to Saturday. If Friday is better, try Friday. We really don't think anyone will care. But if it makes it easier for you, more activities are being planned on Saturday night by groups than any other night.

For instance, Parkplace, Canterbury, the mall, Mountain View Lodge, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the Sand Springs scouts and Rainbow Christian Preschool are among those putting on activities Friday evening. The scouts, who hold their traditional spooky event in Coahoma, will continue the festivities Saturday night. Scenic Mountain has its spookhouse on Friday and even Sunday, while the city water department will be passing out candy on Friday. In short, it could be a three-day spook-a-thon, if you like.

As usual, we want to remind moms and dads to make sure your child has an enjoyable time, but a safe time particularly when it comes to knocking on neighborhood doors for treats. Children get very excited over dressing up and getting candy — they wouldn't be children if they didn't. However, they also tend to let down their defenses, and it's up to us as parents to make sure the evening doesn't end in tragedy.

First, make sure the children are escorted by a responsible adult. If they are going to be out at night, make sure what they are wearing is brightly colored enough to be seen by motorists. Use reflective tape that will glow in a vehicle's headlights and have them carry flashlights.

Parents should direct children to the homes of other families they know. That way they can be sure the treats are safe to eat. Finally, just as an extra precaution, parents should examine the candy before letting the child consume any.

The old days of trick or treating are rapidly vanishing — replaced by more safe and controlled events such as fall festivals, carnivals and spook houses. Most of these are excellent to consider. Whether you allow your children to go door to door in the neighborhood or attend a more controlled event is your choice as a responsible parent.

But no matter what you decide is best for your children, where ever you go, think safety first. And have a great time — no matter what day you celebrate Halloween.

LETTER POLICIES

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor.

- Limit your letters to no more than 300 words.
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TO THE EDITOR,

I would like to make a comment on something I heard Paul Harvey say a few years ago. He said, "If a person wants to commit a crime and get away with it, go to Big Spring, Texas."

Well, folks, I would like to say that I have seen the Howard County Sheriff Department in action. It was Nov. 25, 2003, and there was an incident involving an elderly couple. I was there when one of the officers told the couple, "we will get the ones who are responsible for this!"

This officer and his department made good on his word and it wasn't long before they had arrested the responsible parties and they were convicted.

So, I don't know where Paul Harvey got his information, but he couldn't have been talking about the sheriff's department here.

JACK DEWETT
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I wonder if John Kerry would read this and understand it or just continue to blame the "Bush administration."

According to a June 2004 report sponsored by the Detroit Regional Chamber, the Accelerator Group and the Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, titled, "The Impact of Offshore Outsourcing on the Manufacturing Sector in Michigan and the United States," most manufacturing losses being blamed on offshore outsourcing can be attributed to other factors, namely structural costs borne by the manufacturing trade, such as increasing health care costs, legacy, tort liability, regulatory burdens and a 'burgeoning workforce shortage' as well.

Of the latter, the lack of incoming skilled workers due to an "insufficient emphasis" on K-12 science and engineering programs and small numbers of students majoring in engineering programs at the undergraduate level cannot compensate for the number of jobs needed to fill the retiring Baby Boomers' slots.

Interestingly, the study finds that the offshoring component in the decline of manufacturing losses in Michigan represents only a fraction — 1.1 percent — when compared to the threat posed by the skilled worker challenge. The study made the following recommendations to help alleviate this problem, and these are listed below:

- Research and Development (R&D) — increase the commitment.
- R&D — strengthen regional R&D clusters.
- R&D — stimulate collaboration.
- Education — build the manufacturing workforce.
- Cost of doing business — reduce structural costs in the economy.
- Control health care costs.
- Control retirement costs.
- Enact tort law reforms.
- Assist small manufacturers with contract enforcement.
- Stabilize and reduce energy costs.
- Reduce the federal tax burden.
- Reduce the cost of regulations and regulatory compliance.
- Expedite the flow of goods and people at U.S.-Canada border crossings.

For more information about the study and to read the full report in its entirety, visit <http://www.detroitchamber.com/MPC/documents/offshoring.pdf>

DONALD G. RILEY
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Eleven days until election 2004, finds a middle-aged West Texan quite troubled.

While partisan politics rule the media and unfortunately most Americans, there seems to be no urgency in the rebuilding of America's morality. As Election Day approaches, we see more of the same — health care reform, social security reform, economic reform — what about moral reform?

Being only 30 years old, I have heard about health care, social security and economic reform every since President Reagan's first term. Here it is, 24 years later and guess what? Yep...same ol' same ol'.

Now, don't get me wrong, these are important issues that involve each and every one of us. However, while these problems both now and

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in the future can be handled by an increase or decrease in taxes, personal savings plans, or limited outsourcing according to both candidates, America has little time in rescuing the single most important issue facing this country founded as "one nation under God."

Morality has taken several punches to the face over the past few years, including a president who lied under oath about an extramarital affair.

I know, we all make mistakes and it is certainly not my place to judge, but when a person of this magnitude is put into a world spotlight for his hiccup in morality, we have a problem. The most troubling, however, has to be his continued popularity among Americans.

That president aside, we must now focus on the next four years and what the media is calling, "The most important election in United States history."

I don't agree with many statements made by our liberal media, but this one is certainly factual. While I am not Democrat, nor Republican, I am a Christian and I know He will be watching when I cast my vote. It has become clear over the last few months, where each candidate stands on the two most important issues — same sex marriage and abortion. While several other issues hit us in the pocket book, consider where a society that lacks both moral and spiritual responsibility will hit us.

Maybe we should ask the Roman Empire or the two cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

In closing, I encourage each and everyone reading this, to ask the Almighty for guidance in this election and steer away from partisan politics. The pocket book is near and dear to every American, but it is our children who will pay the price for an immoral, Godless society.

BRIAN MOORE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to the letter by John Rheinscheld about things I have to believe to vote for George Bush it was interesting to note his phrasing. These aren't things that I have to believe about George Bush; these are things I have to believe. Since we are talking about my beliefs instead of those of the president, let me say what I believe.

I will vote for a man whose character is without question. Did he lie about Iraq? If he did, then so did John Kerry, the House and Senate intelligence committees, the British government and anyone else who made a decision based upon the intelligence available at the time. It is convenient political cynicism to call the president a liar during an election: Speaking of lying, what about those daily atrocities perpetrated by all of the U.S. combat troops in Vietnam? I'm sure that John Kerry, while giving aid and comfort to the enemy, was telling God's truth because it was morally right for him to do so.

As a woman, I know that my "choice" is between having or not having sex and using birth control if I want to avoid pregnancy. I also believe, and know, that for a female of my age, the most appropriate choice for birth control is total abstinence until marriage. If, at some point, I conceive a child due to my own behavior, I no longer have a right to kill that human being growing inside me. I do believe that multi-national corporations are heavily regulated. Kenneth Lay will not escape jail.

Jesus loves me, homosexuals, Hillary Clinton and every other sinner. That's why he died. He just didn't approve of homosexuals, Pharisees, or any other unrepentant sinners being leaders in the church. Perhaps Mr. Rheinscheld prefers Islam, where women are property; adulterous men are punished by the gang rape of a sister; and you will go to heaven if you murder someone who doesn't believe as you do.

That, possibly, Mr. Rheinscheld obtained the "fact" of George Bush's cocaine conviction from the "Dan Rather reserve of proven and well known facts." I also seem to remember something being said about "letting him without sin cast the first stone." Don't you think it's time to give up dredging up President Bush's alleged past indiscretions? After all, I believe there aren't too many adults who don't

have things they've done in their youth that they would perhaps like to forget. So why do people such as Mr. Rheinscheld continue to dwell on events that may, or may not have occurred during President Bush's youth. Please, give it a rest.

In the 1970s the scientists were afraid of global cooling. Now it's global warming. Which is it? And concerning evolution, prove it. Show me a single instance of where one species became another species.

I could go on point by point, but what I do believe is that I don't have to agree with the president on every point to vote for him. What I do believe is that after 20 years in the Senate, I can't find the "John Kerry Health Care Reform Act." I can't find the "John Kerry Jobs Creation Act." I can't find the "John Kerry Veterans Compensation and Benefits Act." Social Security? Nothing! Deficit Reduction? Nothing! Sex Education in Schools? Nothing.

For a man that has had the ability to propose legislation for the last 20 years, what does he have to show for it? Nothing! And, yet, this is the man that now has an answer for all of the ills of our nation — ills that President Bush by and large inherited and who has actually done something to try to cure them.

It's easy to be a critic, but as Teddy Roosevelt said, "It's not the critic that counts. The credit belongs to the man in the arena."

I understand that I do not have the years behind me that Mr. Rheinscheld does. However, I also understand that as an 18-year-old first time voter, who is very concerned with what could happen in my country as a result of this election, it is my responsibility to vote my conscience and for what I believe in. And, Mr. Rheinscheld, my belief is that I will not allow someone to tell me how to believe or vote, and I will vote for President Bush as he has proven himself to be a man of character and morality, and one whom I trust to do what is best for me as a citizen and my nation as a whole.

MELODY MCDANIEL
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

To my conservative friends:

It surprises me to see big yard signs here and there proclaiming "Farmers for Neugebauer," "Ranchers for Neugebauer," "Feeders for Neugebauer," etc.

If your way of life is dependent in any way on agriculture, I'd like to ask you: Are you really going to kiss off the congressman who will be either the chairman or the ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee for the rest of his career, who ranks in the top 6 percent of the House of Representatives in seniority, in favor of a second-year congressman who stands in the bottom 6 percent?

Are you really going to turn your back on the congressman who has represented you so well and so effectively for the last 26 years, who has worked so hard for your interests regardless of your political affiliation, who knows more about our farm problems, programs and agricultural legislation than any other elected official in the nation, in favor of a congressman who is hardly experienced and who wants you to vote for him because of his "conservative family values" and a host of hot-button issues that don't even fall within the purview of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Are you really going to replace a conservative congressman who is known for his soft-spoken independence, who has defied his own party when he thought it was in your best interests to do so, with another conservative congressman who is expected to be a lock-step team player for his party, which incidentally wasn't even familiar enough with him to pronounce his name right in its latest campaign commercial on his behalf?

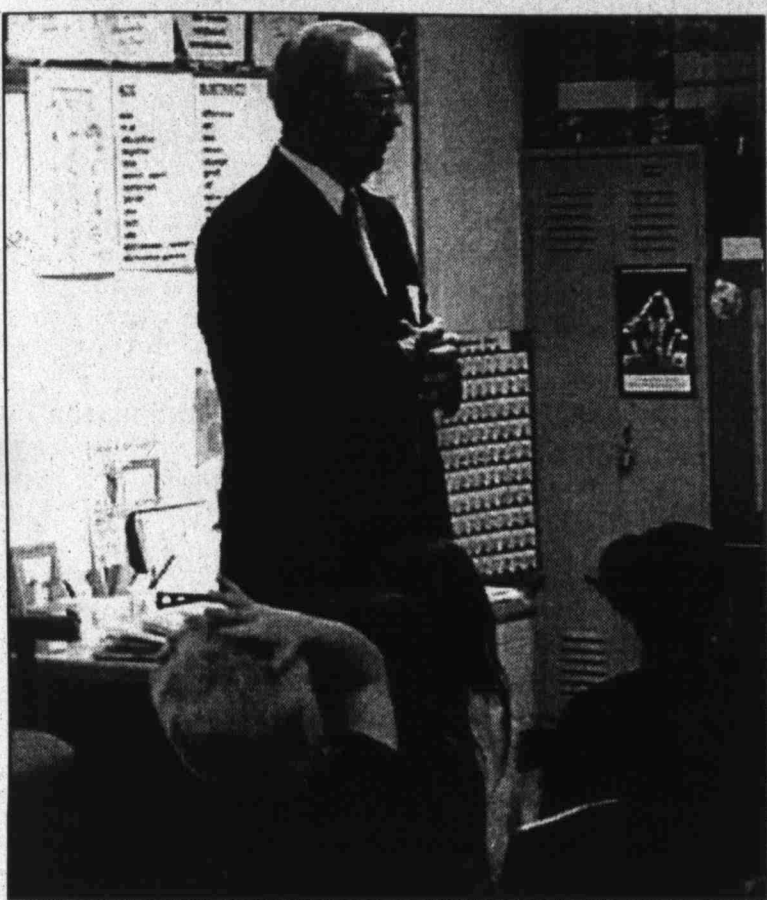
If you go through with this unholy (and probably illegal) coup, then I won't feel sorry for Charlie Stenholm, because he has served long and honorably and his reputation is secured in history. But I will feel sorry for you, and for all the rest of us for our loss.

DON NELSON
DIMMITT

SOLDIER'S FAMILY BENEFITS FROM FUND-RAISER



Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant
Dr. J. Gale Kilgore, left and 50/50 vocalist Tim Larson presented a check for \$250 to Krista Nadeau and her daughters, Hannah, 5, Rachel, 3 and Leah, 1. The funds were raised during a recent benefit concert at the Municipal Auditorium to provide support for military families. Nadeau's husband, Paul, is serving in the National Guard 36th Infantry Division 2nd/142 HHC Support. He will be deployed to Iraq in December. The benefit concert was also sponsored by the Eagle's Lodge.



Mayor tells Moss students about being mayor duties, serving in city government

Courtesy photo
Mayor Russ McEwen spoke to Moss Elementary second grade students last week about the importance of city government and being good citizens. The students were studying Junior Achievement and city government, and invited McEwen to visit their classroom and talk about his experiences in city government and being a mayor.



CPL Robert Cisneros visits with Patsy Sanchez and Tandi Stockton's classes. Courtesy photo

US soldier visits Goliad students

Special to the Herald

Goliad Intermediate School students adopted CPL Robert Cisneros, who is currently serving in the Iraqi war.

He is stationed in Kuwait and was home for a two-week leave.

Cisneros is in charge of weapons delivery from Kuwait to Iraq.

He was a Marine for four years prior to joining the army.

He still has two more years to serve in the Army. He then plans to join the Air Force.

The classes of Patsy Sanchez and Tandi Stockton wrote him letters and he responded by writing each student an individual letter instead of one letter for the class.

Cisneros came to visit Sanchez and Stockton's class Oct. 20.

He told them that they may not always understand what is going

on but that letters from home help more than anything and that he appreciated them very much.

After the questions he closed by saying that education was very important and that they needed to stay in school.

They then presented him with a care package full of goodies such as cookies and candy.

Students asked questions such as why did Cisneros join the Marines and then the Army?

"I love the military life and what I do for my country," he said.

How many countries have you seen? a student asked.

"I have been to six different countries before I was 21 and now at 24, I have visited nine different countries, my favorite being Australia," he said.

What is the weather like in Iraq? a student asked.

"It is very hot. 115 degrees is considered cool over there with temps in the low 60s at night," he said.

What kind of sports did you play in high school?

"Football, basketball, and track. I hope to play for the Army one day in football," he said.

What is the most interesting animal you have seen in Iraq?

"Camels, spiders, scorpions that are more than 12 inches long, and snakes," he said.

Have you visited with any Iraqi children?

"Yes, but we cannot speak the language. You can understand their facial and hand gestures."

"They smile a lot and give hugs and show the peace sign."

"A lot of them know now that some of us carry candy and they love candy," he said.

Cisneros returned to Kuwait Oct. 23.

Howard County Halloween activities

Friday

— Big Spring City Water Department will hand out candy to children at 501 Runnels beginning at 8 a.m.

— Scenic Mountain Medical Center Malone & Hogan Clinic spookhouse, 7 p.m. to midnight. Admission fee of \$5 goes to Relay for Life.

— Ghouls Spookhouse in Coahoma, put on by the Sand Springs Boy Scout Troop 25. 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

Turn east at Lil' Sooper Market, go six blocks and look for the yellow sign. Admission \$5.

— House of Horror spook house 8 p.m. until midnight at 631 Caylor. \$3 entry fee and all proceeds benefit Dusty Painter, who was injured in an oil field accident.

Saturday

— Park Place Retirement Living, 17th and Lancaster, carnival for younger children, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Free admission.

— Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster, Ronald McDonald will sign autographs and have pictures taken from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

There will be a spookhouse from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for younger children and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for older children. Use the Canterbury South entrance on Lancaster. Free admission.

— Big Spring Mall costume contest,

trick or treating, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

— Mountain View Lodge, 2009 Virginia, trick or treating, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

— Rainbow Christian Preschool, 409 Goliad, carnival, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tickets are 75 cents. All proceeds to benefit Sage Gibson, who has a brain tumor.

— Scenic Mountain Medical Center Malone & Hogan Clinic spookhouse, 7 p.m. to midnight. Admission fee of \$5 goes to Relay for Life.

— Big Spring Police Academy Alumni Association will hand out candy from 7-9 p.m. at the RSVP office in the Polly Mays Annex Building, 501 Runnels.

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vidual climate controls for the front passengers allowing up to 25 degrees of temperature difference between the driver and front passenger.

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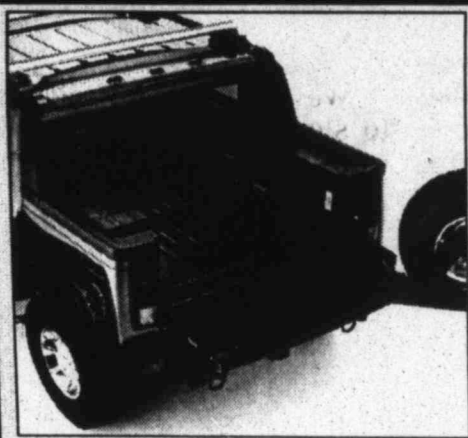
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OTHER DISTRICT BATTLES

Stanton @ Colorado City

The Stanton Buffaloes clinched its first playoff berth since 2000 last week after defeating Coahoma at home.

However, this week, the Buffaloes have a much better prize in their sights — a district title.

Stanton hits the road Friday to take on the defending District 4-2A champion Colorado City. Both teams are undefeated in district play and a win for either team Friday could solidify a district championship.

Both teams are hot right now, as well. Colorado City has won four straight games and has outscored their district opponents 158-7.

Stanton currently holds a five-game winning streak.

Coahoma @ Hawley

The Coahoma Bulldogs football team seeks its first district win of the year when they hit the road Friday to take on rival Hawley.

The Bulldogs are coming off a loss to Stanton. Coahoma has dealt with injury problems all year long and is expected to play this game without quarterback Adrian Abrego, who was injured a few weeks back.

Hawley, like the Bulldogs, is 1-7 overall this year and 0-3 in district play.

Forsan @ Roby

The Forsan football team earned its first win last week at home against Hermleigh and will end its season Friday at Roby.

Roby is 5-3 overall and 3-1 in District 10-A action. Its last victory also came against the Hermleigh Cardinals Oct. 15. They were off last week.

Bearkats seek first title in 14 seasons

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

One more win and the eighth-ranked Garden City football team will be crowned District 8 Six-man champions and the only team that stands in the Bearkats' way is Paint Rock, which Garden City faces Friday on the road.

The Bearkats come into the contest with a 7-1 overall record and 3-0 district record, while Paint Rock enters the game at 1-6 and 0-3. But that still doesn't mean the Bearkats have a week off, said head coach Ken Hoskins.

"We are still going to have to go there and perform like we have done every Friday this season," said Hoskins. "We still have to play the game and we can't be worrying about records and rankings."

Paint Rock will show a lot of spread on offense and a few different looks on the defensive side of the ball. The team features senior Patrick Bignall, who plays the deep quarterback position.

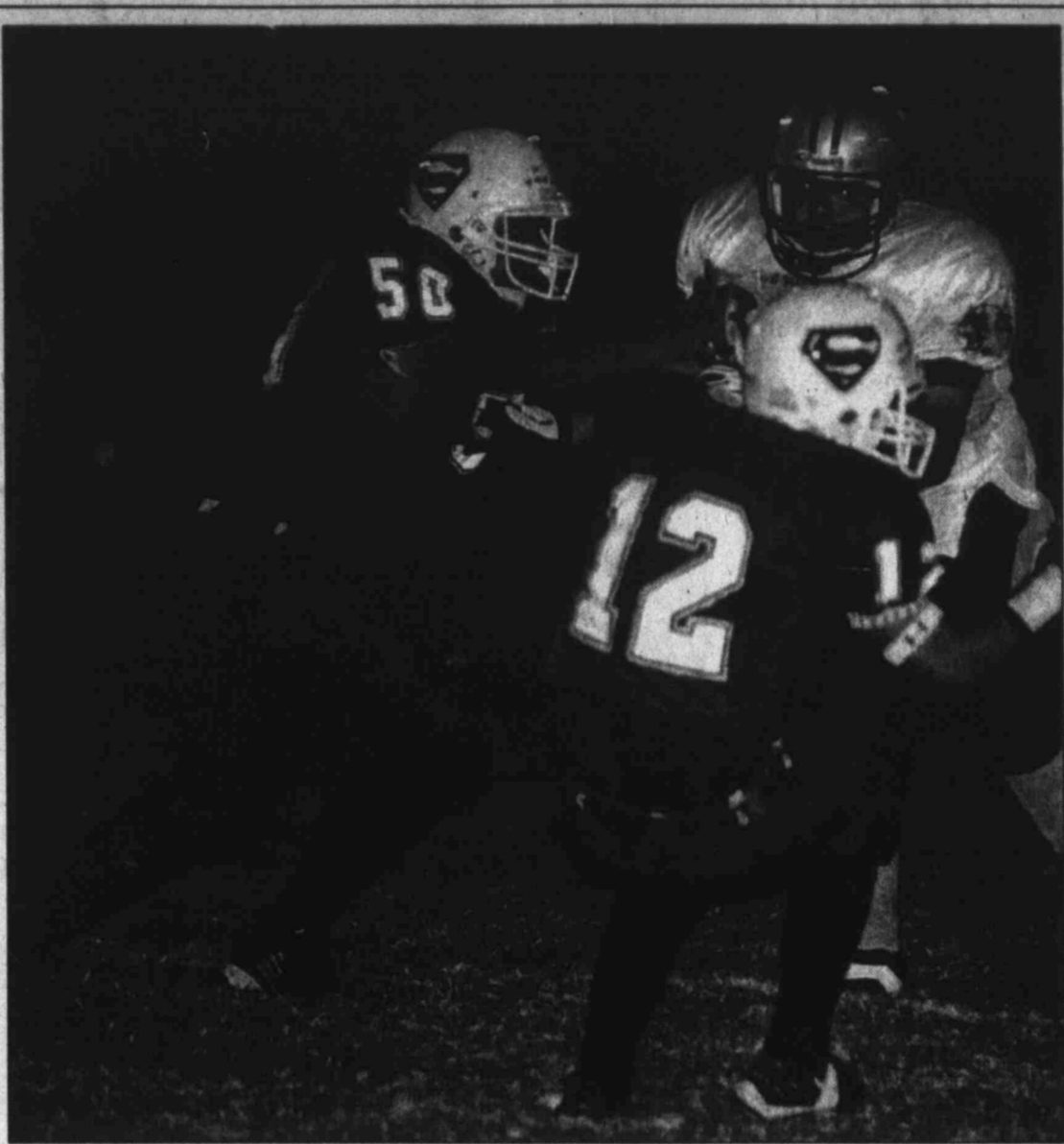
"Bignall is athletic and big and he can throw the ball or tuck it and run as well," said Hoskins.

Paint Rock's spread offense also features split end Darrell Rose and lineman Rudy Ruiz, who will be used mostly as a blocker.

"They have some good players," said Hoskins. "We are going to try to mix up our coverages a bit and put pressure on them from different places."

Paint Rock will show a 3-2 or 5-1 look on defense. They are aggressive, but susceptible to big plays. "They will give up big plays at times," said Hoskins. "I want to run and throw against them and throw several guys into the mix."

The Bearkats are seeking their first district title since 1990. Garden City qualified for the playoffs in 1991, but the team didn't win the district title that year.



Sands sophomore Manuel Gomez, left, sets a block for junior running back Santos Ybarra in a previous game. The Mustangs will host rival Wellman-Union for a shot at the district title Friday. Sands defeated Loop on the road last week and have won five straight games.

Big Spring hits road to face district's top team

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Steers move to the head of the class Friday when they travel to Wolforth to take on district rival Frenship.

The Tigers have a senior-dominated team that has been together a long time. They won the district title last year and are two wins away from repeating this year. Frenship enters the game with a 3-0 district record, while Big Spring comes into the contest with a 3-5 overall record and a 1-2 record in District 4-4A.

"We will definitely have to play our best game of the year Friday," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler.

The Tigers' offense is extremely tough and very balanced, said Butler. They like to feature the run with their big offensive line, but has hurt teams this year through the air, as well.

"They have twice as

many yards running the ball this year as they do passing, but their pass plays usually result in points," said Butler.

The offense's only two non-seniors will be factors Friday. Junior Tyler Lyons returns as the team's starting quarterback, while the line is anchored by junior Don Stephenson, who stands 6-foot 4-inches tall and tips the scales at around 330 pounds. The other featured player Friday could be Frenship's 255 pound fullback Derrick Whitfield.

Like the offense, the defense has only two non-seniors in the starting lineup and both play in the secondary, said Butler.

"The defense is not big, but they are very athletic," said Butler. Frenship's defense is similar to Big Spring's. The Steers' offense will attack Frenship's 4-2-5 for much of the night. The

defense is led by lineman Gary Fink and linebacker John Smith. Fink and Smith stand over 6-feet tall and weigh 230 and 205 pounds, respectively.

"This team has been around a long time," said Butler. The unit is very consistent and they do a great job with things."

The Steers are coming off a win over rival Lubbock Estacado, but Big Spring couldn't cure its turnover troubles.

"Turnovers continue to hurt us, and we can't turn it over against Frenship and expect to win," said Butler. "We need to keep the ball out their hands. If we can limit their touches to two per quarter and keep the clock moving, then we'll have a chance."

"The guys need to concentrate on doing things right. And we need to play to win and not playing good and hoping something happens."

Frenship is coming off a 34-0 win over Andrews.

Streaking Mustangs chase title in Ackerly

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Its definitely a big game and Sands coach Wayne Henderson is not trying to deny it.

The Mustangs, who are winners of five straight games, host rival Wellman-Union Friday for a chance at the district title.

"This game is for the district title as far as I am concerned," said Henderson.

"A win would put either team in a good position."

Wellman-Union is senior dominated, according to Henderson. They are also big, fast and physical.

"They might be the fastest team in the district," he added. "We are going to have to get six guys around the ball and contain their offense."

The Wildcats, who are also 3-0 in District 5 Six-man play, are led by Ryan Nutt. Earlier this year, Nutt scored five touchdowns in Wellman's big win over Grady and Henderson knows he will have to be stopped Friday.

"We are going to have to slow him down if we want any chance of winning," said Henderson.

Sands was given two more solid efforts by its running back duo during last Friday's win over Loop. Juniors Santos Ybarra and Cevan Smithson each rushed for over 250 yards and they combined for 11 touchdowns. Smithson and Ybarra also had 23 and 14 tackles on defense, respectively.

"We are playing well as a team right now and I am anxious to see how the kids perform in a big-time ballgame like this," said Henderson. "We need to use the clock to our advantage and keep the ball away from them."

The game will be played in Ackerly starting at 7:30 p.m.

This Week

At Home:

Wellman vs. Sands, 7:30 p.m.

On the Road:

Big Spring @Frenship, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City @Paint Rock, 7:30 p.m.
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The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season in November.

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The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high school levels.

Ragball tournament set for November

A ragball tournament has been set up to help raise money for Relay for Life.

The tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, at Cotton Mize Field inside of Comanche Trail Park. Registration will take place that Saturday at 1 p.m.

The teams are made up of five men and five women and it costs \$10 per player to participate.

For more information, contact Angel at the bus barn at 264-4108.

YMCA basketball registration nearing

The YMCA has announced that basketball registration for the upcoming season will start Monday and run through Nov. 20.

Boys and girls age five through 12 may register to take part in one of four age groups.

The registration fee is \$30 and all sign-ups will take place at the YMCA. There will be no fundraiser this year, but financial assistance is available for families who require assistance.

An organizational meeting for adults who would like to be age group coordinators has been scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 4. Everyone interested in coaching must attend one of these two scheduled meetings.

The games are scheduled to begin Saturday, Jan. 8.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Western Sportsman sets "Sight In Days"

The Western Sportsman Club has announced that "Sight in Days" will take place Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The club will sight in rifles free of charge.

The club will also furnish targets, sand bags and spotting scopes.

The Western Sportsman Club is located 9.5 miles west on Highway 176 (Andrews) and the entrance is on the south side of the highway.

For more information, call 267-1816.

Glenn out two weeks after right foot sprain

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys receiver Terry Glenn will be out at least two weeks because of a sprained right foot.

Glenn aggravated his foot in the first quarter of Sunday's 41-20 loss at Green Bay. He had just one catch for 6 yards in that game, and has 24 for 400 yards this season.

Receiver Quincy Morgan would be the likely replacement for Glenn in the starting lineup.

Boston finishes off Cards in sweep

Red Sox win first World Series title since 1918

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer
ST. LOUIS — The Boston Red Sox — yes, the Boston Red Sox! — are World Series champions at long, long last. No more curse and no doubt about it.

They sure got you, Babe.

Ridiculed and reviled through decades of defeat, the Red Sox didn't just beat the St. Louis Cardinals, owners of the best record in baseball, they swept them for their first crown since 1918.

Johnny Damon homered on the fourth pitch of the game, Derek Lowe made it stand up and the Red Sox won 3-0 Wednesday night, wrapping up a Series in which they never trailed.

Chants of "Let's go, Red Sox!" bounced all around Busch Stadium, with Boston fans as revved-up as they were relieved. Only 10 nights earlier, the Red Sox were just three outs from getting swept by the New York Yankees in the AL championship series before becoming the first team in baseball post-season history to overcome a 3-0 deficit.

It was Boston's sixth championship, but the first after 86 years of frustration and futility, after two world wars, the Great Depression, men on the moon, and the rise and fall of the Soviet Union.

After all that, on an eerie night when the moon went dark in a total eclipse, the Red Sox made it look easy.

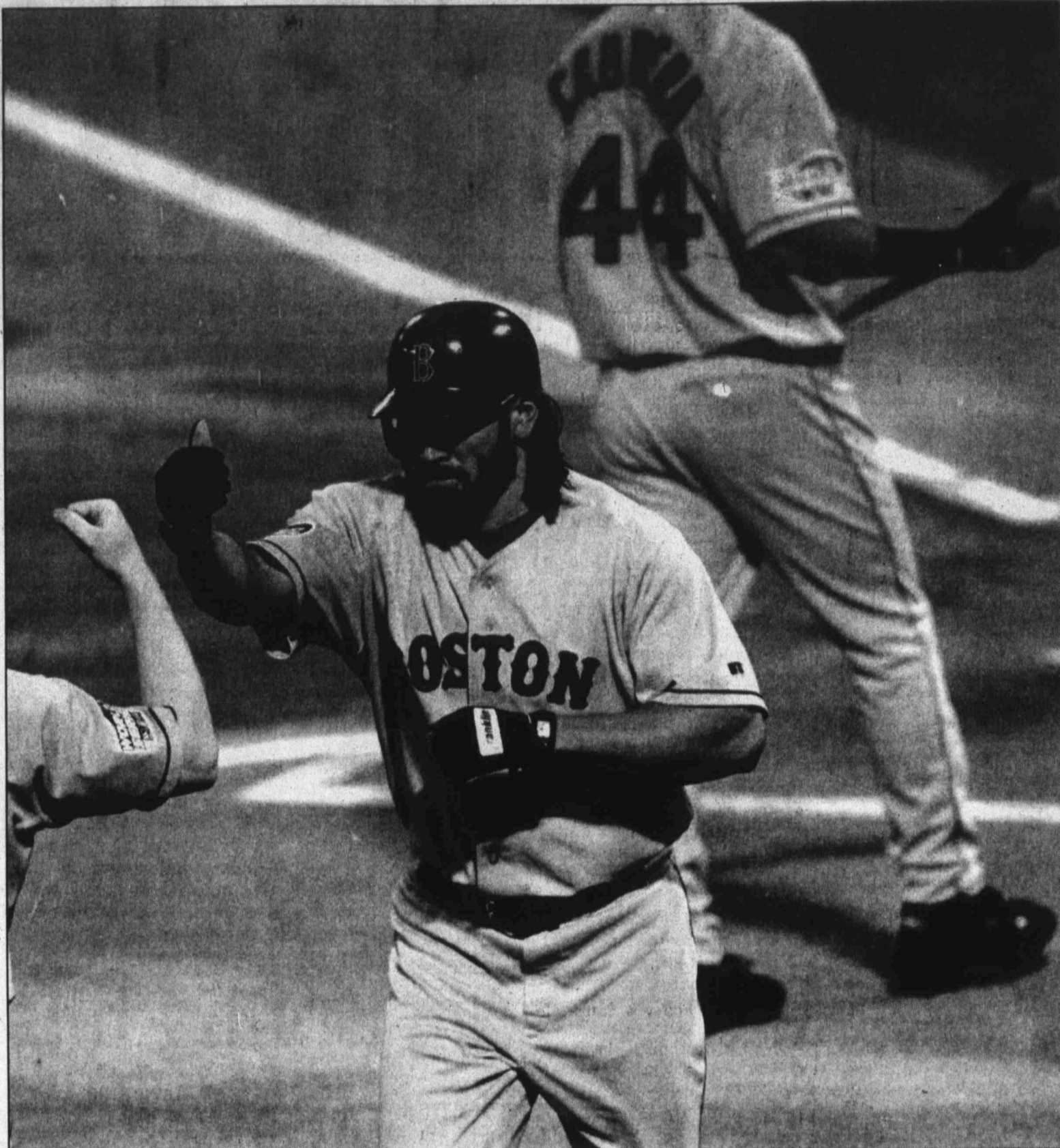
Gone was the heartbreak of four Game 7 losses since their last title, a drought — some insist it was a curse — that really began after they sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees in 1920.

"I'm so happy. I'm happy for the fans in Boston, I'm happy for Johnny Pesky, for Bill Buckner, for (Bob) Stanley and (Calvin) Schiraldi and all the great Red Sox players who can now be remembered for the great players that they were," pitcher Curt Schilling said.

Schilling got himself traded from Arizona to Boston last November, eager to beat the Yankees and put the Red Sox in the World Series for the first time since 1918. He made it worth his while, with the win ensuring him of an extra \$15 million in a contract he negotiated himself.

"We wanted to do it so bad for the city of Boston. To win a World Series with this on our chests — it hasn't been done since 1918," first baseman Kevin Millar said. "So rip up those '1918' posters right now."

Damon's leadoff homer off starter Jason Marquis and Trot Nixon's two-out, two-run double on a 3-0 pitch were all that Lowe



The Cardinals' John Mabry argues with homeplate umpire Chuck Meriwether over whether or not he fouled off a third strike in the fifth inning of game four of the World Series Wednesday.

needed. Having won the first-round clincher against Anaheim in relief and then winning Game 7 at Yankee Stadium, Lowe blanked the Cards on a mere three hits for seven innings.

Relievers Bronson Arroyo and Alan Embree worked the eighth and Keith Foulke finished it off for his first save.

Even before Doug Mientkiewicz caught Foulke's toss on Edgar Renteria's grounder for the last out, the Red Sox were rushing out of the dugout. Boston players streamed in from the bullpen, and they all came together in a pulsating pile between the mound and first base.

With flashbulbs popping, the hugging and jumping was electrifying. And why not? The day that would never quite come for a generation of Red Sox players and fans had arrived.

Now the Red Sox get to raise the World Series banner next April 11 in the home opener at Fenway Park, with the dreaded Yankees in town forced to watch. No telling who will be there — 18 Boston players are potential free agents, including Pedro Martinez and Lowe.

Boston became the third straight wild-card team to win the Series, relying on the guts of Schilling and the guile of Martinez. And

they took it in the same year they traded away popular shortstop Nomar Garciaparra.

Led by Series MVP Manny Ramirez, Boston got key contributions from almost everyone. Backup outfielder Dave Roberts did not play in the Series, yet it was his stolen base in the ninth inning of Game 4 in the ALCS that began the comeback against Yankee's closer Mariano Rivera.

And while second baseman Mark Bellhorn was born in Boston, no one else on the roster came from anywhere near Beantown. And the only hometown players on the team are Nixon and rookie Kevin Youkilis.

No matter, this win might make all of them as much a part of New England lore as Plymouth Rock and Paul Revere.

"All of our fans have waited all their lives for this night, and it's finally here. These guys did it for you, New England," Red Sox owner John Henry said.

The Boston win also left no doubt which city is now the most jinxed in baseball. It's Chicago — the Cubs last won it all in 1908, the White Sox in 1917.

Meanwhile, the Cardinals team that led the majors with 105 wins never showed up. The timely hitting, solid pitch-

ing and sharp baserunning that served them so well all season completely broke down.

Albert Pujols, Scott Rolen and Jim Edmonds, the meat of the order, combined for just one RBI. Rolen got it on a sacrifice fly, and it was little consolation as he went 0-for-15.

"They outplayed us in every category, so it ended up not being a terrific competition," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "We were ready to play. We didn't play good enough."

Ramirez, put on waivers in the offseason and nearly traded to Texas for Alex Rodriguez, was 7-for-17 (.412) with a homer and four RBIs.

The left fielder's biggest contribution came in Game 3, when he bounced back from a couple of errors to throw out a runner at the plate and end an early St. Louis threat.

Lowe was loose from the start. While the Cardinals took batting practice, he sat alone in the Boston dugout, his hat backward and singing the little ditty, "If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands."

Red Sox manager Terry Francona quickly rushed out of the dugout to keep things calm.

Best known before this year for being Michael Jordan's manager in the minors, Francona made

plenty of smart moves. Oakland's bench coach in 2003, he took over after Grady Little was fired last fall. Baltimore and the White Sox also interviewed the man who managed Philadelphia to losing seasons from 1997-2000.

And while many Boston fans hollered for him to bench the slumping Damon in the ALCS, Francona stuck with him and was rewarded when Damon hit a grand slam and two-run homer in Game 7.

Facing Marquis, Damon yanked a shot over the right-center field wall and before he could circle the bases, the chants of "Let's go, Red Sox!" began echoing from the upper deck.

Damon became the second Boston player to hit a leadoff homer in the Series.

The other? Patsy Dougherty, who did it in 1903 for the Americans — renamed the Red Sox five years later.

A single by Ramirez and double by David Ortiz got the Red Sox ramped up again in the third. Pujols threw out Ramirez at the plate and a walk loaded the bases with two outs.

Nixon took three straight balls and Francona gambled, giving his good fastball hitter the green light. That's what Nixon got, and he drilled it off the right-center wall for a 3-0 lead.

Slugger Ramirez named World Series MVP

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Sports Writer
ST. LOUIS — Manny Ramirez owns a treasured spot in Red Sox lore — the floppy-haired slugger is their first World Series MVP.

Ramirez and the Red Sox finished off a four-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals with a 3-0 victory Wednesday night, giving Boston its first World Series title since

1918. A feared hitter throughout his stellar career, Ramirez batted .412 (7-for-17) with a homer and four RBIs against St. Louis, helping the Red Sox end 86 years of pain and futility.

Now his clutch performance in October will be remembered forever, from Kenmore Square in the heart of Boston to the mountains of Maine in upper New England.

That was the idea when then-general manager Dan Duquette signed Ramirez to a \$160 million, eight-year deal in December 2000.

He put up prodigious power numbers during his first three seasons with the Red Sox, but his awful defense, deplorable baserunning and hefty contract prompted the team to place him on waivers last offseason.

The new front-office

regime tried to trade him to Texas for AL MVP Alex Rodriguez. But a deal fell through, and Ramirez was back in left field this season, flubbing fly balls and hitting homers over the Green Monster.

He won his first AL home run crown, connecting 43 times. He also led the league in slugging percentage (.613) and finished with 130 RBIs. But his absent-minded play kept skeptics wondering

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Love planet Venus dances into Libra, where it will remain until Nov. 22 of this year. Venus rules Libra (and Taurus, too) and is as comfortable transiting through this realm as we humans are when we put on our favorite pair of jeans. Romance that's worth pursuing is easygoing, harmonious and a nice all-around fit. Who needs drama?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's easy to get overwhelmed and caught up in what will soon come to pass. Give what is needed now, and let the future take care of itself. You'll be shaking things up as the day progresses.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some people believe that you shouldn't try to change other people, but isn't change sort of the point? Otherwise, what are we learning from one another? You will be changed by interacting with powerful and interesting people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll probably run into exactly the person you don't want to see. Life's little coincidences may seem unfair at the time, but later, you're glad for them. In general, you'll experience good luck by way of your reputation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a chance to start an old relationship in a fresh direction (whether it be your relationship with a person, money or work). Getting clear on guidelines and making new policies is favored. Religious beliefs bring special insight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is one person in your realm who isn't looking for help so much as an excuse to push your buttons, and create some drama — a smoke screen for the real issues this person is going through. It's best to avoid this person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You desire immediate victory, even though common sense tells you that you've still got plenty of dues to pay. Every step in life comes with its own set of requirements that must be followed to get to the next step. Don't give up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Listen before talking. Think before acting. If you follow these two rules, your day turns out fantastic, with lots of little surprising results. This is an excellent day to train people to handle details, gather information or manage more work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll have questions

Legals
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The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you. #4370 October 28, 2004.

as to how much power to give up. Stand on principles instead of worrying about who has more authority. In love, be open-minded. Someone who can't make a commitment is still a lot of fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When boredom strikes, be willing to look at yourself in mirror; decide what it is you really want. You appreciate good intentions but shouldn't settle for less than you expect in a love relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A limitation is ultimately what moves you to the next level. Focus on what makes you so special. Your domestic situation is shifting, becoming more calm and organized. Your patience will be appreciated in time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's fine to reinvent yourself for your own entertainment but never because someone doesn't accept you the way you are. Finish something big! Make the push across the finish line by calling those remote contacts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Diligent work has gotten you this far, so continue in the same direction, even if so-called friends are tempting you to go off the path. One more day of attacking that to-do list will make a big difference.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm an Aquarius (born Feb. 11, 1979) who has had years of bad luck with guys. I've been in love with another Aquarius with whom I have amazing chemistry but who doesn't want to commit. I've recently made the heart-breaking decision not to see him anymore, and I would like to know if that's the right step for me. Will my love always be unrequited?"

Now you're just being tragic. If you were to be more reasonable, you'd see that even your love with this Aquarius person isn't unrequited — he'd love to go on in the casual way he's comfortable with; but you're ready for more. This period of mourning what could have been will go on for about two months, but you'll soon be back in the dating world, wiser but also more playful and lighthearted. This new attitude attracts someone to whom you are better suited, perhaps a Capricorn or Virgo. In the meantime, try not to be so fatalistic. A love relationship can be beautiful even if things don't work out the way you want them to. Make sure that you are accepting the gifts that people are willing to offer instead of trying to make love happen only in your way.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Thrill seeking is part of the Scorpio personality makeup, and Winona Ryder got into trouble by taking this Scorpio quality in a very wrong direction. I predict Ryder will get thrills this year in a different way — by tying the knot! Ryder has been reportedly engaged to Matt Damon, David Pirner and Johnny Depp. This time, she'll take the full plunge, perhaps to a "civilian" who keeps her grounded.

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THURSDAY

	WFAA	Dallas
6	:30	News (CC) Photograph
7	:30	Extreme Makeover
8	:30	Life as we know it (CC)
9	:30	PrimeTime Live
10	:30	News Nightline
11	:30	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel
12	:30	AM Live (CC) Oprah Winfrey

DENNIS T



I'll bet Mr. W... when he was

BC



My Aunt had a big mouth

WIZARD



Can you put a curse on my teacher?

AGNES



Where do you go on abortion?

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Going skinning this Larry?

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Come see, E made me a jest like I wanted!

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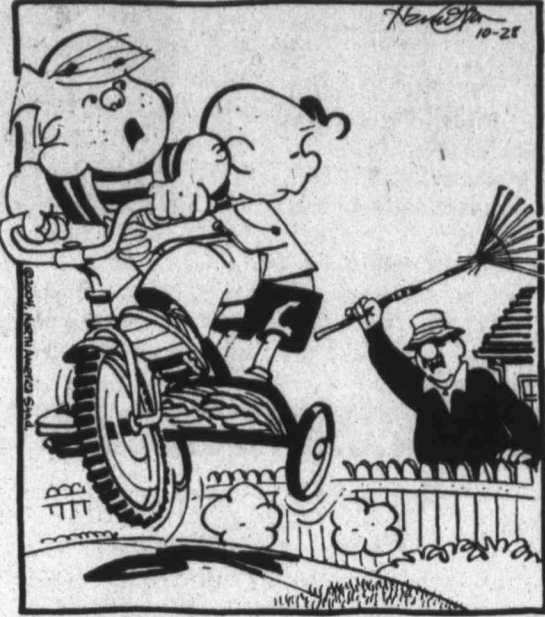
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6	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	La Mujer de Madera	Malcolm-Mid. Raymond	News Ent. Tonight	Anita No Te Rajes	News Seinfeld (CC)	Raymond	Joe McGee John Hagee	News-Letters	American Chopper	FilmFakers (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live BET Style	Sister, Sister That's-Raven	NFL Live	College	Personal
7	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	Rubi	MLB Baseball World Series	Survivor: Vanuatu	Prisionera	Joey (CC) Will & Grace	Friends (CC)	Update/Israel Biblical Israel	West Tex. Jini TX Monthly Talk	No Opportunity Wasted	Movie: Silver Bullet (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Movie: A Perfect Murder	The Parkers Girlfriends	Movie: Hocus Pocus (CC)	Streetball	College	Movie: How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days (CC)
8	Life as we know it (CC)	Life as we know it (CC)	Amor Real	Game 5 - Teams TBA	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Gitanas	The Apprentice (CC)	Movie: O Brother, Where Art Thou? (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Antiques Roadshow	Are You Safer?	MXC MXC	Movie: Mimi	Movie: A Perfect Murder	Comicview	Lizzie McGuire	Streetball	SportsCenter	Movie: Spun (CC)
9	PrimeTime Live	PrimeTime Live	Aqui y Ahora	70s Show Raymond	Without a Trace (CC)	Te Voy a Enseñar a Querer	News Tonight	10 Movie: O Brother, Where Art Thou? (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Peace by Peace: Women	American Chopper	MXC MXC	Movie: A Perfect Murder	Nightly News L-Bow Room	Even Stevens	Streetball	SportsCenter	Movie: Behind	
10	News Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ.	Becker (CC) Becker (CC)	The Late Late Show (CC)	Al Rojo Vivo	Where Art Thou? (CC)	The Mansion	Sam Peak Jesse Lee Pe.	Sign Off	Are You Safer?	Silver Bullet (CC)	Wildcat Police Videos	Movie: Diabolique	Proud Family	Baseball NFL Live	SportsCenter	Movie: Behind	
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"I'll bet Mr. Wilson didn't even like kids when he was one!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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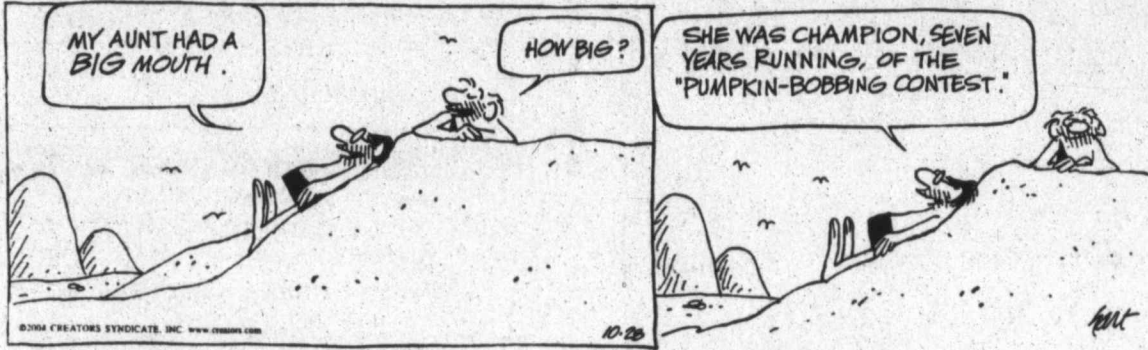
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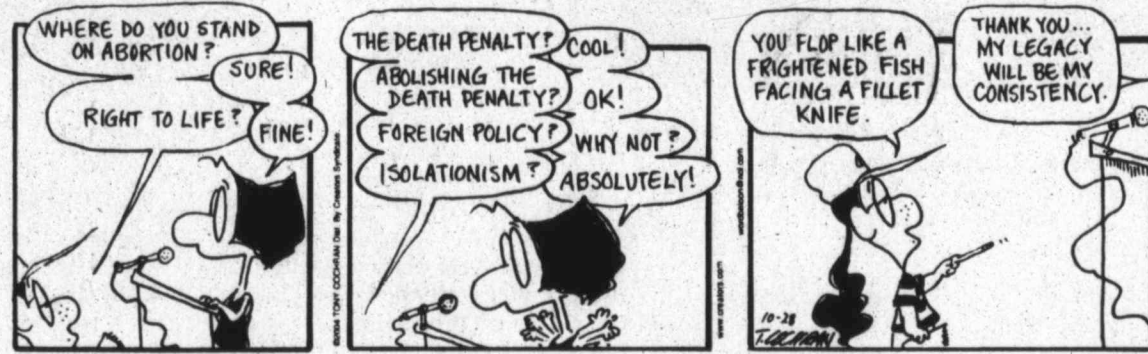
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AGNES



HI AND LOIS



THE OTHER COAST



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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 28, the 302nd day of 2004. There are 64 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Cleveland.

On this date: In 1636, Harvard College was founded in Massachusetts.

In 1793, Eli Whitney applied for a patent for his cotton gin (the patent was granted the following March).

In 1919, Congress enacted the Volstead Act, which provided for enforcement of Prohibition, over President Wilson's veto.

In 1922, fascism came to

Italy as Benito Mussolini took control of the government.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt rededicated the Statue of Liberty on its 50th anniversary.

In 1940, Italy invaded Greece during World War II.

In 1958, the Roman Catholic patriarch of Venice, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, was elected Pope; he took the name John XXIII.

In 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev informed the United States that he had ordered the dismantling of Soviet missile bases in Cuba.

In 1965, Pope Paul VI issued a decree absolving Jews of collective guilt for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

In 1980, President Carter and Republican presidential nominee Ronald Reagan faced off in a nationally broadcast, 90-minute debate in Cleveland.

Today's Birthdays: Former baseball commis-

sioner Bowie Kuhn is 78. Actress Joan Plowright is 75. Musician-songwriter Charlie Daniels is 68. Actress Jane Alexander is 65. Singer Curtis Lee is 63. Actor Dennis Franz is 60. Pop singer Wayne Fontana is 59. Actress Telma Hopkins is 56. Olympic track and field gold medalist Bruce Jenner is 55. Actress Annie Potts is 52. Microsoft chairman Bill Gates is 49. Rock musician Stephen Morris (New Order) is 47. Country singer-musician Ron Hemby (The Buffalo Club) is 46. Rock singer-musician William Reid (The Jesus & Mary Chain) is 46. Actress

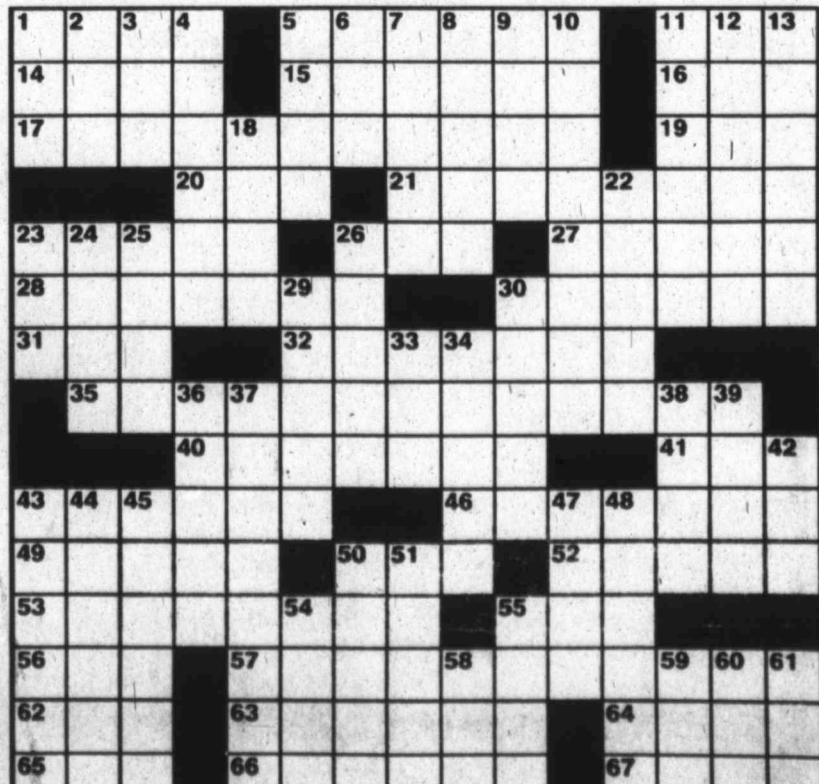
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Newsday Crossword

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| ACROSS | 62 "___ be an honor" | 10 From Innsbruck | 37 Window cleaner's tool |
| 1 Racehorse, slangily | 63 Has no rites | 11 Reporter's coups | 38 O.K. Corral name |
| 5 Is unable to | 64 Put on board | 12 Stir to action | 39 March Madness booster: Abbr. |
| 11 Cul-de-___ | 65 Passing grade | 13 Densely treed areas | 42 Cobb et al. |
| 14 Clarinet relative | 66 Tickle pink | 18 Pull an all-nighter | 43 Of the universe |
| 15 Legendary cow owner | 67 Alternatively | 22 Bombastic jabberings | 44 Provoke |
| 16 ___Magnon | | 23 Throw in | 45 Harangue |
| 17 Baseball analyst of TV | | 24 Pore through | 47 Job detail, for short |
| 19 "Alley-___!" | DOWN | 25 Reverberate | 48 Witch's laugh |
| 20 Period of note | 1 Cauldron | 26 Garlic piece | 50 Salami source |
| 21 Exhibiting gallantry | 2 Paper strip around | 29 Helps out an outlaw | 51 Highly skilled |
| 23 Sports venue | Japanese CDs | 30 Fault-plane activity | 54 Singer Carter |
| 26 Frame from <i>Fantasia</i> | 3 ___ de plume | 33 Crosses (out) | 55 Back talk |
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| 28 By tenths | 5 Caesar's partner | 36 <i>Odyssey</i> sorceress | 59 It means "badly" |
| 30 Gets a feeling for | 6 Chicken ___ king | | 60 Paid notices |
| 31 Morse code bit | 7 Chutzpah | | 61 Once named |
| 32 Sports accommodation | 8 Seagoing | | |
| 35 Carson's bandleader | 9 Pitcher Hershiser | | |
| 40 Brightness measures? | | | |
| 41 Take steps | | | |
| 43 Grapefruit or lime | | | |
| 46 "Get outta here!" | | | |
| 49 Assured of success | | | |
| 50 Filling station sign | | | |
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A DEVASTATING LOSS

Deaths from plane crash weigh on NASCAR community

By DAVID NEWTON
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Greg Biffle spent Monday night visiting the widow of Hendrick Motorsports chief engine builder Randy Dorton, one of 10 people killed Sunday when a company plane crashed on its way to Martinsville (Va.) Speedway.

Biffle spent Tuesday testing at Darlington (S.C.) Raceway.

"It's pretty tough," said Biffle, who became close to Dorton and his wife, Dianne, during the past nine months even though he drove for competitor Roush Racing. "It's been really hard for me to have any energy to even come down here and get back going again."

Such is the life of a NASCAR driver.

Such is the life of anybody associated with the sport.

"These are things we have to do here," Biffle said. "We have to test. We have to move on. We have to keep going."

"I remember when Dale Earnhardt was killed in Daytona in 2001, we had to go test in Atlanta on Monday and Tuesday. We went and tested for one day and came home."

Jeff Burton welcomed a return to the track. He said getting behind the wheel took his mind off the tragedy, which took the lives of the son (Ricky), brother (John) and twin nieces (Jennifer and Kimberly) of Hendrick Motorsports owner Rick Hendrick.

"In this spin cycle we're going through... we hear of fatalities in the sport, a day later we're at a racetrack testing," he said. "We'll go to funerals on Thursday. A day later we'll be at the track qualifying."

"It's difficult to do. At the same time, it gets your mind on to the next thing. We have that advantage. The families don't. We've got to find a way to help the families through it."

Burton called Sunday's tragedy the "biggest disaster" the sport has seen in his lifetime, bigger than the death of Earnhardt.

Biffle agreed. "I don't want to compare it to Earnhardt's death by any means, but this is probably a more significant loss to the NASCAR community because it was so many people," he said. "Dale Earnhardt obviously was the biggest loss that our sport could suffer."

"But behind the scenes, the 43 teams that show up in this garage and work in the shop every week, we lost a bunch of people in key positions. Everybody can relate to Ricky. I raced with Ricky for two years. There's not one guy in this garage that didn't know Randy Dorton."



The day after the crash of a Hendrick Motorsports airplane, racing fans left flowers, cards and other mementos to honor the victims at the company's headquarters in Concord, N.C. Company employees attended meetings where grief counseling was offered.

Dorton and his wife had become close friends with Biffle, Matt Kenseth and their spouses. The six of them went to dinner at least once a month at Red Rocks in Birkdale just outside of Charlotte, N.C.

"If you knew Randy, he was one of the nicest guys you would ever want to meet," said Kenseth, who also was testing at Darlington.

Biffle said Dorton was unlike anybody in the sport because of his genuine personality and his uncanny way of getting power out of an engine. Biffle became emotional when recalling something Dianne told him on Monday night.

"She said, 'He really cared about you,'" Biffle said. "He said he couldn't talk about you at work because he works for Hendrick, but he always had his eye on you and was watching

you like you were one of the cars he works on."

Burton was close to Dorton and Ricky. He had been fishing several times with Ricky and was "impressed with him as a person."

"That's typical of Hendrick Motorsports and the Hendrick family," he said. "They tend to surround themselves with good people."

Burton wouldn't be surprised if this tragedy propelled Hendrick driver Jeff Gordon, who is second in the championship chase and 96 points behind Kurt Busch, to his fifth title.

"Jeff Gordon has exhibited over a long period of time to be the utmost professional," he said. "Knowing Jeff Gordon, I wouldn't be surprised to see this springing him into running better than they've been running."



Randy Dorton, top, and Ricky Hendrick were among those killed in Sunday's plane crash.

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THIS WEEK'S RACE

BASS PRO SHOPS/MBNA 500
Where: Atlanta Motor Speedway, a 1.54-mile banked paved quad-oval located in Hampton, Ga.
When: Sunday at 12:30 p.m. (all times ET).
Qualifying is 7:10 p.m. Friday.
TV: NBC.
Radio: Performance Racing Network.
Purse: \$5,831,269.
Last year's winner: Jeff Gordon.
Worth noting: Bobby Labonte has earned six of his 21 Cup victories at Atlanta. Those six victories occurred in the past 16 races there — two in the spring and four in the fall.



POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION
With four races left in the Chase for the Nextel Cup, how many drivers still have a chance at the points title?
Cast your vote at:
www.thatracin.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION
Halfway through the Chase, what do you think of the new points format?
Number of votes: 8,405

Response	No. of votes	Percent
Can we get the old system back?	4,929	59%
It'll be OK if they tweak it next year.	1,224	15%
I'm getting tired of this question.	1,161	14%
It needs major revisions	712	8%
It's great, don't change a thing.	379	4%

STOP 'N' GO

RANDOM THOUGHTS
A look at who's hot and who's not in Nextel Cup racing:

WHO'S HOT

■ **Jimmie Johnson** has earned victories in the last two races (Charlotte and Martinsville).

■ **Jamie McMurray** has nine top-10 finishes in the past 10 races.

■ **Kurt Busch** has 12 consecutive top-15 finishes, including six consecutive top 10s.

WHO'S NOT

■ **Elliott Sadler** (29th) was the only Chase for the Nextel Cup participant to finish outside the top 15 at Atlanta in March. He has one top 10 in 11 starts at the track.

■ There are eight drivers who won in 2003 that have not won in 2004 — **Bobby Labonte, Michael Waltrip, Ricky Craven, Bill Elliott, Kevin Harvick, Dale Jarrett, Robby Gordon and Terry Labonte.**



— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Oct. 24:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. K. Busch (97)	6015	21. J. Nemechek (01)	3357
2. J. Gordon (24)	5919	22. C. Mears (41)	3335
3. D. Earnhardt Jr.	5890	23. R. Gordon (31)	3274
4. J. Johnson (48)	5808	24. T. Labonte (5)	3233
5. M. Martin (6)	5791	25. R. Rudd (21)	3129
6. T. Stewart (20)	5769	26. B. Vickers (25)	3057
7. E. Sadler (38)	5760	27. S. Wimmer (22)	2892
8. M. Kenseth (17)	5755	28. W. Burton (0)	2813
9. R. Newman (12)	5749	29. S. Riggs (10)	2763
10. J. Mayfield (19)	5651	30. B. Gaughan (77)	2751
11. J. McMurray (42)	4053	31. J. Green (43)	2687
12. D. Jarrett (88)	3856	32. K. Schrader (49)	2674
13. K. Harvick (29)	3809	33. K. Petty (45)	2598
14. B. Labonte (18)	3761	34. R. Craven (4)	2086
15. M. Kahne (9)	3755	35. J. Spencer (4)	1969
16. M. Waltrip (15)	3464	36. D. Blaney (9)	1347
17. J. Burton (30)	3443	37. J. Sauter (09)	1308
18. R. Wallace (2)	3428	38. D. Cope (50)	1058
19. S. Marlin (40)	3416	39. B. Hamilton Jr.	32937
20. G. Biffle (16)	3358	40. C. Edwards (99)	935

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Oct. 23:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. M. Truex Jr.	4557	11. D. Stremme	3299
2. K. Busch	4349	12. S. Compton	3187
3. G. Biffle	4097	13. M. Waltrip	3177
4. R. Hornaday	3825	14. K. Kahne	3174
5. D. Green	3739	15. J. Sauter	3165
6. J. Keller	3715	16. R. Pressley	3153
7. J. Leffler	3661	17. C. Atwood	3130
8. M. Bliss	3654	18. T. Fedewa	3086
9. K. Wallace	3351	19. M. Wallace Jr.	3074
10. A. Lewis	3331	20. B. Hamilton Jr.	2896

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Aaron's 312, Hampton, Ga.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of Oct. 23:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. D. Setzer	3189	6. T. Kvapil	2822
2. B. Hamilton	3188	7. C. Chaffin	2813
3. T. Musgrave	3098	8. D. Starr	2802
4. C. Edwards	3067	9. S. Park	2734
5. M. Crafton	2912	10. J. Sprague	2716

NEXT RACE: Nov. 5, Chevy Silverado 150, Avondale, Ariz.

RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Kurt Busch (car No. 97): It's laughable that people think he's piling up top fives by running "conservatively." Last week: 1.

2. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): Chase format isn't why this team is 200-plus points back. August and September are. Last week: 6.

3. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): Pulled out another top 10 in a car not that good. The point is the cars should be better. Last week: 3.

4. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): Brutal at Martinsville, but this team has history of bouncing back after races like that. Last week: 2.

5. Mark Martin (car No. 6): Title hopes are fading with every finish that's just not quite as good as it ought to be. Last week: 5.

6. Elliott Sadler (car No. 38): Said all along he'd be happy with wherever he winds up. That appears to be fortunate. Last week: 4.

7. Tony Stewart (car No. 20): Who knows what's going on with this team. Then again, wouldn't be surprised if they won at Atlanta. Last week: 7.

8. Ryan Newman (car No. 12): To think, for weeks people just kept talking about "team orders" in the Chase. Yeah, right. Last week: 10.

9. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): Another team that has been puzzlingly flat for entirely too long. There's a lot of that going around. Last week: 8.

10. Jamie McMurray (car No. 42): Having a good year. Adding a win to it would certainly be a nice way to ice the cake. Last week: 11.

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

Hendrick has faced tragedy before in racing career

Once before, tragedy sent Rick Hendrick walking away from something he loves.

In 1982, Hendrick owned a drag racing boat that Jimmy Wright drove. "We absolutely had the baddest boat in the United States," Hendrick said in a book about his NASCAR team's 20th anniversary published this year. "The world record was 194 miles per hour ... (and) we eventually got it to 220 mph."

But in a race at Litchfield, Ill., Wright was going too fast when he pulled the parachute to stop the boat. The boat hit the lake's bank and Wright was killed.

"I went back one more time and I couldn't do it any more," Hendrick said.

"It just wasn't the same."

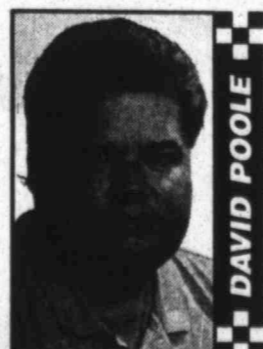
And now, this. Can going to the track ever be the same again for Hendrick and those he employs to make his four Nextel Cup

and one Busch Series teams among the sport's best? Can Hendrick Motorsports continue to set standards for achievement in stock-car racing after the tragic crash of one of its planes on Sunday, a crash in which 10 people were killed?

"They will build back, and they will build back strong," Richard Childress said Monday. "But there will always be a void there."

It's a feeling Childress knows all too well.

In February 2001, Dale Earnhardt died on a Sunday afternoon in a crash in the Daytona 500. By the next day, Childress, who owned the car that Earnhardt was killed in, had decided he was done with racing.



DAVID POOLE

"I had made up my mind I was going to figure out how to shut it all down," he said. "But your strength comes from the people around you, the people who've been with you for so many years. They're the ones who convinced me to keep going forward."

Childress said that he knew Earnhardt, who felt like family, would have wanted him to go on. And he senses that

Hendrick, despite the profound sadness that grips him today, knows that his brother, John, and son, Ricky, who were among those who died in Sunday's crash, would want Hendrick Motorsports to race on, too.

After Jimmy Wright died in that 1982 crash, Hendrick needed a place to store some of his boat racing equipment. Veteran NASCAR crew chief Harry Hyde had a 10,000 square-foot building in Harrisburg, N.C., less than

a mile from Lowe's Motor Speedway, and was only renting about 3,500 square feet to an engine builder named Randy Dorton.

Hendrick and Hyde started talking about how Hyde wanted to get another chance to win races, and before long All-Star Racing was born and began competing at the 1984 Daytona 500. A year later, that team became Hendrick Motorsports.

In the two decades since, the team has won 128 races and five championships in NASCAR's top series. Now, Childress said, the greatest challenge it has ever faced will be in just getting through the next race weekend at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

"It is going to be so hard," Childress said. "It will be so hard for the drivers and the crews, who've lost a part of their family, too. I hope everybody respects that, and respects what Rick and his family are going through. It is just a tough, real tough time."