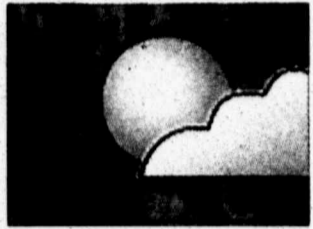


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BRIEFLY

Blake acquitted of wife's murder

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Robert Blake was acquitted of killing his wife four years ago because the state simply didn't make its case, jurors said, citing flimsy evidence and a pair of unbelievable witnesses.

The panelists talked about the four-month trial Wednesday after finding Blake not guilty of one count of murder and one charge of trying to get someone to kill Bonny Lee Bakley. They deadlocked 11-1 on a second solicitation charge, which then was dismissed by the judge.

"They couldn't put the gun in his hand," jury foreman Thomas Nicholson said outside the courthouse. "There was nothing. Supposition, more than evidence."

COMING

THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Family-owned farms have dotted the American landscape since Colonial times. Some of these multi-generation farms have endured and developed along with the nation. Here are a few of their stories.

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Senior Health Fair slated Saturday

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Early detection will be the focus for Saturday's Senior Health Fair at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, which will feature a number of different screenings open to everyone in the community.

"We'll have our facilities open to the community," said Ben Mazzara, home administrator. "We'll be conducting blood sugar

tests, blood pressure tests, providing information on long term care insurance, just to name a few. We'll also have information on long term care benefits for veterans. We're here to serve our community. We've been here four years now, and this is our way of saying thank you to the community."

Representatives and staff from Odyssey Healthcare, Home Hospice, Prescription Services

and other local health care providers will be on hand to provide information and testing for those in attendance.

Ophthalmologist Dr. John Fish will also be on hand to conduct glaucoma checks and eye tests.

Mazzara said the effort is part of the White House effort to prevent long term illness through wellness programs.

"President Bush has used health care and wellness as a pri-

WHAT'S UP?

What: Senior Health Fair.

Where: Texas State Veterans Home.

When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

ority, so we hope to serve the community in that respect," said

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LAKE THOMAS SUNSET



The sun sets over Lake J.B. Thomas, one of three major reservoirs in the Colorado River Municipal Water District. Officials reported this week that Lake Thomas is 30 percent of capacity, much-improved over a year ago, when the level was at 10.7 percent.

HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

Drilling approved in Alaska

Senate approves controversial measure; heated debate expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — After nearly a quarter century of trying, the advocates for opening an Alaska wildlife refuge to oil drilling may finally be close to achieving their goal.

A majority of the Senate on Wednesday declared its support for allowing oil companies into the 1.5 million acre coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, where billions of barrels of crude oil are believed to rest beneath the tundra.

More importantly, the Senate assured that any Alaska refuge drilling provision would be linked to the budget process, depriving opponents of using a filibuster to block action — a tactic that has

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Peterson taken to San Quentin

Judge agrees with jury, sentences convicted murderer to death

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Secured with leg irons and shackles around his wrists and waist, Scott Peterson was taken to San Quentin State Prison early today after being sentenced to die for murdering his pregnant wife, Laci.

Peterson was transferred under heavy security from the San Mateo County jail to San Quentin at 3:10 a.m. The infamous prison, which overlooks the bay where Laci's body was discarded and

houses the men's death row, is about 20 miles north of San Francisco.

Peterson is the 644th person awaiting lethal injection in California.

On Wednesday, a judge sentenced a stone-faced Peterson to death after each of Laci's family members had a chance to address him in the courtroom.

"You decided to throw Laci and Conner away, dispose of them like they were just a piece of

garbage," Laci's mother, Sharon Rocha, told Peterson. "We had to bury Laci without her arms to hold her baby and without her head," she said, her voice breaking.

Peterson, wearing a dark suit and shackled at the waist, stared at his former mother-in-law without expression, chin up.

Laci's father, Dennis Rocha, said: "You're going to burn in

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Pool photo/Al Golub/Modesto Bee Scott Peterson, left, was sentenced to die for murdering his pregnant wife.

CISD board to get report on facilities

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

COAHOMA — School board trustees work for free, but that doesn't mean they don't occasionally put in overtime on the job.

Coahoma's school board has found itself in that situation the past few months, logging plenty of hours as it searches for a new superintendent to replace Dr. Bill Kingston, who resigned in January after more than five years with the school district.

Tonight will likely bring more of the same when trustees hold their monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the administration board room.

Interestingly, though, the superintendent search may not be the most important item discussed at tonight's meeting. Discussion about how to fix a deteriorating

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HONKY TONK TAILGATE PARTY

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum will be the site of the "Honky Tonk Tailgate Party" concert and dance Friday, sponsored by Junior Achievement of West Texas. Showtime is 8 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance (available at KBST radio) or call the central ticket office at 1-800-462-7949 and \$20 at the door. Floor seating is an additional \$5. Featured artists include, from left, in back, Chad Brock and Rhett Akins and, in front, Daryle Singletary and David Kersh. Also expected to perform will be special guest Trent Willmon. The concert and dance is expected to last about 2.1/2 hours.

Courtesy photo



WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Afghan president, hosting Rice, sets parliamentary elections in September

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan parliamentary elections will be held in September, President Hamid Karzai said Thursday, confirming that logistical troubles have postponed a vote supposed to complete the country's transition to democracy.

Karzai announced the widely expected delay during U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's first visit to Afghanistan, and insisted that security was improving, despite a bomb attack which killed five civilians far to the south.

The parliamentary vote was slated for May but the United Nations and the Afghan electoral commission have been grappling with problems including a lack of census data and how to register thousands of returning refugees.

"The preparations are going on and now they told us, the commission chairman, that the elections will be held in September," Karzai said at a news conference with Rice at his Kabul palace. "The Afghan people are waiting very eagerly to send their members to parliament."

Observers have long said the election, initially scheduled along with a presidential ballot last year, would be put off because of the huge task of organizing it. The election is also supposed to produce district and provincial assemblies.

Afghanistan adopted a new constitution early in 2004 and successfully held the presidential vote in October, despite worries over violence. The parliament vote is seen as the next step in the country's democratic rebirth after a quarter-century of conflict.

Bush says he's encouraging peace in Ireland with St. Patrick's Day celebration invitations

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush says he is encouraging peace in Northern Ireland by inviting five grieving sisters to a St. Patrick's Day reception at the White House while giving a cold shoulder to Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams.

"It's very important that people understand that the parties must renounce violence," Bush told reporters on the eve of the holiday, which is marked at the White House by a traditional presentation of a bowl of shamrocks.

Thursday's festivities mark the first time since 1995 that Adams was not invited to the White House on St. Patrick's Day. The Irish government last month identified him as an IRA leader.

Sinn Fein is the legal political arm of the outlawed Irish Republican Army. The IRA is accused of mounting the world's largest cash theft — stealing the equivalent of \$50 million from a Belfast bank on Dec. 20. It also has been blamed for killing Catholic civilian Robert McCartney on Jan. 30.

Bush scratched the names of Adams and other Northern Ireland political leaders from the invitation list because of the controversies. Instead, he has invited Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern and McCartney's fiancée and five sisters.

Syria completes first phase of redeployment in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Syria's army and intelligence agents on Thursday completed the first phase of their pullback to eastern Lebanon and Syria, while a top Lebanese security chief said he and other officials were willing to stand trial to clear allegations of negligence in the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

The Syrian withdrawal comes ahead of Tuesday's summit of Arab leaders in Algeria. Syrian and Lebanon agreed earlier this month that Syrian troops and intelligence agents would redeploy in the eastern Bekaa Valley or withdraw to Syria before the end of the month.

"They have finished their redeployment," a senior Lebanese army officer told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. He refused to give further details, saying a statement would be released within 48 hours.

Of the 14,000 troops that were in Lebanon, at least 4,000 crossed into Syria in the past week and the rest remain in the Bekaa. Syrian President Bashar Assad promised to bring the troops home in the second phase of redeployment. No date has been set.

Diet: Report projects startling obesity-fueled drop in U.S. life expectancy

CHICAGO (AP) — New and disputed research adds a twist to the Social Security dilemma, suggesting that a nation gorging itself on bacon double-cheeseburgers will one day dramatically shorten the average U.S. life span.

Obesity — especially its alarming rise among children — is the culprit, fueling a startling reversal in life expectancy, which likely will drop by two to five years or more within 50 years, according to a report in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

This would reverse the mostly steady increase in American life expectancy that has occurred in the past two centuries. It could even inadvertently "save" Social Security, but the tremendous price would be higher death rates and escalating health care costs, said lead author S. Jay Olshansky, a longevity researcher at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Former caregiver charged with murdering Florida girl who's been missing since 2000

By JOHN PAIN

Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Rilya Wilson's disappearance four years ago scandalized Florida's child-protection agency, but prosecutors say they now know what happened to the 4-year-old and charged one of her caretakers with murder.

Geralyn Graham, who was supposed to be taking care of the foster child, confessed while in jail on unrelated fraud charges, Katherine Fernandez Rundle, Miami-Dade state attorney, said Wednesday. Investigators later found corroborating evidence, she said.

"She basically broke down and told someone in the jail details about Rilya Wilson, including how she killed her," said Fernandez Rundle, who declined to give details.

Graham was previously charged with kidnapping and aggravated child abuse covering the time before Rilya's disappearance. No body has been found, prosecutors said.

Graham's attorney, Brian Tannebaum, denied the charge.

"That's based on a jailhouse snitch," he said. "They have no other evidence."

Rilya's story became known three years ago

when it was discovered that she was not living at the home she shared with Graham and another woman, Pamela Graham, who was Rilya's legal guardian.

The Grahams, who are not related, claimed a state social worker had taken the child in early 2001 for medical testing and never returned with the girl, who was 4 when she was last seen.

The girl's disappearance had gone unnoticed by the Florida Department of Children & Families for months. The scandal led to a major shake-up at the agency, as well as a search for the girl.

Prosecutors refused to give details on how they determined to charge GERALYN GRAHAM, and the indictment doesn't mention any evidence. The indictment did allege, however, that Rilya was either suffocated or beaten to death sometime in December 2000.

Tannebaum said, "This is a woman who they charged with kidnapping without any evidence that she took the child anywhere and now they've charged her with the murder of a child they have not located."

Graham is in jail on unrelated fraud charges and could have a court

appearance as early as Thursday on the new charges, said state attorney spokesman Ed Griffith.

The fallout of Rilya's disappearance was immediate.

A blue-ribbon panel appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush to investigate Rilya's disappearance found massive problems at DCF, including the failure to check the background of caregivers and low pay for child protection workers.

DCF Secretary Kathleen Kearney resigned in September 2002 and seven of 14 regional administrators with the agency were replaced. The Legislature passed a law making it a felony for welfare workers to falsify documents relating to anyone in state care.

Geralyn Graham was arrested shortly after the disappearance on unrelated charges and was convicted of using a friend's Social Security number to buy a sport utility vehicle. She got three years in jail, where she remains. Pamela Graham pleaded guilty to accepting welfare payments for Rilya after the girl left her care and received two years' probation.

But no charges were filed for Rilya's disap-

pearance until August when GERALYN GRAHAM was accused of aggravated child abuse, for locking Rilya in a cage and other alleged mistreatment. She was also charged with kidnapping for removing Rilya from Pamela Graham's custody. Pamela Graham, who was cooperating with authorities, was charged with child abuse.

Rilya was born Sept. 29, 1996, to a homeless cocaine addict. The girl's name was an acronym for "Remember I love you always." She was taken into state custody when she was less than 2 months old.

In April 2000, when she was 3, Rilya was placed in the custody of Pamela Graham. The Grahams have called themselves sisters, but Pamela Graham told co-workers that GERALYN was her wife. GERALYN Graham told The Miami Herald in August that she and Pamela had been in a "loving" but nonsexual relationship for 10 years.

DCF later acknowledged that its background check had failed to discover that GERALYN Graham had a long criminal history for fraud and had been diagnosed as psychotic six months before Rilya moved in.

Schiavo case moves to Congress

By JESSE J. HOLLAND

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House of Representatives has stepped in with legislation to delay removal of the feeding tube from a brain-damaged Florida woman whose husband has been given permission by a state court to let her die.

The House acted late Wednesday evening after a Florida appeals court refused, earlier in the day, to block the removal of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube.

Her husband has battled her parents over his efforts to allow her to die, which he contends she would prefer rather than live in a vegetative state.

The House bill, passed on a voice vote, would move such a case to federal court. Federal judges have twice turned down efforts by the parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, to move the case out of Florida courts, citing a lack of jurisdiction.

Senate Republicans are introducing a separate bill to give Schiavo and her family standing in federal court, and they hope it can be debated on Thursday, a GOP aide said.

Under the House legislation, a federal judge would decide whether withholding or withdrawing food, fluids or medical treatment from an incapacitated person violates the Constitution or U.S. law.

It would apply only to incapacitated people who had not left directives dealing with being kept alive artificially and for whom a state judge had authorized the withholding of food or medical treatment.

Schiavo, 41, suffered severe brain damage in 1990 when her heart stopped temporarily, and court-appointed doctors say she is in a persistent vegetative state. Her husband, Michael Schiavo, says she told him she would not want to be kept alive artificially. Her par-

ents disagree that was her wish and say she could improve with proper treatment.

Florida Circuit Judge George Greer has granted Michael Schiavo permission to remove the feeding tube, a ruling a state appellate court upheld Wednesday. Without the feeding tube, which the state court allowed to be removed as early as Friday, Terri Schiavo would likely die in one to two weeks.

"What's going on in Florida regarding Terri Schiavo is nothing short of inhumane," said House Judiciary Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., who introduced the bill with Rep. Dave Weldon, R-Fla.

Some House members criticized the bill, which Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., called "a dangerously reckless way to deal with some serious issues."

"It does not deal just with feeding tubes. It would allow intervention in any decision affecting

any kind of medical care. Read the bill," Nadler said.

The Florida appeals court said in Wednesday's ruling that the issues the Schindlers' raised were not new ones and had been dealt with previously by numerous courts.

"Not only has Mrs. Schiavo's case been given due process, but few, if any similar cases have ever been afforded this heightened level of process," Chief Judge Chris Altenbernd wrote.

The court also rejected the Department of Children & Families' request for a 60-day stay while that agency investigates allegations that Terri Schiavo has been abused.

The Schindlers planned to ask the Supreme Court to consider whether their daughter's religious freedom and due process rights have been violated.

Stanton ISD works toward new year

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

STANTON — Stanton school trustees have begun putting together the budget for the next school year, knowing full well that school finance is likely to undergo severe changes.

But while they wait for state officials to put a final stamp of approval on a school-financing package, Stanton's trustees began laying the ground-

work for the next school year at their monthly meeting this week.

Superintendent David Carr said trustees need to know how much money they'll need to operate the district next school year regardless of what financing method the state adopts.

"We've got to figure out (those expenses) and present them to the board so that it can determine what it needs to do," Carr said. "Of course, all of

this is subject to change depending on what happens down in Austin."

Also, trustees approved personnel contracts for a special education co-operative program that includes Stanton and five other area school districts, including Coahoma and Forsan. Stanton ISD acts as the fiscal agent for the program, Carr said.

Stanton ISD teacher contracts also were approved.

Kurds, Shiites make headway in forming new Iraq government

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Kurdish and Shiite politicians said Thursday they made headway in solving new disagreements in their deal to form a coalition government, nearly seven weeks after Iraqis took to the polls, but it remained unclear when that new government would be announced.

Iraqi legislators were sworn in Wednesday as members of the 275-seat National Assembly, vowing to uphold freedom and democracy two years after the fall of Saddam Hussein. Many of the new deputies wore traditional robes trimmed in gold, and mingled with austere Shiite clerics in black robes and turbans. Other

men wore tan or gray suits, while nearly all the 85 women lawmakers wore headscarves.

Elected on Jan. 30, when insurgent attacks killed more than 40 people, the assembly ended its first session with an oath to protect Iraq's "federal democratic system" and "public and private liberties."

Insurgents, hoping to disrupt the ceremony, fired seven mortar rounds in quick succession at the convention center that temporarily houses parliament in the heavily fortified Green Zone. U.S. Apache attack helicopters hovered overhead.

Thursday's discussions focused on whether to allow the Kurdish pesh-

merga militia to remain in Kurdistan as part of the Iraqi security services and army, and on setting a timetable for the Kurds to assume control of oil-rich Kirkuk and allow the return of its nearly 100,000 refugees. Those conditions were included in an interim law that serves as a preliminary constitution.

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Ray Galaviz, 41, died Monday. Vigil Services will be at 7:30 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Melvin Bryant, 65, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 3:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Military Graveside Services will be at 5:00 PM Saturday at the Greenwood Cemetery, Greenwood, Texas. The family will receive friends from 5:30 until 6:30 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Belle Harris, 78, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at East Fourth Baptist Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Dewey Thomas, Jr., 79, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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## OUR VIEWS

Coahoma's  
RCCI effort  
a good move

It is a tremendous step. Residents of Coahoma took their first steps toward creating a Rural Community College Initiative program of their own Tuesday evening and chances are it will have far-reaching and lasting effects.

While the RCCI program in Big Spring has been in operation for several months, there truly is a need for the effort to expand not only throughout Howard County, but throughout the 12-county area served by Howard College.

That's why officials from the Big Spring RCCI program met with about 10 Coahoma residents at First Bank of West Texas to gauge interest in creating a similar program there.

RCCI, which is spearheaded locally by Howard College, brings together interested persons to recognize problems within a community, then devise and implement solutions. Those issues range from economic development to educational opportunities to community self-image.

Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said it best, we think, when she noted that improving the quality of life in any community takes a lot of hard work on the part of residents.

But with the likes of Mayor Bill Read and Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs interested, there's no doubt in our minds that Coahoma's RCCI group will be up and running soon — targeting subjects like the community's overall image and what has been a steady drain on the city's population in recent years.

The Coahoma contingent has already scheduled a meeting next month with plans to having a larger group of local residents involved in structuring the RCCI.

With progressively-minded community leaders combining with the resources Howard College can provide, there's no telling what they'll achieve.

We believe the sky's the limit ... not just for Big Spring or Coahoma, but all of us who are willing to make Howard County and the surrounding area better.

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## Unions: A detrimental hitch

The American labor movement is in a mess, and the current leadership doesn't seem to have a clue what to do about it. The most recent figures on union membership from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show yet another decline in what has become a decades-long trend. In 2004, only 12.5 percent of American workers and 7.9 percent of private sector workers were members of unions, down from 12.9 percent and 8.2 percent respectively in 2003. Fifty years ago, more than one in three workers belonged to a union, but this is not your father's — much less your grandfather's — labor movement. Today's union honchos are more interested in politics than in collective bargaining. And they've hitched Big Labor's wagon to the Democratic Party, to the detriment of both institutions.

Earlier this month, the AFL-CIO Executive Council, the governing body of the 58-union federation, announced it would raise the dues it charges affiliates in order to pay for a huge increase in political spending. The AFL-CIO will now spend \$90 million over each two-year political cycle, more than double what it spent in the 2004 election and equal to three-fourths of its entire yearly budget. But that money is only a drop in the bucket of what unions spend overall on politics. In 2004, one union alone, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), spent \$65 million — most of it aimed at defeating President George W. Bush — and a single local affiliate of the SEIU spent an additional \$35 million. The American

Federation of State, County and Municipal Unions spent \$48 million; and the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) spent \$8 million — and these unions represent only the biggest spenders in the AFL-CIO.

Nor does this money even count what unions gave to candidates through their political action committees (PACs). The National Education Association (which is not affiliated with the AFL-CIO) spent almost \$4.4 million; the American Federation of Teachers (which is an AFL-CIO affiliate), almost \$6 million; and the Teamsters spent nearly \$10.5 million — and these are just three unions. In all, union PACs contributed over \$52 million to candidates in the 2004 cycle, 86 percent of which went to Democrats. That percentage, while extraordinarily high, is actually down from previous years.

With Republicans in control of the White House and both branches of Congress, some unions decided that it might be time to "invest" a little money in union-friendly Republicans, like Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter, who, with labor's help, beat back a primary challenge from a conservative congressman. Unions also manned the barricades for liberal candidates. In the 2004 election, the SEIU claimed 50,000 part-time "volunteers" nationwide, many of whom were being paid their full union salaries while they campaigned. In addition, the SEIU dispersed 2,000 full-time union activists into battleground states for the last few months of the campaign — at a cost to union members of \$35 million, a hefty sum for a supposedly "volunteer" force.

So what has all this money and manpower bought? It certainly has purchased influence in the

Democratic Party, which could not survive without Big Labor's largess and therefore kowtows to the unions on most policy issues. The Democrats' willingness to block Social Security reform, for example, is a direct payoff to the unions, which have long considered the program sacrosanct. But at the polling place, the returns have been decidedly less profitable.

Despite an unprecedented political spending frenzy, unions lost big in last year's elections. Not only did President Bush easily win re-election with 51 percent of the vote, he won 43 percent of votes in union households as well, one of the strongest showings by a Republican presidential candidate in recent memory. And of course the Republicans retained control of Congress, actually boosting their numbers by four additional GOP senators and four more congressmen.

Not only are unions losing members, many of the big unions are nearly broke. Yet they insist on playing the role of bankers to the Democratic Party. Back when Bill Clinton was putting the squeeze on Democrat donors, the Teamsters gave away so much money they nearly went bankrupt and ended up borrowing \$16 million to fund political activism, according to the Center for Public Integrity. If it weren't for their power to tax the workers they represent through forced dues, unions would long ago have had to change their ways.

The AFL-CIO's decision to up the ante in its high-stakes political gamble proves that union bosses will continue to squander their members' money no matter what. No wonder unions are losing members each year.

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## Roman tragedy: Friendly fire in Iraq

*Fuoco amico* is the Italian term for friendly fire. Those words appeared frequently in Italian newspapers last week as Rome buried a hero, Nicola Calipari, the Italian intelligence agent who was shot to death by American troops at an Iraqi checkpoint after he freed an Italian hostage earlier this month.

News accounts reported that the tragic death had increased anger toward America and toward Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi for sending 3,000 troops to Iraq. As I was vacationing in Rome last week, I decided to go to where Calipari's funeral was being held. As an American, I wanted to thank Calipari for his sacrifice, and I wanted to hear for myself what Italians had to say.

As I arrived at the Piazza della Repubblica, I saw thousands of people who, like me, walked to the square in silence and alone, then found a place to stand and quietly thank a man they had never met. There were no chants, no shouts, only polite applause when the casket arrived, when they saw Calipari's family and when the entourage drove away.

I experienced the quietest two hours I have ever spent in a crowd of thousands.

When it was over, I asked an American journalist what folks in the crowd were telling her. They are really angry at America, she told me. I was surprised. In the two hours I stood there, I never once heard Italians muttering about President Bush, *Estati Uniti, Americani*. I had not seen one political sign. In fact, I saw only one sign, written by a woman who saluted Calipari as *nobile* and *val-*

*oroso* and placed him among the angels.

Several times, I overheard Italians use the word *journalista*, although my Italian wasn't good enough to figure out what they said about my profession.

The most relevant *journalista* wasn't there. Giuliana Sgrena, who became a hostage in Iraq as she covered what she called "that dirty war" for the communist daily *Il Manifesto*, was in an Italian hospital recovering from a shrapnel wound.

Be it noted, I saw only three copies of *Il Manifesto* at the piazza. This was not a gathering of Sgrena groupies — despite the fact that Sgrena had spent the weekend posturing as Calipari's champion. She boasted that she told Calipari's widow she would get to the truth of what happened.

The truth.

As soon as she returned from Iraq, Sgrena penned a piece for *Il Manifesto* on the incident — *La Mia Verita*, or in English, "my truth" — thus confirming my rule in life to never trust anyone who claims ownership of The Truth with a capital T. (Or V.)

Sgrena wrote that her captors warned her to beware of the Americans, who "don't want you to go back." In a later interview, Sgrena said she could not rule out that she was the U.S. troops' real target.

Sgrena also wrote that she spent her early days in captivity "simply furious" and confronting her kidnappers because they snatched her even though she opposed the war. "It's easy to kidnap a weak woman like me. Why don't you try with the American military?"

A Department of Defense source later told *The Washington Times*: "We had (counter-terrorism) people looking for her. They were willing to risk their lives, and all you hear from her is criticism of American troops."

With Calipari's corpse still warm, Sgrena couldn't find it in herself to criticize the men whose actions triggered the events that led to Calipari's death — other than to berate their choice of hostages and note that "sometimes they made fun of me." Her Truth takes no notice of the brutality of Iraq's terrorists, of their many victims. If America isn't to blame, then it is not an outrage.

Nor did it seem to bother her that her kidnappers may have emerged millions richer. Eight million dollars, \$10 million or *niente*, as the Italian government says? — a nice reward that can only encourage more kidnappings.

You've heard the reports of how Italians are skeptical of the initial U.S. version of events. I, too, have trouble believing that the checkpoint guards gave sufficient warning to the Italians, who oddly chose to ignore them and speed toward the checkpoint. Besides, no matter what the details turn out to be, there can be no satisfactory explanation for *fuoco amico*.

Italians also are skeptical of Giuliana Sgrena. Italian Foreign Minister Gianfranco Fini dismissed her talk of being the target of an ambush as "groundless," while other officials suggested she was mistaken due to the stress of being kidnapped.

I think this Eric Hoffer quote sums her up best: "People who bite the hand that feeds them usually lick the boot that kicks them." Worse, when she licked her captors' boots, she called it Truth.

Clarification: Debra J. Saunders' March 6 column on Border Patrol funding may have left readers with the misimpression that Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., supports funding cuts proposed by the Bush administration. He does not.

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# On a budget?

Carmakers have a number for you under 22K

By MATT NAUMAN

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Finding a fast car is easy. All it takes is money.

The Nissan 350Z is \$36,000. A new Corvette is \$44,000. Dodge's Viper is \$80,000-plus.

But what if you're young and money is tight as it always is when you're young? Automakers have something for you, too.

Newest of the new is Chevy's Cobalt SS, a from-the-factory coupe with lots of after-market tuner appeal, including a sky-high rear wing, 18-inch wheels and a supercharged engine.

"These are cars that in every way satisfy the requirements of an economy car, but they have a little flavor, a little character without spending too much," said Kevin Smith, editorial director for edmunds.com and its Inside Line online auto magazine.

The appeal of the Cobalt SS is fairly simple, said Molly Peck, a Chevrolet marketing manager.

"A lot of people want to be unique," she said. "They want to have their own look."

It joins a small but growing cadre of cars that are fairly fast, fairly cheap and aimed at young buyers. That list includes the Dodge Neon SRT-4, the Nissan Sentra SE-R Spec V, a couple of Toyota models and others.

Here's a look at a few of them. All are priced at less than \$22,000 and produce 170 horsepower or more. All are higher-performance, higher-cost versions of regular models.

• **2005 Chevrolet Cobalt SS:**

A coupe with a supercharged, 205-horsepower, 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine and a five-speed manual transmission. Price: \$21,995.

The Cobalt and the smaller, cheaper Aveo replace the Cavalier as the entry-level Chevy models.

The Aveo, which is a Korean import, arrived in late 2003. Priced from \$9,995, it has quickly become the top seller in its niche.

The Cobalt, sold in coupe and sedan versions, arrived in November. It starts at \$14,190, and Chevy is offering a \$159-a-month, 36-month lease deal.

General Motors' goal, Peck said, was to "make a small car people are proud to own."

The SS Supercharged coupe, which goes on sale in March, got a specific engine — "the first thing we knew we had to do," Peck said.

It's a 2.0-liter four with a supercharger that makes 205 horsepower. It's mated to a five-speed manual shifter that's unique to the SS model.

It also got bigger wheels, Pirelli tires, fog lamps, leather bucket seats with inserts that match the paint color, a boost gauge, a seven-speaker Pioneer stereo and a rear spoiler.

• **2005 Dodge Neon SRT-4**

This sedan features a turbo-charged, 2.4-liter four that makes 230 horsepower,

and it comes with a five-speed manual transmission. Price: \$21,195.

Dodge says it's the second-fastest Dodge car — after the Viper SRT-10 that costs four times as much — and provides what buyers of tuner cars want.

That includes a distinct exterior. Orange blast is a new paint color for 2005.

The optional Kicker/SRT Livin' Loud audio system has a six-disc CD player, two Neodymium tweeters, two 75-watt full-range speakers, two 90-watt coaxial speakers and a 100-watt SVC subwoofer.

• **2005 Saturn Ion Red Line coupe**

The 205-horsepower, 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine is supercharged and comes with a five-speed manual transmission. Price: \$21,450.

Saturn calls this a quad coupe, as it features two hidden rear doors that make getting people or packages in and out of the back seat an easier chore.

The mechanical components match those of the Cobalt SS, but the car's exterior design and interior feel are much different.

• **2005 Nissan Sentra SE-R Spec V sedan**

The biggest engine in this group (a 2.5-liter four) makes 175 horsepower and is matched with a six-speed manual. Price: \$18,380.

Special exhaust tuning boosts the Spec V's horsepower above the regular SE-R model.

It gets improvements to its manual transmission for 2005, and features a new shift knob, better seat fabrics and some interior trim upgrades.

The Spec V has a special suspension set-up and high-performance tires. Upgraded brakes are available, as is a 300-watt Rockford Fosgate stereo.

• **2005 Toyota Corolla XRS sedan**

Power comes from a 1.8-liter four that makes 170 horsepower. It's combined with a six-speed manual. Price: \$18,095.

Toyota engineers applied variable valve timing and lift with intelligence (VVTL-i), and the XRS gets more power at high revs as a result.

The sport-tuned suspension features a Yamaha sport strut tower brace, a rear cross brace, higher-rate coil springs and shocks, and the car is lowered a half-inch compared with the other Corolla models.

• **2005 Toyota Matrix XRS hatchback**

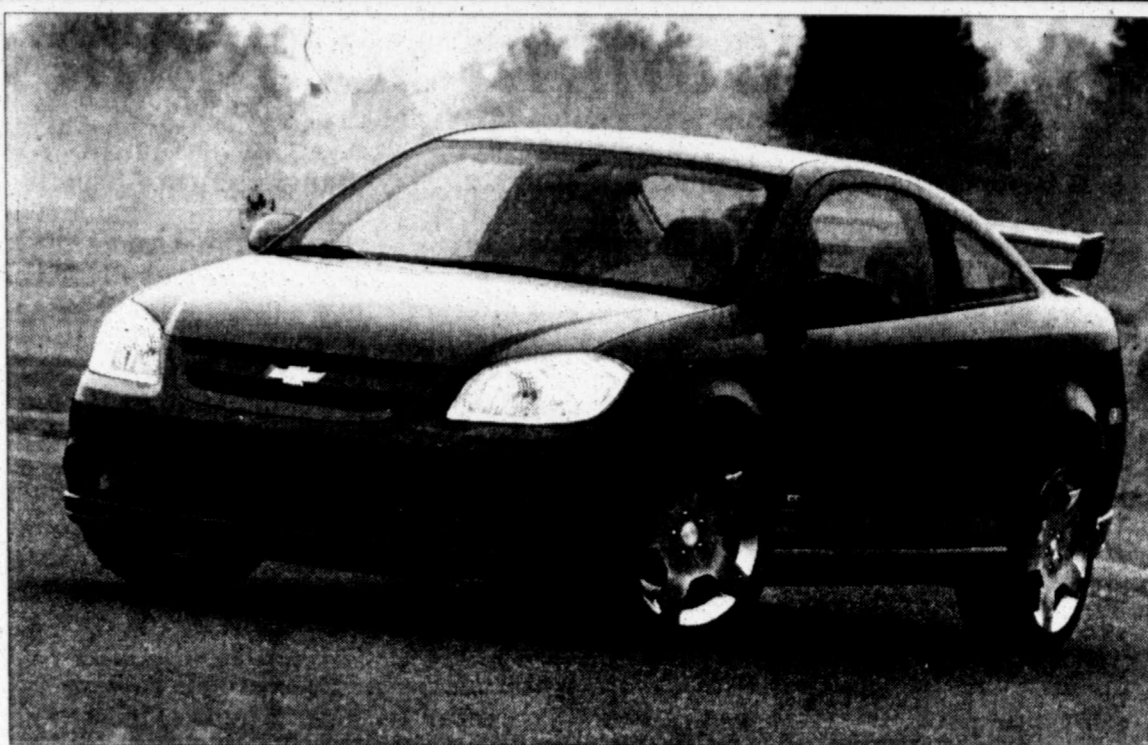
The same 170-horsepower 1.8-liter four and six-speed manual as the Corolla XRS. Price: \$19,390.

Very similar to the Corolla XRS, but with a unique body shape.

The exterior package features front and rear under-body spoilers, door handles, side rocker panels and power mirrors that match the car's paint color. Fog lamps, anti-lock brakes, cruise control and a sport-tuned suspension are standard fare.

• **Pontiac Vibe GT wagon**

The Vibe has the same 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine with VVTL-i that is



The 2005 Chevy Cobalt SS

used in the Corolla and Matrix XRS models. It makes 170 horsepower and comes with a standard six-speed manual. Price: \$20,990.

Built in Fremont, Calif., at the plant that GM and Toyota share, the Vibe is very similar to the Matrix XRS.

It gets slight changes to its front and rear for 2005 and adds a tire-pressure monitor.

Options include leather seats, side-curtain air bags, a stability control system and a "Moon & Tunes" package with a 200-watt stereo and a power sunroof.

For many buyers, the regular Cobalts, Neons, Corollas and such will be perfectly fine choices.

"There are a lot of people out there for whom basic transportation is the game," Smith said. "That's all they're after. This really is just a transportation appliance."

But for those who want "something a little different, a little special," models like the Cobalt SS, Neon SRT-4 and the

rest "are worth splurging for."

Sales volumes of these models aren't huge. Dodge sold about 8,000 SRT-4 models last year.

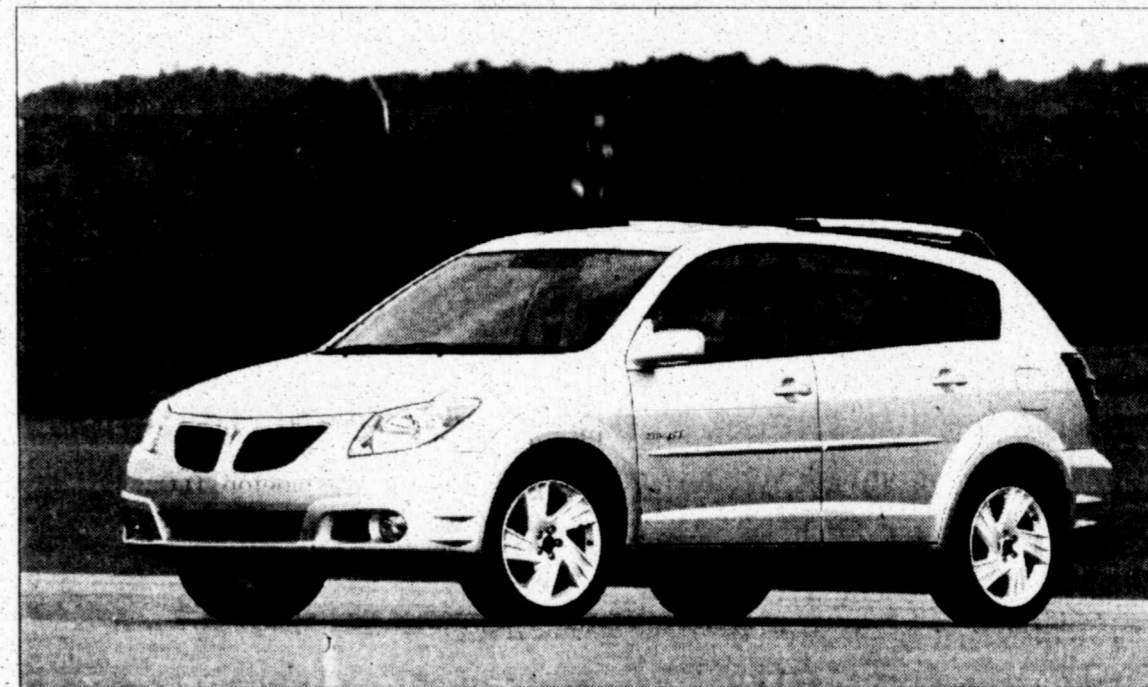
Close, but a bit too expensive:

The VW Jetta GLI 1.8T, Acura RSX, Subaru Impreza WRX, Chrysler PT Cruiser GT and Toyota Celica GTS all have more than 170 horsepower. The WRX, in fact, puts out an amazing 227 horses.

But each of these models costs more — from a few hundred to a few thousand — than \$22,000, at least with its suggested price.

Close, but a bit too little power — the Mitsubishi Lancer Ralliart, Scion tC, Subaru Impreza 2.5RS, Honda Civic Si, Mazda3 s and Mini Cooper S all cost less than \$22,000. The Scion tC, in fact, has a suggested price of \$16,000. But each makes between 160 and 169 horsepower, just missing our list.

And then there's Saab. The new Saab 9-2x all-wheel-drive hatchback is both a bit too expensive (\$23,685) and has a bit too little power (165 horses).

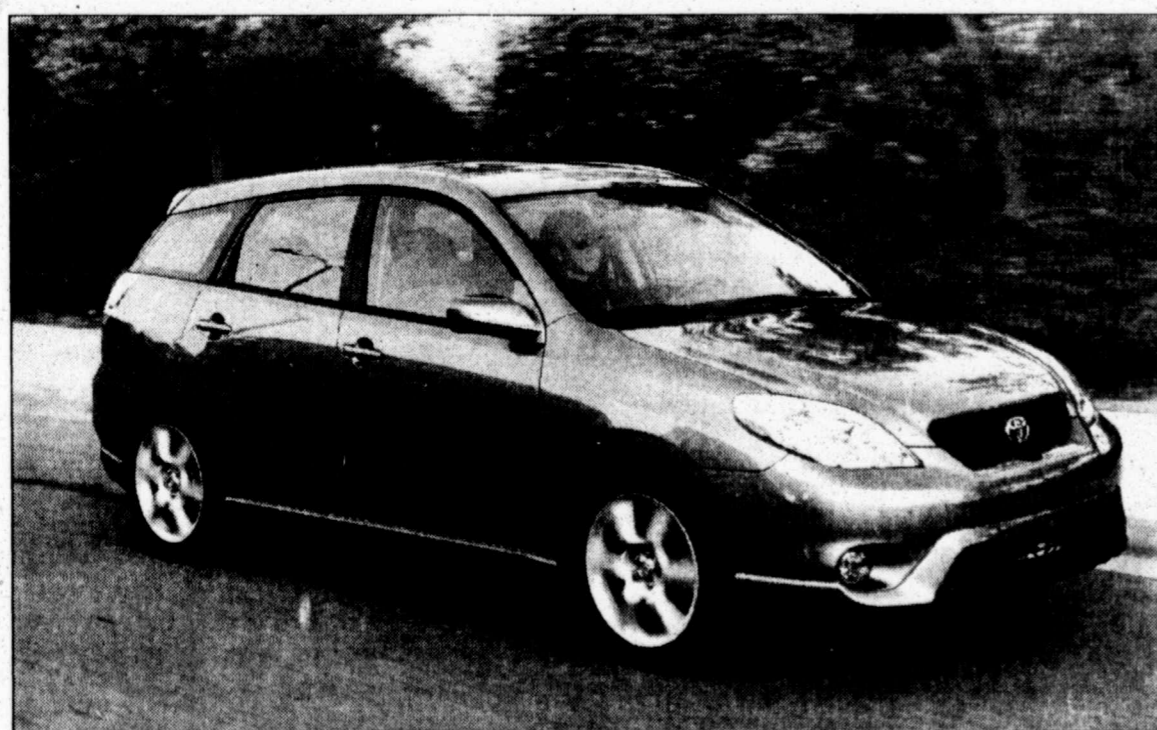


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# DNS poisoning scam raises wariness of 'pharming'

A new attack using Domain Name System cache poisoning has raised concerns about "pharming," a next-generation phishing scam in which malware or DNS hacks are used to invisibly redirect victims to spoofed web sites.



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DNS cache poisoning injects false information into DNS servers, which route Internet traffic by matching domain names with IP addresses at web hosts, allowing hackers to redirect users to bogus web sites. In last week's attack, a known vulnerability in Symantec firewalls was exploited to change information on a small number of local DNS servers, sending requests for Google.com, eBay.com and Weather.com to a trio of hacker sites (7sir7.com, 123xxl.com and abx4.com) that attempted to install spyware on visitors' computers.

## The great Chinese internet smackdown

Xinhua news agency reports that China will enact new Internet restrictions during its annual parliamentary session.

The new regulations are expected to include 24-hour monitoring of major Chinese Internet chat rooms and all messages will be censored

and filtered before appearing on the Internet.

Qin Rui, deputy director of the Public Information and Internet Security Supervision Bureau, says that while China embraces the Internet for its economic benefits, the country must ensure that it is not exploited by people with "ulterior motives."

Yeah, ulterior motives like... free speech? China shut down over 1,200 cybercafes in 2004 and expects the number of Internet users in China to grow to 120 million in 2005. Go figure.

## Dampig-A targeting cell phones

Virus writers have created a new Trojan capable of infecting Symbian Series 60 smartphones. Dampig-A, discovered March 4, attempts to trick users into downloading it by posing as the cracked version of the FSCaller application, developed by SymbianWare of Germany.

The Trojan — a malicious SIS file dropper — disables some built-in applications and third party file managers and attempts to install variants of the Cabir worm onto infected handsets.

"None of the Cabir variants installed on the phone will start automatically, but some of the applications that are replaced with Cabir executables, such as Messaging applications, will be most likely called and thus executed by the

user," notes Finnish anti-virus firm F-Secure.

The Dampig Trojan is the latest in a series of malware threats to affect users of Symbian Series 60 smartphones in recent months. F-Secure says the Trojan is trickier to remove than earlier forms of mobile malware. Dampig corrupts the system uninstallation information so it cannot be removed without disinfecting the phone with anti-virus.

Like all mobile malware threats to date, Dampig is rare and largely a risk confined to people frequenting 'warez' sites. To get infected with the Cabir package it carries, which spreads using the Bluetooth short-range radio technology, users would have to give explicit consent.

That means that mobile viruses, though still a threat, are far harder to catch than viruses such as the Bofra worm which exploit Windows security holes to spread.

## Spam hitting mobile phones hard

Almost half of all mobile phone text messages received in the U.S. are now spam, compared to just 18 percent a year ago, research has claimed.

According to mobile firm Wireless Services Corporation, the increased amount of unsolicited SMS messages is attributed to the growing sophistication of spammers, who are venturing beyond the world

of e-mail.

Good. Maybe they'll leave my inbox alone for a change.

Several companies speculate that spammers who initially sent messages to mobile phones via the Internet have become savvy enough about wireless networks to foil antispam technologies developed with e-mail in mind.

"Everyone hates spam, whether it lands in your e-mail inbox or mobile phone," said Rich Begert, president and chief executive at Wireless Services Corporation.

"But with mobile spam, U.S. consumers have to pay for the delivery of annoying unwanted messages to their personal phone. Even worse, some of the spammers will try to trick you into making an expensive call or will attempt to change the device settings on your own phone."

Efforts to combat mobile spam face several challenges, according to Begert, who believes that legislative attempts to limit spam are doomed because spammers are clever enough to launch campaigns from countries where U.S. laws do not apply.

Begert cited a recent study by the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland which indicated that mobile operators that do not work out how to fight mobile spam risk losing customers.

"In addition to being irked by charges for incoming unsolicited text messages, consumers

will protest at any perceived invasion of their privacy and will assume that their carrier allowed their personal information to get to spammers," he explained.

"Unless they get in front of the issue, carriers could see increased churn, unwanted legislation and a rise in customer service calls."

## Microsoft says adios to some of its Mac endeavors

Microsoft plans to end its foray into as an Internet service provider to Mac users and will kill off its MSN for Mac OS X service, according to several rogue Internet news carriers.

The company plans to notify customers this month and discontinue the service as of May 31, a Microsoft representative said in a recent e-mail. Microsoft announced plans to get into the market in 2002 and began offering the service in the United States the following year.

"Beginning May 31, Microsoft will make changes and no longer support the MSN for Mac OS X Internet Software client," the unnamed representative said.

Customers will have to get their Internet access elsewhere, although Microsoft is encouraging Mac users to continue to access MSN services via a browser.

"Microsoft will be in regular communication with its MSN for Mac customers to ensure

options are clearly communicated and the transition is as smooth as possible," the company said.

MSN has broadly shifted much of its attention away from its dial-up Internet access business and into Internet services and content that can be accessed via any Internet connection, and high-speed broadband in particular.

Following Apple's introduction of the Safari browser, Microsoft discontinued its Internet Explorer browser for the Mac, but the company continues to make other products for the Mac, most notably a Mac version of Office. The company reiterated on Friday that it is not abandoning the Mac.

"Microsoft's Mac BU remains committed to the Mac platform and its customers," Microsoft said, noting recent updates to Office and the introduction of a new version of MSN Messenger for Mac.

MSN first got into the Mac business when it agreed to take over dial-up and high-speed Internet access for customers of Qwest. Initially the company offered only a Mac OS 9-compatible dialer program only for Qwest customers, but later decided to expand the service and pitch it broadly to Mac users in the United States.

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## Local women recognized

### Girl Scout luncheon to honor women of distinction

#### Special to the Herald

The West Texas Girl Scout Council Women of Distinction luncheon honors 14 outstanding women including Dr. Cheryl Sparks of Howard County and JoAnn Turner of Glasscock County at noon Saturday in the Abilene Civic Center.

The honorees are strong leaders and pacesetters and great examples of what Girl Scouts are learning to be, according to Johnnie Lou Avery, board president for the West Texas Girl Scout Council.

The women to be honored have been nominated by leaders in their communities in each county.

Women of Distinction have shown extraordinary leadership, made major contributions within their communities, have a history of selfless service and accomplishment and are positive role models and influences,

according to Avery.

Other honorees include Dian Graves Stai, Billye Proctor-Shaw, Barbara Anderson, Dorothy Haney, Shirley W. Moore, Ruby Turner, Lisa Peterson, Nettie Lee, Jan Lemons, Ann Smartt, Cathy McEntire and Jimi Coplen.

The speaker for the luncheon will be Deanie Parrish, one of the original Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

The WASP were the first female U.S. pilot units—organized during World War II.

These women are credited with making a major contribution to the Allied victory.

Some 1,800 women were admitted to the program and fewer than 500 are still alive.

Ms. Parrish is a dynamic speaker and a true woman of distinction, according to Avery.

The Girl Scout movement has as its purpose to

inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service, so that they become happy, resourceful, citizens and future leaders.

The goal for each girl is to develop her full potential — teaching her to relate to others with understanding, skill and respect, to develop guiding values for sound decision making and to contribute to the improvement of society by using their abilities and leadership skills.

Girl Scouting is open to girls ages 5-17.

The Women of Distinction luncheon is the Council's major fundraiser and program awareness event of the year.

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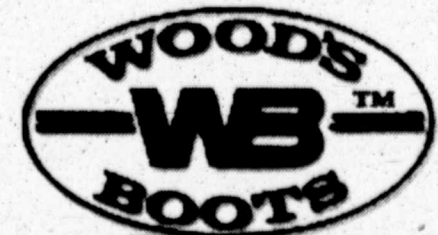
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8th Grade-Megan Conley, Nathan Gomez, Camryn Herrera, Berkley Iden, Kelly Lee, Ashley Martin, Alexandra Moore, Laci Sterling, Katelyn Wilson.  
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**Coahoma High School**

**"A" Honor Roll**  
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10th Grade-Stephen Ewing, Jessica Pittman, Cody Price, Adriana Rodriguez, Briana Thurman, Ryan Walker, chris Weihert.  
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12th Grade-Katie Bowling, Gene Corse, Rebekah Dunlap, Tyler Fowler, Magun Gutierrez, Travis Simpson, Alicia Thurman, Lauren Yeater.  
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9th Grade-Veronica Cortez, Randi Gerstenberger, Chelsea Gonzales, Janice Gonzales, Channel Griffin, Blake Hiler, Geno Jacques, Casey Kilpatrick, Joseph Mackey, Justin McCre, Lani Mow, Regan New, Karrie Patterson, Justin Rau, William Reilly, Christie Rich, Reagan Rupard, Heather Sheppard, KaySea Siller, Simon Stolarczyk, Caylea Wood.  
10th Grade-Shani Coker,

Kamrun Green, Brandon Hildebrand, Blaine Kerby, Curt Lang, Katelin Lyons, Ami Martinez, Jacob McCain, Tabitha Median, Taylor Rainey, John Rodriguez, Megan Salazar, Dakota Teaff, Elisha Townsend, Chelsea Watts, Dustin Wright, Gus Yanez, Michael Yeater.  
11th Grade-Samantha Bayes, Terrell Bibb, Natasha Casillas, Liz Conley, Sarah Dunn, Sterling Gee, Ryan Green, Amy Hiler, Joe Holguin, Kassi Hutchison, Sini Laurikkala, Tori Paige, Rickey White, Kelsea Wood.  
12th Grade-Chris Beck, Tania Bradley, Isaac Brewer, Crystal Bridges, Kellee Christopher, Garret Cline, Sarah Collom, Vickie Cortez, Jerod Flohr, Ruby Garcia, Christina Garza, Chelsea Griffin, Kevin Grove, Brittany Hankins, Danielle Hess, Justin Hoover, Megan Jackson, Brandi Kilpatrick, Meagan Kothmann, Dusty Martin, Stephanie McIntosh, Ginni Metcalf, Mendy Morgan, Zack Phillips, Callie Price, Marty Richter, Travis Roberts, Rocky Salazar, Tyler Sheppard, Michelle Villa, Clint Walker.

**Washington Elementary Kindergarten**

**Perfect Attendance**  
Ball-Zachery Bennett, Aaron Blackshear, Dante Flores, Taylor Hull, Destiny Mata, Kelly Morales, Jeremiah Moshale, Loya-Brandee Castillo, Michael Esquivel.  
Thibeault-Jacqueline Buck, Adam Davis, Sky Ferrel, Jessica Gonzales, Adrianna Rodriguez, Brandon Rodriguez, Kristalyn Randle, Susanna Ybarra.  
Wallace-Breezy Fleet, Makaila Phillips, Ezra Underwood, Jacob Valdez.  
**"A" Honor Roll**  
1st Grade-Chase Billings, Toby Blackshear, Bryson Burt, D'Angelo Clayburn, Dulcania Clayburn, Jordan Foster, Tommy Garcia, Jerrian Jordan, Luc Lewis, Theron McVae, Marisol Savell, Kirk Simpson, Kate Sorton, Dakota Stahl, Jonathan Yarbrough.  
2nd Grade-Clay Galloway, Cindy Lopez, Sarah Lopez, Danie Ortega, Hayley Rangel, Alicia Redwine, Des'rae Richter, Ashley Smith, Cory Terry.  
3rd Grade-Ryane Colette, Amanda Kirk, Kiowa Spears, Tavaris Walker.  
4th Grade-Andrea Cervantez, Liza Smithwick, Justin Stenman.  
**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
1st Grade-Jessica Bermea, Remington Colette, Mykala Edwards, Rispah Ellison, Bailee Fleet, Destiny Hernandez, Jorge Hernandez, Ashley Isaac, JonPatrick Leos, Mark Montez, Destanie Raws, Rodger Rodriguez, Katlin Skiles, Eugene Vanderbilt, Rosemary Yanez.  
2nd Grade-Brittany DelaPaz, William Green, Catilyn Kellough, Taylor McCombs, Tiffany Montez, Tyis Movchan, Robert Ramirez, Micheala Saucedo, Alexa Spaeth, William Stagald, Candace Stone, Joey Valle, Kyre

Whitehead.  
3rd Grade-Madison Currie, Alexander Kincheloe, Kenan Lewis, Rayna Magallanes, Marissa O'Valle, Jasmine Rios, James Sandér, Toby Shubert.  
4th Grade-Ashley Beserra, Jonathan Blaine, Danielle Cruz, Valerie Dominguez, Tabitha Ellison, Aaron Farr, Crystal Fierro, Jason Guevara, Casandra Kirk, Tony Lewis, Lucas Lopez, Celestina Martinez, Tara Massingill, Jacob Rangel, Johnny Rangel, Jamie Redwine, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Laken Rubio, Juan Salazar, Alexis Scaggs, Ricky Shubert.

**Bauer Magnet Elementary**

**"A" Honor Roll**  
1st Grade-Bailee Allen, Isabella Delatour, Derek Gusman, Kiowa Lesser, Andrew Martinez, Serena Ramirez, Parth Shroff, Haddan Stokes, Destiny Zamora.  
2nd Grade-Hannah Biemert, Karla Carrasco, Alex Franco, Briana Mendoza, Ashley Paredez, Chirag Patel, Morgan Pierce, Brittnee Rios.  
3rd Grade-Tyler Avant  
4th Grade-Hope Biemeret, Elena Flores, Paige Knowlton, Vanessa Shellman  
**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
1st Grade-J.C. Archuleta, Esmeralda Athayde, Kaylyn Barnes, Ryan Billingsley, Terry Carter, Sebastian Calderon, Analicia Cervantes, Alexis Garcia, Ethan Garcia, Kenna Gomez, Jose Gonzales, Zachary Gonzales, Rene Juarez, Trista Mize, Frank Montemayor, Ethan Morelion, Andrew Paredez, Devin Perez, Timothy Rios, Jimmy Rodriguez, Kelli Ruth, Louis Salazar, Kain Spivey.  
2nd Grade-Marcus Alcantar, Miranda Bermea, Vicki Bustamante, Alex Byrd, Isaiiah Carrillo, Luis Casillas, Nicole Cervantes, Bianca Correa, Adrianna Flores, Adrianna Granados, David Gonzales, Aaron Hinojos, Billie James, Toby Kennemur, Ryan Lopez, Joseph O'Harra, Justin Ovalle, Hannah Overby, Teodora Ramirez, Shannon Robles, Eric Rodriguez, Rikki Salgado, Kirsten Savell, Eunice Smith, Alec Trevion, Jasmine Westbrook, Monica Yanez.  
3rd Grade-Crystal Ballin, Macie Casillas, Anthony Cisneros, Alexis Gamboa, Nickolas Gonzalez, Baylee Howell, Dustin Kinard, Bianca Lopez, Katie Newton, Shawna Quernheim, Brandon Warner, Izzak Zamora.  
4th Grade-Marissa Bernal, Kelsey Chavarria, Justine Delatour, Stephanie Duffer, Kaley Duncan, Ayanna Gomez, Canessa Gonzales, Jennifer Hernandez, Jimmy Hernandez, Marissa Hernandez, Jose Jimenez, Crystal Juarez, Dominique Martinez, Joseph Morelion, Christopher Nunez, Sterling Phernetton, Chelsea Ramirez, Josie Rodriguez, Sabrina Rodriguez, Anastacia Ruiz, Gabi Torres, Savi Vela, Sadie Villagrana, Megan Warner, Alex Yanez, Paige Yater, Tashalla Young.

**Elbow Elementary**

**"A" Honor Roll**  
1st Grade-Taylor Morin, Alexis Roach, Julia Box, Kaytlin Brock, Mason Burton, Jesse Cervantes, Christina Gaw, Brennan Highfield, Kaylee Kemper, Granger Newton, Abby Saucedo, Lindsey Boeker, Caden Davidson, Abby Del Toro, Ross Freeman, Kerigann Harbour, MacKenzie Kennedy, Wyatt Morgan, Nina Ortiz, Keifer Pulis, Gilbert Reyna, Brayden Settles.  
2nd Grade-Darby DePauw, Emily Hatfield, Trace Hearn, Nicole Niklasch, Patrick Goodgame, Alicia Hernandez, Breana Madry, Christopher Mims, Jessica Mince, Erin Payne, Ryan Armstrong, Mason Coor, Ashley Garcia, Sam Harris, Ashlie Knox, Zachary Long, Hannah Minchew, Hannah Thompson.  
3rd Grade-Eric Edwards, Kade Fannin, Corbin Foster, Eindra Lwin, Matthew Mims, Maria Ortiz, John Tyler Breyman, Tyler Evans, Chandler Freeman, Marisol Hernandez, Vanessa Highfield, Elizabeth Rhodes, Jammie Arstead, Covan Davidson, Taybor Flores, Rachel Haggard, Ali Knight.  
4th Grade-Tanner Ballard, Cole Long, Gabrielle Borel, Trevor Burchett, Anthony Chappel, Madison Churchwell, Aric Hernandez, Case Ingram, Bethany Roach, Kayla Tilley, Dillon Bagnall, Kelcee Hillis, Jansen McDonald.  
5th Grade-Sydney Holdampf, Jodi Jones, Alex Park, Austin Bynum.  
**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
1st Grade-Jeremy Brooks, Kody Bryant, Nova Caldwell, Sami Carriger, Kameron Cooper, Kaitlyn Creswell, Shyanne Garcia, Ian Park, Walker Park, Madi Roman, Nando Subia, Elijah Torres, Wade Alexander, Alex Bowman, Clayton Chappell, Amanda Lopez, Bria Wilson, Bradley Chavez, Stacy Jennings, Destiney Patterson, Isabella Rivera, Sadie Wheeler.  
2nd Grade-Jaden Buchanan, Andy Qualls, Skye Rule, Alexis Smith, Diego Subia, Brianna Welch, Nick Williams, Gabriel Leal, Ryan Pearson, Summer Rainer, Dalton Taylor, Erin Bagnall, Chris Gomez, Victoria Martinez, Mary-Ashley McDaniel, Kaleb Stanley.  
3rd Grade-Raegan Haggard, Polo Morin, Falon Newton, Mikael Pappajohn, Ke'Arra Scroggins, Sara Stevenson, Caylan Sulatan, Beth Warnick, Kenna Colvin, Austin Grantham, Tristan Hearn, Esteban Serrano, Kelcy Truszkowski, Ausden Medrano, Kaitlyn Rhoudes, Aaron Salazar, Kolby Self, Colton Wheeler.  
4th Grade-Blaise Coffman, Shandi Huitt, Kie Jones, Leah Kay Lloyd, Max Pappajohn, Brian Tribolet, Sarah Will, Landon Carpenter, Dylan Edwards, Tandace Gilliam, Jesse Harmon, Shelby Roemer, Jordan Whetsel, Alexis Armstrong, Landon Boeker, Dalton Doss, Amanda Grisham,

Treagan Kendrick.  
5th Grade-Tiffani Box, Ashley Buzbee, Lindsey Heckler, Caleb Hector, Shelbie Hudgins, Payton Parker, Mara Sheets, Foster Burchett, Hope Cimino, Phillip Cummings, Jared Del Toro, Victoria Dunnam, Patrick Greer, Kara Hughey, Specner Wells, Autumn Alton, C. J. Ballard, April Cevallos, Alejandra Hernandez, Kyle Parker, Lindzey Roach, Kyle Stevenson, Darien Walker.

**Kentwood Elementary**

**"A" Honor Roll**  
1st Grade  
Mrs. Hendrickson's Class-Tylar Hale, Lauren Simer, Mallory Thomas, Caytlin Wagner, Erin Wolf.  
Ms. Long's Class-Haylee Dobbs, Joseph McLaren, Lindsey Woodward.  
2nd Grade  
Mrs. Anderson's Class-Nydia Arenivar, camie chandler, Kendra dyer, Blake Freshour, Marissa Garcia, Zachary Hollis, Brycen Kiker, Ty Lawrence, Autumn Moore, Kara Saunders.  
Mrs. Chesworth's Class-Mariah Alexander, Oscar Barraza, Marcela Norman, Erin Pollard, Kaleb Rankin, Stevi Ward, Nicholas Sotelo.  
3rd Grade  
Mrs. Dunlap's Class-Matthew Beal, Sarah Black, Brett Bromman, Kelsie Guinn, Brianna Kight, Joshua Morgan, April Valle, Kinsey Wash, Drake Worthan.  
Mrs. Kennedy's Class-Tony Solis, Kristina Tubera  
4th Grade  
Miss Boyd's Class-Charles Anderson, Julie Jimenez, Chelsey Parker, Hannah Spence, Brady Weber.  
Mrs. Graves' Class-Meagan Bordayo, Haley Dimidjian, Evelyn Fierro, Tyler Graves, Carson Reibe, Trent Thomas, Mackenzie Wolf.  
**"A-B" Honor Roll**  
1st Grade  
Mrs. Hendrickson's Class-Josh Baker, Courtney Berringer, John Fierro, Tristan Hendrickson, McKenzie Horton, Blake Letcher, Caleb Roberts, Matilde Sotelo.  
Ms. Long's Class-Blake Baldock, Valdomero Contreras, Edward Gamez, Jaret McElroy, Rayla Waight.  
2nd Grade  
Mrs. Anderson's Class-Matthew Doportto, Kaci Hale, Corey Potter, Tyler Powell, Kelli Wolf.  
Mrs. Chesworth's Class-Joshua Brown, Sean Cannon, Brooke Lindsey, Katie Land, McKenzie Lopez, Jacob Garcia.  
3rd Grade  
Mrs. Dunlap's Class-Colby Adams, Lane Cannon, Shiloh Creswell, Jacob Davis, Meagan Graves, Alex Lujan, Seth Mitchem, Arron Rios.  
Mrs. Kennedy's Class-Dustin Fraley, Nichole Hale, Tate Kennedy, Joshua Martinez, Austin Claburn, Kaegan Baucum, Lexi Luna, Tyler Stromberg.  
4th Grade  
Miss Boyd's Class-Brandon Burrows, Delilah Garza, Morgan Mitchem, Andrew Shafer.  
Mrs. Graves' Class-Bradley Dunn, Wesley Edwards, Tonya Lopez, C.C. Melchert, India Parker, Ryan Pollard.  
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**Moss Elementary**

**"A" Honor Roll**

1st Grade - Mikaela Biddison, Aimee Cervantes, Bailee Chase, Toby Cotton, Cameron Crabtree, Charisma Fierro, Morgan Flores, Destinee Fowler, Madison Gibson, Lee Karwedsky, Sarinity Klug, Kyle Larson, Brooke Marshall, Ben Mikeska, Faith Norman, Faith Parum, Makaylah Ramos, Tristian Rios, Makenzie Roberts, Jacob Scott, Joe Torres, Lexie Trevino, Noah Vera, Dylan Watson and Matthew Wood.

2nd Grade - Charlie Boling, Tyler Bryan, Jacqueline Castillo, Brianna Cobos, Carlee Daniel, Alyssa Deanda, Angela Garza, Taryn Haynes, Breeana Jeter, Jensen Jeter, Rebecca Quillen, Julianna Rodriguez, Dylan Ross, Madison Seely, Bailey Sharp and Tobyn Tannehill.

3rd Grade - Taylor Arista, Dalton Bradbury, Casey Cervantes, Bryson Dunn, Catherine Harris, Alex Hughes, Mayra Ortega, Devin Roberson, Jessica Spears, Gabbie Trevino, Nadya Viasana and Amy Winters.

4th Grade - Kylee Borchardt, Emilea Brumley, Ty Camden, Amanda Duck, Adolfo Franco, Connor Furqueron, Austin Gibson, Meagan Islas, Sydney Larson, Caleb Lewis, Ransom Parks and Ariel York.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

1st Grade - Kaylee Acosta, Julia Aguilera, Elias Aguirre, Azjhia Deckard, Melinda Duck, Dario Eggleston, Valarie Estill, Timothy Garrard, Madyson Gartman, Sedic Gilliam, Mary Gomez, Desiree Gonzales, Miranda Johnson, Audrey Lopez, Fernando Morales, Sidney Patterson, Dominic Reyes, Francisco Rodriguez, Ebonic Stewart, Austin Viera and George Viera.

2nd Grade - Karina Alvarado, Fabian Barrientes, Caleb Benson, Emily Campos, Oasis Cervantes, Chase Dunnam, Fabian Garcia, Joshua Gutierrez, Kaeli Hines, Megan Jaramillo, Alexandra Juarez, Will Lopez, Isaiah Luna, Whitney Luna, Anais Martinez, Jared Nieto, Jimmy Olivares, Taylor Olivo, Serna Payen, Savannah Robinson, Aloura Scott, Ty Sealy, Jennie Steel and Camron Torres.

3rd Grade - Zach Crabtree, Adam Franco,

Taylor Fuentes, Omar Hernandez, Austin Hunt, Evan Leib, Marcus Lopez, Isaiah Ludington, Zachary Ludington, Brady Mikeska, Austin Mize, Kaysie Olivares, Kristen Poffinbarger, Madeline Ramos, Kayla Sigmon, Brandon Soliz, Connor Steel, Trace Telchick, Kristen Thamez, Briana Valencia, Jahari Vanover, Valarie Viasana and Garrett Wheeler.

4th Grade - Vanessa Alvarado, Fortune Barrientes, Selena Bustamante, Cloee Camden, Sidni Carrasco, Jake Cervantes, Jarred Doporto, Gloria Garcia, Alex Gartman, Eric Gill, Larissa Gonzales, Christopher Hughes, Taylor Johnson, Adam Lloyd, Michael Oliva, Emilio Ortiz, Colton Roberts, Rande Soto, Topaze White, Logan Yarbor and Matthew Zubiate.

**Big Spring Junior High School**

**"A" Honor Roll**

7th Grade - Anthony Barrera, Sabrina Bedwell, Brantly Cahoon, Katryna Ceniza, Kristina Chang, Alexander Crabtree, Barbara Cruz, Sloan Davis, Chaneel Dykes, Tiffany Garcia, Mikael Gonzales, Macy Graves, Patricia Hendricks, Jake Hernandez, Sonya Herrera, Colton Ingram, Andrew Lewis, Bianca Mancha, Skyler Moore, Daniel New, Marissa Nieto, Alexandra Ortega, Pavel Plakhotny, Jonathan Ray, Matthew Ritchey, Kelly Sage, Isabel Salazar, Trevor Smith, Jana Stiles, William Tyler Tannehill, Halee Thomas, Chance Urias, Karlye Weaver, Jonathan Womack, Martin Yanez, Linzee Yarbar, Marissa Zavala.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

8th Grade - Sarah Armentrout, Dean Barney Jr., Jennifer Beauchamp, Hollie Biemeret, Mylie Black, James Bowen, Christopher Brooks, Daniel Budke, Tyler Chesworth, Andrea Claxton, Brianne Downes, Brittany Farmer, Baylea Fox, Chelse Franco, Heather Gentry, Carlita Green, Matthew Gwin, Ariel Johnson, Laurel Kerr, Brandon Kinard, Catherine Leubner, Amanda Lopez, Channing Martin, Rachel Overby, Brionna Palmer, Kade Parker, Suraj Patel, Holly Platte, Amber Rivera, Ambrie Schaffner, Shelbi Stewart, Jonathon Stiles, Jessica Stone, Haylea Stuteville, Shelby M'Lyn Swinney, Katherine Tompkins, Jordan Valle, Julia Villa, Jennifer-Rae Vincent, Jimmy Watson,

Turquoise White, Whitney Worthan, Brittani York.

**Goliad Middle School**

**"A" Honor Roll**

5th Grade - Katie Black, Kendra Cook, Will Currie, Elicianna Degado, Maranda Duchock, Brandi Edwards, Stormy Emery, Carl Friddle, Ashten Galan, Jesse Garza, Tiffany Gonzales, Kassie Gross, Nick Islas, Lilia Lugo, Lacy McMurtney, McKenzie Metcalf, Albert Meir, Shelby Newman, Kristin Perez, Sean Poffenbarger, Chance Raymond, Erica Reyes, Sawyer Roberts, Matthew Roberts, Scarlet Robertson, Toby Rodgers, Anna Scott, Reba Smith, Sammy Spivey, Danielle Strickland, Kelsey Weir, Roy Lane Williams, Syndey Winters.

**6th Grade - Jamie**

Anderson, Ashley Billings, Kenzie Black, Wayland Boyd, Dakota Bradbury, Blake Brorman, Susan Carnagie, Mari-Sol Carrillo, Chanelle Castillo, Saije Clare, Taylor Digby, Caprise Fierro, Andrew Fillingim, Patrick Flores, John Flores, Paul Flores, Jonathan Futrelle, Ashley Garcia, Sage Gibson, Julie Granillo, Emily Hicks, Richard Hirzel, Kelci Jones, Josh Kelly, Taryn Kennedy, Kaylesha Lang, Devon Davis Locke, Ilian Lujan, Iris Martinez, Tyler McKinley, Caleb McMahon, Patricia Morales, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Seth Pearson, Alison Platte, Brooke Quinn, Minday Ralston, Savina Ramirez, David Rios, Julian Rodriguez, Joe Rodriguez, Valerie Ross, Jessica Rubio, Austin Sharp, Michela Spence, Elle Torres, Jack Watkins, Karlie White, Jessica Womack.

**"A-B" Honor Roll**

5th Grade - Donovan Agüero, Jacquelyn Alvarez, Aaron Arispe, Brian Beauchamp, Marissa Benities, Cassie Boehringer, Tim Braning, Robyn Castle, Kaycee Clayton, Jesi Coates, Leajoni Cortez, Mathew Dawson, Ashley Dawson, Aaron Delgado, John Albert Doporto, Timothy Evans, Eric Fierro, Kelvin Flarity, Alex Franco, George Galloway, Lee Garcia, Victor Garcia, Crystal Garcia, Amanda Garrard, Mai Gomez, Caleb Gonzales, Richard Grant, Aaron Hanes, Colton Hawkins, Ashley Hembree, Zachary Hernandez, Sebastian Hernandez, Isaiah Hernandez, Laura Herrera, Bianca Hilario, Brittney Hilger, Benjamin Islas, Brandon Joslyn, Ricky Juarez,

Cheyenne Kingsley, Corey Lopez, Trey Lowery, Noah Lozano, Joshua Lujan, Ariel Marlow, Bryan McComb, Janie Mendez, Emily Miers, Matt Mier, Kerry Moore, Christena Myrick, Jessica Olivas, Bryson Phillips, Merced Ramirez, Colette Reed, Benjaminia Rios-Rios, Colby Ritter, Dakota Rivera, Alma Rodriguez, Chasity Rodriguez, Miranda Rodriguez, Alex Segundo, Kristina Skiles, Morgan Slaughter, Skeeter Smith, Selena Sosa, Pete Sosa, Jordan Sosa, Vicki Sotelo, Garrett Stuteville, Matt Thompkins, Seth Trevino, Bridgette Tuitt, Rico Villa, Crystal Vallareal, Marcus Watson, Brandon Wright, Seth Yarbar, Jennifer Ybarra.

**6th Grade - Ashlie Aaron,**

Logan Scott Adams, Adrian Aguilar, Marian Avina, Sara Baker, Robert Barraza, Savana Bedell, Drew Breckenridge, Alyssa Byrd, Dylan Christon, Larisa Cordova, Amanda Cortez, Arika Cox, Destiny Currie, Nicole Davidson, William Davis, Danica Diaz, Michael Escanuela, Loryn Escovedo, Kasey Fitzgibbons, Alex Franco, Wesley Ethan Frost, Eduardo Galvan, Victor Garcia, Harold Gimenez, Opal Gonzales, Ashley Guerra, David Guette, Colton Hawkins, Kara Hembree, Steven James, Taylor Joy, Quinton Kennemur, Cheyenne Kingsley, Ben Klaassen, Suet Yee Lam, Montesa Lara, Lacey Lawrence, Kionne Lewis, Courtney Long, Kala Long, Joshua Lujan, Breanna Martinez, Micaela Martinez, Nate McCoy, Meagan McElroy, Clarissa Mendez, Dennis Merworth, Emily Miers, Jon Erik Molina, Aristotle Moran, Daniel Moreno, Andrew Newton, Austen Newton, Jaycee Newton, Leandra Obenchain, Lucas Ontiveros, Felicia Ortiz, Andrea Paradez, Di'Ona Parker, Adam Pena, Brittany Powers, Bresha Randle, Jason Rayos, Allen Rice, Stephanie Rios, Joe Rodriguez, Linzi Rodriguez, Nickolas Rodriguez, Lisa Rudolph, Austin Sanchez, Brandon Sanchez, Jared Scott, Lupita Sifuentes, Courtnie Smith, Skeeter Smith, Stormi Smith, Christian Solis, Krystal Soto, Debby Thangam, Rebecca Torres, Judith Treecson, Jill Valle, Brandi Vaughn, Marcus Watson, Victor Woodruff, Stetson Word, Dylan Wright, Alesha Yanez, Dayvion Young.

**FAIR**

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Mazzara. "There are so many early signs of these medical conditions, and the key is early detection to live a longer and healthier life."

Mazzara said the day of the fair also coincides with a very special anniversary.

"The day of the health fair, March 19, is actually the four-year anniversary of the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veteran's Home," said Mazzara. "And it's important to note that we were one of the first state veteran homes in Texas."

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infrastructure and renewal of personnel contracts also are on the agenda, said Interim Superintendent Wayne Mitchell.

Officials from the architectural consulting firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper will present their assessment of district facilities.

Trustees in January authorized the firm to conduct a preliminary assessment of the school district's buildings and physical plant. The study was needed, Mitchell said, because of the age — some of the buildings are more than 50 years old — and deteriorating condition of the infrastructure.

The "preliminary facility condition assessment" is basically a general overview of what does or doesn't need fixing, PSC officials told trustees in January.

The review is the first of four possible steps the district can take to improve its facilities, Mitchell said.

If trustees want to proceed further, step two for PSC would involve formulating a master plan to determine the district's infrastructure needs for the next 10 to 20 years. Preliminary estimates of the costs involved would be made available, allowing the board to decide which way it wanted to proceed.

**REFUGE**

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been used repeatedly over the years to stymie ANWR drilling proposals.

An attempt Wednesday by Democrats to take the issue out of the budget process failed when they could muster only 49 votes against 51 votes by drilling supporters.

It was a major victory for President Bush, who has made access to the refuge's oil a key part of his energy agenda.

"This project will keep our economy growing by creating jobs and ensuring that businesses can expand," the president said in a statement. "And it will make America less dependent on foreign sources of energy, eventually by up to a million barrels of oil a day."

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, who has fought unsuccessfully for 24 years to open the Alaska refuge to oil companies, conceded it could still be "a long process" before a final drilling measure clears Congress.

Lawmakers must agree on the final budget, something they failed to do last year, or Wednesday's vote will have been for naught.

But Stevens and other drilling advocates also hailed Wednesday's vote as "a big step" and a clear signal that drilling opponents will have a difficult

This one seed has led to six more being built throughout the state.

"Right now we have a total of about 120 residents and about 135 employees," he added. "So we're providing jobs in addition to providing care for the veterans."

The health fair is slated for 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. There is no admission fee and the public is welcome to attend.

For more information on the health fair, contact Mazzara at 268-8387.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Also tonight, trustees are expected to go into executive session to discuss renewal of contracts for teachers and other professional personnel.

But the board will also take time to discuss the current status of the superintendent search.

Mitchell said that applications for the job will continue to be accepted until March 25, at which time the search process will definitely shift into high gear.

Mabank Superintendent Russell D. Marshall — who is conducting the search for Coahoma — has received more than 20 applications for the post, Mitchell said.

Marshall and the board will begin reviewing applications at the trustees' March 31 meeting, with interviews scheduled to begin in early April, Mitchell said.

If all goes well, the school district hopes to tentatively name Kingston's replacement April 21, with the official hiring set for May 17, Mitchell said.

The process is time-consuming, but necessary, he added.

"It's never a simple task," Mitchell said. "Everybody wants the best person they can get. But to do that takes a little bit of time."

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**PETERSON**

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hell for this."

And Laci's brother, Brent Rocha, said he bought a gun during the investigation into Laci's disappearance and contemplated shooting Peterson to death.

"I chose not to kill you myself for one reason, so you would have to sweat it out and not take the easy way out," he told Peterson.

Peterson's attorney, Mark Geragos, tried to get Judge Alfred A. Delucchi to allow Peterson's parents to speak, on the basis

that they were related to Conner. Delucchi said the hearing was an opportunity for only Laci's relatives to speak.

At one point during the family testimony, Brent Rocha recounted a conversation he said he had with Peterson long before Laci vanished. Rocha said the former fertilizer salesman lamented about his life not being what he had hoped it to be.

Scott Peterson's father, Lee, shouted, "What a liar!" He walked out of the courtroom after being admonished by the judge.

Peterson, 32, betrayed little emotion at the hearing. It was the same stoic

demeanor he displayed during more than six months of trial, which ended with a jury's recommendation of death.

Peterson was invited to make a statement, but he declined after several minutes of discussion with his attorneys.

The judge had the option of rejecting the jury's recommendation and imposing a sentence to life without parole, but such a move is all but unheard of. The judge also denied a defense request for a new trial.

He ordered Peterson to pay \$10,000 restitution for funeral expenses and an additional \$5,000, though

the reason for that amount was unexplained.

Laci Peterson, who was eight months pregnant, disappeared on Christmas Eve 2002, and prosecutors said Peterson killed her and then dumped her body in San Francisco Bay. The badly decomposed bodies of Laci Peterson and her fetus washed ashore four months later.

Prosecutors said Peterson strangled his wife to escape marriage and impending fatherhood. At the time of his wife's disappearance, he was having an affair with Amber Frey, a massage therapist.

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**B.S. Girl's Association signups**  
The Big Spring Softball will be held to register upcoming Signups every throughout of March 1 to 6 p.m. Spring Male signups will be accepted at Sports, located East 11th P. There is a \$10.00 fee of \$10.00. Tryouts league will April 2 and begins play. For more information, call Rod 432-213-3747.

**Howard rodeo sets crawl**  
The Howard rodeo team its annual boil April 16 at the H.C. R during College's anniversary. The cost which include into rodeo. For more information, contact rodeo coach Kernick at 81

**C.G.A. to hold benefit tournament**  
The Chico Association will hold a benefit golf tournament at C Trail Golf Club Christina Sunday. The tournament follow a scramble for costs \$20 plus green fee. The event shotgun starting at 11:00 a.m. teams must be entered by 10:30 a.m. Barbecue will also be served each with all going toward expenses Rodriguez. For more information, contact Pineda at 263-

**Pony baseball sets last signups**  
The Big Spring Baseball League announced signups days Monday through Friday 18. The league's boy's ages 13 signups will be at All-District Printing from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. \$65 per person the last opportunity play this season. Pony League will take place 22 at 6 p.m. For more information, call M at 263-8857.

**Coahoma League signups**  
The Coahoma League signups from noon Saturday Coahoma 1-20. The fee aged 13-15 birth certificate needed. For more information, contact Ringener at



### IN BRIEF

#### B.S. Girl's Softball Association holding signups in March

The Big Spring Girl's Softball Association will be holding signups to register for the upcoming 2005 season.

The league is open for girls and women ages four and above.

Signups will occur every Saturday throughout the month of March from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. However, signups will also be accepted at All District Sports, located at 1005 East 11th Place.

There is a registration fee of \$30.

Tryouts for the league will take place April 2 and the league begins play April 25.

For more information, call Ron Shafer at 432-213-3747.

#### Howard rodeo team sets crawfish boil

The Howard College rodeo team will hold its annual crawfish boil April 16 at 2 p.m. at the H.C. Rodeo Bowl during Howard College's annual rodeo.

The cost is \$15, which includes ticket into rodeo.

For more information, contact Howard rodeo coach Greg Kernick at 816-9477.

#### C.G.A. to host benefit tourney

The Chicano Golf Association will host a benefit golf tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course for Christina Rodriguez Sunday.

The tournament will follow a four man scramble format and costs \$20 per player plus green fees.

The event will use a shotgun start beginning at 11 a.m., but teams must be registered by 10:30 a.m.

Barbeque plates will also be served for \$5 each with all proceeds going toward medical expenses for Rodriguez.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

#### Pony baseball league sets last signups

The Big Spring Pony Baseball League has announced final signup days will begin Monday and run through Friday, March 18.

The league is for boy's ages 13-15 and the signups will take place at All-District Screen Printing from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$65 per person and it is the last opportunity to play this season.

Pony League tryouts will take place March 22 at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Mike Ritchey at 263-8857.

#### Coahoma sets Pony League signups

The Coahoma Little League will hold signups from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Coahoma ballpark off I-20.

The fee — for boys aged 13-15 — is \$60. A birth certificate is also needed.

For more information, contact Jill Ringener at 816-1532.

## Offense leads Howard men to wins in Abilene

By TROY HYDE

ABILENE — The Howard College baseball team had two good bounce back games Wednesday as the Hawks defeated McCook and Abilene Christian University in Abilene and improved to 15-5 on the season.

The Hawks defeated McCook, 7-0, before dominating ACU, 20-3.

#### GAME ONE

Scottie Moore and Matthew Shephard combined to shut down McCook at the plate in

the first game Wednesday. Moore got the win, while Shephard recorded the save. They combined to allow just four hits and struck out 10 batters.

"It was a good bounce back game for our pitchers after the weekend's conference games," said Howard coach Britt Smith. "Scottie worked out of some jams and got some key strike outs when he needed them."

The Hawks scored their first run in the opening inning before adding two in the fourth and four in the sixth.



Ryan Femath and Darby Brown both went two-for-three at the plate and scored two runs, while Will Basom hit a two-run home run in the fourth. Daman Aaron went one-for-three. His only hit of the game was a bases loaded triple in the sixth inning and he later scored on a wild pitch.

#### GAME TWO

The Hawks needed just

five innings to take care of ACU in the nightcap. Howard scored all 20 of its runs in the first three innings and cruised to a 20-3 win. All three ACU runs were scored in the first three innings, as well.

Parker Sisk went the distance on the mound for Howard and recorded the win after giving up three earned runs on six hits. He struck out five and walked one.

Several Hawks hit the ball well at the plate, said Smith.

"It was as well as we have played all year offen-

sively," he added. "We just swung the bats well, ran with it and never looked back."

Three of Howard's first five batters hit triples and the Hawks rolled from there.

Brown went four-for-five in the game. He had five RBI off two home runs. He led off the third inning with a solo shot and then came to the plate later in the inning and crushed a grand slam. He has five home runs on the season.

"He had a good day at

## Western Nebraska gets back two with sweep of Howard

#### Hawk women get close, fall short in second doubleheader

By TROY HYDE

Western Nebraska took two games back from Howard (9-13) Wednesday in a doubleheader at Foundation Field. The Hawk women fell short in both games after sweeping Western Tuesday.

Howard got down early in game No. 1 and rallied in the bottom of the seventh, but fell short, losing 4-2. The second game went four extra innings as Western Nebraska scored two runs in the top of the 11th to win, 6-5.

#### GAME ONE

Western Nebraska pitcher Kassie Killion pitched seven strong innings and captured the win in game No. 1. She scattered 10 hits, walked one and gave up two earned runs and was given just enough offense by her teammates.

Killion breezed through the first six innings as Western Nebraska built a 3-0 lead. They scored their first run in the fourth inning. Elisa Torres crossed the plate after an error by Howard allowed Nicole Messman to reach base safely.

Western grabbed a three-run lead in the fifth inning. Katrina Marquez started the inning with a walk, while Jessica Fast reached base on an error. After a Sydney Reyes strike out, Marquez touched home plate on a sacrifice fly by Andrea Long. Fast later scored on an RBI single off the bat of Torres.

Torres added another RBI in the top of the seventh inning as Western Nebraska pushed the lead to 4-0. Reyes got on base with a bunt single and then stole second before eventually scoring on Torres' sacrifice fly.

Howard did not score its first runs until its last at-

bat. After a Paula Sanders pop out, Rebecca Renfro singled to start the rally. Western Nebraska retired Michelle Teller before sophomore Amy Hitzfeld hit a towering home run over the left field fence to cut the Hawks' deficit to two. However, that is as close as Howard got as freshman Whitney Hufford ended the game with a ground out.

"We were probably too aggressive at the plate and weren't working the count very well," said Dickens. "We swung at bad pitches."

Sophomore Andrea Renteria took the loss on the mound for Howard. She threw seven innings, gave up three earned runs on five hits and struck out two, while walking five.

Renfro and Sanders each went two-for-three at the plate to lead Howard. Hitzfeld went one-for-three with a home run and two RBI. She also walked, while Renfro added a run.

Torres led Western Nebraska at the plate. She went three-for-three with one run and two RBIs.

Both teams stranded seven runners on base, but Howard left the bases loaded in the fifth inning. Western Nebraska was able to get out of the inning after Reyes made a diving catch of a line drive blast by Hufford.

#### GAME TWO

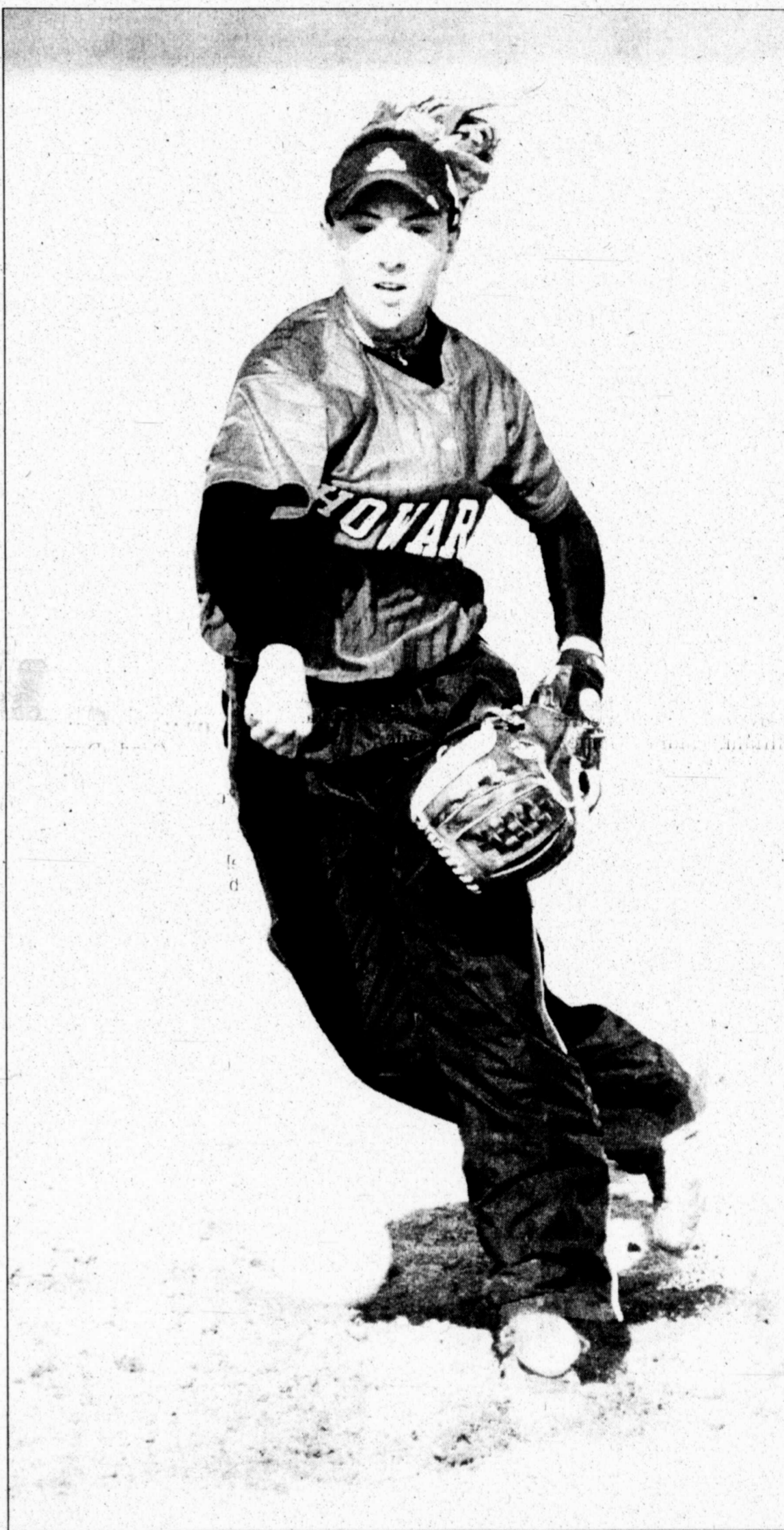
Howard grabbed the lead early in game No. 2 behind starting pitcher Jody Clark, but wasn't able to finish on top as the Hawks lost in 11 innings.

Howard opened up the game with a two-run first inning. Renfro doubled and Krista Rams was hit by a pitch to start the inning. After Hitzfeld was retired, Hufford smashed a two-RBI single to put Howard up early.

Western Nebraska tied the game in the third inning but had just one hit in the stanza. They scored on two past balls as Howard assisted Western Nebraska with an error and a hit batsman.

Both teams scored in the fifth inning. Western Nebraska scored two runs

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Howard freshman Jody Clark slings a pitch to the plate against Western Nebraska in game No. 2 of a doubleheader Wednesday. The Hawks dropped both games Wednesday after getting the sweep of Western Tuesday. Clark pitched four innings in game No. 2, but was not involved in the final decision. Howard returns to WJAC play Friday and Saturday at Western Texas College in Snyder.

## Hoskins named all-American in heptathlon

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Brandon Hoskins, who is the son of Garden City Athletic Director Ken Hoskins, finished ninth in the NCAA Division I men's heptathlon at the 2005 National Indoor Track and Field Championships held March 11 and 12 at the Randal Tyson Track Center at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark.

The heptathlon consists of seven events con-

ducted over two days. The first day includes the 60 meter dash, long jump, shot put and high jump, while day two consists of the 60 meter hurdles, pole vault and the 1000 meter run. Points for each event are awarded based on the numerical result, not the finish in relation to the other competitors.

Hoskins, who is a red-shirt freshman at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., won the 1,000 meter run on his way to amassing 5,263 points. Because three of the top eight were natives of a foreign coun-

try, Hoskins finished sixth among American athletes to garner the coveted Division I All-American Honors. He also ranked as the top freshman in the nation.

Auburn University's Maurice Smith won the heptathlon with 6,042 points.

Hoskins' results for the seven events were as follows: 60 meter dash, 7.16 seconds; long jump, 21-7; shot put, 41-2.25; high jump, 6-0; 60 meter hurdles, 8.64 seconds; pole vault, 14-9; 1,000 meter run, 2:42.92.

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**IN BRIEF**

**B.S. Lady Steer**

**Booster meeting set**

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster Club has set a meeting for Monday at 6 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of girls — including freshman — involved in cheerleading, volleyball, basketball, track and training are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 466-1711.

**B.S. Softball Booster Club meeting set**

The Big Spring Lady Steer Softball Booster Club has set a meeting for Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of girls — including freshman — involved in the softball program are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 466-1711.

**B.S. Little League Umpires Association sets final meetings**

The Big Spring Little League Umpires Association has announced its final two meetings before the new season begins.

The meetings will take place on the next two Saturdays at the Courthouse, beginning at 10 a.m. both days.

For more information, call Don Booth at 816-9748.

**SOFTBALL**

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off a double by Shae Radford, before Howard cut the lead to one in the its half of the fifth. Jessica Plemons doubled and then scored off an RBI single by Amanda Kuramata.

The Hawks tied the game in the seventh inning as Kuramata scored on a Sanders sacrifice fly.

Both teams had their chances in the eighth, ninth and 10th innings, but neither squad was able to cross the plate.

Messman's RBI single and Amber Martinez's RBI ground out in the top of the 11th inning put Western Nebraska up by two. The key play in the inning was Howard's inability to get an out on a run down situation: The girl caught in the run down later scored.

"We should have taken down the runner during the run down situation," said Dickens. "That was a big play because if she doesn't score we would still be playing right now since only one run would have scored for them."

Howard got within one in its half of the 11th inning on an RBI single by Hufford, but the Hawks failed to cross again, stranding two runners on base.

The Hawks stranded 15 runners on base in the game and were thrown out at home three times — two being questionable calls by the umpire.

"I thought they were both safe, but especially thought Bethany (Rose) was there in time," said Dickens. "And there is no way they can throw out



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard freshman Krista Rams lays down a successful bunt against Western Nebraska during game No. 2 of a doubleheader Wednesday. Howard lost both games and is now 9-13.

our fastest player on a past ball when the ball goes all the way to the back stop. The umpire said she was tagged in the shoulder, but she slid feet first and her feet had to touch the plate before her shoulder got tagged.

"I don't ever blame a loss on the officials, though."

Clark took a no decision on the mound for Howard. She threw four innings, gave up one earned run on two hits.

Renteria took the loss, going the final seven innings. She gave up four runs on seven hits.

"The pitchers did what they had to do to win,"

said Dickens. "The game went 11 innings so both teams did well with the pitching."

Stacey Arnold started for Western Nebraska, but Killion was awarded the win after pitching in the final six-and-two-thirds innings.

Kuramata, Plemons and Rose had three hits apiece at the plate to lead Howard. Hufford went two-for-six, but had three RBIs. Renfro and Rams each got a hit and scored a run, as well.

Howard travels to Snyder Friday and Saturday for four games with Western Junior College Athletic

Conference rival Western Texas College. The Hawks split with Western Texas at home during the team's first meeting, but Dickens said she wants to get a sweep this weekend.

"We need to get a sweep there because we have to beat the teams we are supposed to beat," she added. "Western Nebraska got us ready to play this weekend though."

Howard is currently third in the conference with a 6-4 record. Midland is 6-0, while Odessa sits at 8-2.

The games Friday and Saturday will begin at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. each day.

**BASEBALL**

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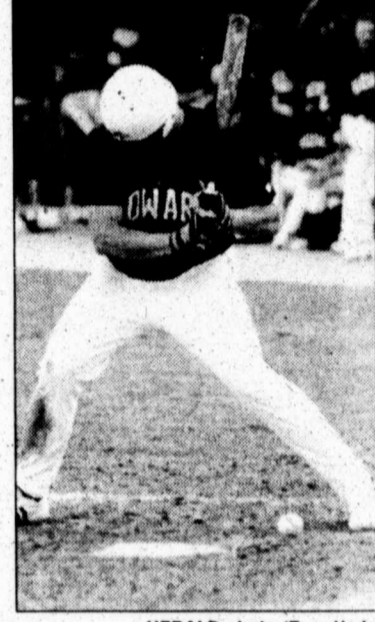
the plate I think," said Smith. "He had 900 feet worth of home runs in the same inning."

Tanner Mattson also went four-for-five and he scored three runs and had three RBIs, as well. Jason Anderson had two triples, while Aaron and Basom also added a combined four hits and five RBIs.

Howard scored five in the opening inning, then added seven runs in the second and eight in the third. ACU scored one run in each of the first three innings.

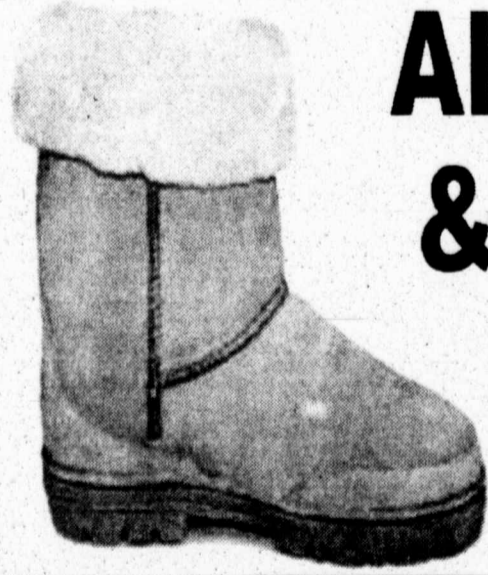
The Hawks will host LCU in a doubleheader Tuesday at Jack Barber Field. The first game will begin at 1 p.m.

They will then travel to Abilene to take on Trinidad State at Hardin Simmons University Wednesday.



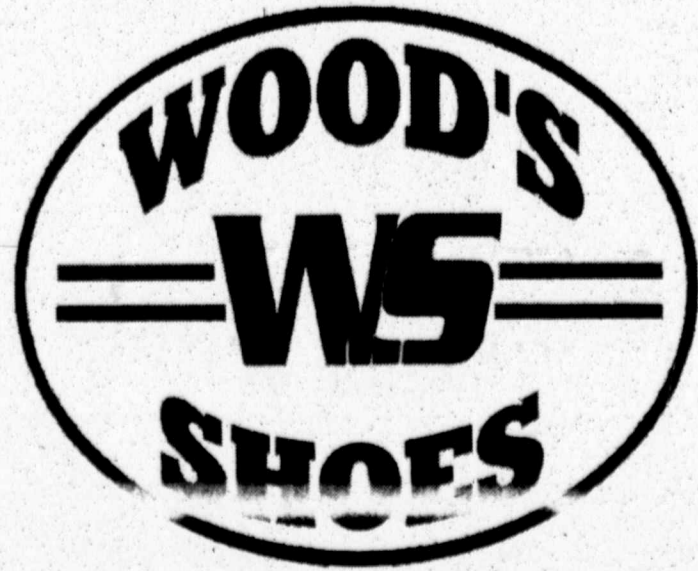
HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard freshman Josh Dillon takes a ball on a pitch in the dirt in a previous game this season. The Hawks got two wins Wednesday in Abilene.

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Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Once you start a project, dynamic people start to join. Keeping these folks interested requires that you give them their "props" for what they add to the mix. Become a compliment-spewing machine!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Release—even if it means letting out a blood-curdling primal scream! Bottled-up energy is detrimental. Too much time in a windowless room is bad for your soul. Find your patch of open sky to stretch out under.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). A rare encounter is featured. You're face to face with the qualities you appreciate but seldom experience: stillness, tranquility, surrender. Are you strong enough to give in? There's nothing to lose but your own baggage.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Something you were unable to accomplish yesterday is now quite doable. All you need is the guts to try again. With more than your usual exuberance, you can convince a VIP to join your team.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're like a cat playing with string. You consciously know that nothing will come of the activity. This string is no match for you and will never be conquered or killed in the end. But isn't the exercise fun?

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Return to your childhood fantasy. It's more plausible than ever now. In fact, all impossible scenarios are possible today, for no other reason than this: You are choosing to see problems as opportunities.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The demands that are made of you are tedious, menial and, quite frankly, beneath you. (You're not a robot!) However, it's your attitude that can transform a boring task into a Zen exercise.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you're with that person who makes your heart beat faster, the whole world looks different. There's a magical cast to the scene, as if you're seeing things through colored glass under a smiling sun.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Confidence will attract money to you—or at least attract people who have money. You have the guts to greet anyone as though you know that you're someone worth knowing and knowing well.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Notions once deemed unsafe or impractical now get another look. You're not as concerned about security as you once were, which makes it possible to explore new business options. Maybe you'll dream up an idea for a movie.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The situation calls for you to get along with everybody. Everybody. Even the person you have nothing in common with, aside from the fact that you are both carbon-based life forms.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll run into the vain, gluttonous and misguided. The natural tendency is to consider yourself superior, but this gets you nowhere. Instead, use the scenario as an opportunity for you to practice humility.

Legals

No. 43546-CV  
IN THE INTEREST OF  
CALLEIGH JEAN FARMER  
A CHILD IN THE  
DISTRICT COURT  
118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF TEXAS

To JOHN EDWIN FARMER, Respondent:  
You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

The petition of ADRIAN AYALA and STARLA AYALA, Petitioners, was filed in the 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, on February 22, 2005 against JOHN EDWIN FARMER, Respondent, number 43546-CV and entitled "In the Interest of CALLEIGH JEAN FARMER, a child." The suit requests the termination of the parent-child relationship. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit: CALLEIGH JEAN FARMER  
February 22, 2003  
Big Spring, Texas

The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.  
#4473 February 24 & March 3, 10, 17, 2005.

Real Estate for Sale



**2 STORY** House in great condition. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, office, fireplace. 2 large storage buildings, large gazebo, 2150 sq. ft., 3/4 acre. Beautiful yard. \$105,000. (432)263-4080.

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**4 BEDROOM**, 3 bath house on 40 acres for Sale, w/barn and work shop, in Coahoma School District. \$224,000.00 For appointment call (432)263-0658 or 816-9565.

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**DON'T PASS** This One Up. Priced to Sell! Newly remodeled 2/3 bedroom, 1 bath, beautiful fenced yards, large workshop, storage shed. By appointment only (432)267-1883.

**FOR SALE** by owner. 605 McEwen. Two bedroom, one bath, two living areas, CH/A, fenced yard, storage building. \$1,500. down. (432)263-1792, 816-9984.

**FOR SALE:** Good 4 bedroom, 2 bath-\$300. 10 years. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath- Older-\$3,000.00. 2 Bedroom- very good, \$5,000. 1 Bedroom-Cheap. (432)264-0510.

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**NO DOWN** Payment on 2 thru 6 Bedroom Brick Homes. Owner Financing. Bad Credit OK. We can adjust your monthly payments to fit your Budget. Call Maria (432)263-3461.

**SMALL PARTIAL** land for sale. 5 miles south of Big Spring & 1 1/2 miles west of Coahoma. Owner will Finance or Texas Veterans. (432)263-8785.

Vehicles

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1809 Johnson- 2/1 bath, washer, dryer connections, new paint & carpet. \$525. month, \$275. deposit. 407 & 407-1/2 East 8th - 1/1 bath. \$250. month, \$150. deposit. All have CH/A. Call (432)267-2296.

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**BUILDING** for LEASE on 1308 North HWY 350, \$200.00 month plus \$200.00 deposit. Call WESTEX Auto Parts at (432)263-5000.

**EAST SIDE** clean 2 bedroom 1 bath. \$325. month, \$325. deposit. References required. Call (432)267-7721.

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**FOR RENT** 2 bedroom, \$300. month; 3 bedroom, \$400. month; 1 bedroom, \$275. month. Moren. (432)267-7380.

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403 E. 8th Street  
Spacious 1 Bedroom's  
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All bills paid  
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700 sq ft one bedroom  
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**CORONADO HILLS APTS.**  
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801 W. Marcy  
Big Spring, Tx 79720

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1 & 2 Bedrooms  
Cable TV Service  
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**THE CITY** of Big Spring will be testing for the position of Certified Police Officer at 8:30 A.M. on Thursday, April 28, 2005 at the Police Training Center on 307 East 4th. Applications are being accepted through 5:00 PM Monday, April 25, 2005. For further information contact City Hall Personnel at 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call 432-264-2346. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications may also be obtained from website: www.ci.big-spring.tx.us

**TUBING TESTER** operator/derrick man. Must pass drug test. Good wages. Call Jesse. (432)267-5818 after 7:00 p.m. only!

**WAREHOUSE/ DELIVERY** person needed to move furniture. Must be motivated. Good driving record required. Must be 21. Paid vacation & holidays. Apply in person, Credit World, 1611 Gregg. No Phone Calls!



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Swimming Pool  
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Unfurnished  
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263-5000

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Help Wanted

**IMMEDIATE OPENING** for experienced Ford Parts Counter Person. Inquire at Parts Department. Don Belew (432)267-7424.

**LEGAL SECRETARY/** Legal Assistant. Must be proficient with Microsoft Work or Word-Perfect. Resume required. Call (432)263-2104 for appointment.

**MARKETING COORDINATOR** Needed for an inpatient Geropsychiatry program located at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring, TX. Clinical experience with the elderly is preferred and an outgoing personality is required. For information call Jay DeBeir at 630-466-8064 or fax resume to 630-466-8063 or e-mail to jdebeir@signethealth.com.

**MARTIN COUNTY** Home Health (Stanton)  
Full time Director. Contact Norma RN @ (432)756-3259 Fax resume to: (432)756-4510.

**MUST HAVE** working knowledge of mfg. and machinery. Good scholastic record a plus. Benefit package includes medical, life insurance and paid vacation. American Limestone Co., 2515 Apron Drive, Big Spring.

**PARK VILLAGE** Apartments hiring experienced maintenance supervisor. AC certified and plumbing required. Competitive pay and benefits. Apply at 1905 Wasson Rd. 9:30am-noon, Monday-Friday.

**SERVICE TECH** NEEDED - Must be hard working, devoted and honest. Growing Oilfield Service company seeks dedicated mature people to grow with us. Responsibilities include set up, break down, repair & service, inventory control, customer relations and field paperwork. Great benefits, great people, great opportunities. Pay DOE. Call for directions. (432)699-0050.

**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT** Fun Valley Family Resort in South Fork, Colorado. Needs students to work all types of jobs. Housekeeping, dining room, horse wrangler, kitchen and maintenance. Salary, room, board & bonus. For information and application write Personal Director, 9010 Ravenswood, Granbury, Tx. 76049.

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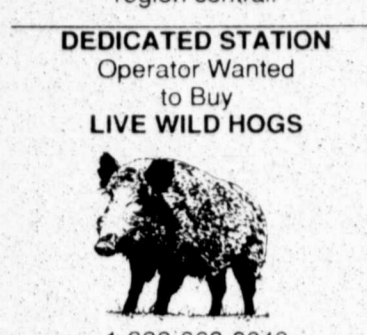
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Garden City, Tx 79739  
Reply to:  
HR Dept., P.O. Box 5089  
Abilene, TX 79608  
Fax: (325)672-5034  
Email: jobs@txbollweevil.org  
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Pre-employment drug testing required

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Apply in person  
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**DUNCAN DISPOSAL** - Now hiring a driver for the Coahoma area. Need at least a Class B CDL. Experience Preferred for a driver's position. Please come by the Duncan Disposal office/yard at 1104 N.W. Broadway, Coahoma, Tx - Monday-Thursday 2p-4p and on Fridays 1p-3p to apply in person. Must be able to pass mandatory DOT and corporate drug testing requirements. No phone calls please.  
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**GROWING OILFIELD** service company looking for a Field Service Technician. Qualifying applicant must have clean driving record and pass UA. Background check required. Responsibilities include repair & rebuilding equipment, field service, long hours, paperwork and desire to succeed. Company benefits include 401K plan, Health, Vision, and Dental Insurance, Paid Vacation, Paid Holidays, Uniform, Safety Training. Serious only need apply. Call (432)699-0050 for directions.

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We have 4 openings available immediately.  
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THURSDAY

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| 7:30 PM  | Jake-Progress             | Jake-Progress             | Apuesta por un Amor           | Point Pleasant (CC)       | NCAA Tournament                   | La Mujer en el Espejo     | Will & Grace              | Movie: Miss Congeniality (CC) (DVS)    | Update/Israel Biblical Israel | West Tex Jmi TX Mnthly Talk | Anatomy of Sex            | Movie: Death Wish II      | CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn | NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Miami Heat | The Parkers               | Movie: The Luck of the Irish (CC) | Boxing 1975 Muhammad Ali vs. Ron Lyle | Paris and Men's (CC)               | 45 Movie: The Madness of King George (CC) |
| 8:30 PM  | Extreme Makeover          | Extreme Makeover          | Amor Real                     | Malcolm-Mid. 70s Show     | NCAA Tournament                   | La Ley del Silencio       | News Tonight Show         | 15 Movie: Miss Congeniality (CC) (DVS) | The Hour of Healing           | Charlie Rose (CC)           | Anatomy of Sex            | Movie: Death Wish 3       | MXC MXC                   | Miami Heat NBA                                   | Club Comic View           | Sister, Sister Even Stevens       | Tennis: Pacific Life Open             | Brian Botano's Spectacular         | 45 Movie: The Madness of King George (CC) |
| 9:30 PM  | PrimeTime Live            | PrimeTime Live            | Aqui y Ahora                  | Malcolm-Mid. 70s Show     | NCAA Tournament                   | La Ley del Silencio       | News Tonight Show         | 15 Movie: Miss Congeniality (CC) (DVS) | The Hour of Healing           | Charlie Rose (CC)           | Anatomy of Sex            | Movie: Death Wish 3       | MXC MXC                   | Miami Heat NBA                                   | Club Comic View           | Sister, Sister Even Stevens       | Tennis: Pacific Life Open             | Brian Botano's Spectacular         | 45 Movie: The Madness of King George (CC) |
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"Oh, look, Martha, it's your little friend from next door... and he's carrying a lethal weapon."

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"It's a smoke detector. It's for when my dad is cooking dinner."

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 17, the 76th day of 2005. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 17, A.D. 461, according to tradition, St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, died in Saul.

On this date:

In 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.

In 1905, 100 years ago, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt married Franklin Delano Roosevelt in New York.

In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed. It was formally presented to the public on this day two years later.

In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington, D.C.

In 1942, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Australia to become supreme commander of Allied forces in the southwest Pacific theater during World War II.

In 1950, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, "californium."

In 1958, the U.S. Navy launched the Vanguard 1 satellite.

In 1966, a U.S. midget submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb which had fallen from an American bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain.

In 1969, Golda Meir became prime minister of Israel.

In 1992, 28 people were killed in the truck bombing of the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Today's Birthdays: The former national chairwoman of the NAACP, Myrlie Evers-Williams, is 72. Rock musician Paul Kantner is 64. Singer-songwriter Jim Weatherly is 62. Singer-songwriter John Sebastian (The Lovin' Spoonful) is 61. Rock musician Harold Brown (War) is 59. Actor Patrick Duffy is 56. Actor Kurt Russell is 54. Country singer Susie Allanson is 53. Actress Lesley-Anne Down is 51. Country singer Paul Overstreet is 50. Actor Gary Sinise is 50. Actress Vicki Lewis is 45. Actor Casey Siemaszko is 44. Writer-director Rob Sitch is 43. Actor Rob Lowe is 41. Rock singer Billy Corgan is 38. Rock musician Van Conner (Screaming Trees) is 38. Actor Mathew St. Patrick ("Six Feet Under") is 37. Actor Yanic Truesdale is 36.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

TURNING TAIL by Fred Piscop

Edited by Stanley Newman

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  - 6 Epic tale
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  - 20 Tot's "magic word"
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  - 27 Hits head-on
  - 31 Support the team
  - 32 Spanish gentleman
  - 34 Julia's Oscar role
  - 35 USNA grad
  - 36 Stretches of land
  - 39 Verdi heroine
  - 40 Dame
  - 42 Motel freebie
  - 43 European capital
  - 45 Shucker's unit
  - 46 Sicilian peak
  - 47 Moon vehicle
  - 48 Church official: Abbr.
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  - 9 Williams of Happy Days
  - 10 Hammer-wielding god
  - 11 Result of a barracks prank?
  - 12 Historian Durant
  - 13 Peter Pan girl
  - 18 Accountant's book-closing time
  - 22 Env. info
  - 24 Stereo forerunner
  - 25 "The hostess with the ..."
  - 27 Paper buy
  - 28 Prima donna's number
  - 29 Third of five courses?
  - 30 Game catcher
  - 33 Desert stops
  - 36 Barbecue site
  - 37 Zesty taste
  - 38 Tiff
  - 41 Go ballistic
  - 44 "Don't worry about me"
  - 48 Run the team
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NASCAR Busch Series rookie Reed Sorenson drives the No. 41 Discount Tire Dodge for Chip Ganassi Racing.

## Quick study

Reed Sorenson, 19, is off to a fast start in Busch Series

BY DAVID POOLE  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

There's a photo on Reed Sorenson's Web site that shows a young boy, perhaps 4 or 5 years old, posing with seven-time NASCAR champion Dale Earnhardt.

Earnhardt, kneeling in his familiar white and black fire suit, is still a little taller than the lad. But Sorenson, the boy in that photo, is already off to a flying start in a racing career that, he hopes, will someday measure up to stars like Earnhardt.

Sorenson just turned 19 last month, but already he's making a mark in the NASCAR Busch Series.

Going into Saturday's Aaron's 312 at Atlanta Motor Speedway, he's fourth in the series standings, 126 points behind Kevin Harvick.

Harvick won't be running a full schedule in the Busch Series this year, but Sorenson will race in a Dodge owned by Chip Ganassi Racing. He trails only Carl Edwards and Clint Bowyer right now among those who will be racing for the drivers' championship.

This is a big week for Sorenson, who grew up in Peachtree City, Ga., just a few miles from Atlanta Motor Speedway.

"We're going to have a lot of hometown fans here so you always want to do good in front of them," said Sorenson, who graduated from Atlanta's Woodward Academy last year and has since moved to the Charlotte, N.C., area. "We were fast there last year so that was pretty cool to be fast at your hometown track."

Sorenson made five Busch Series starts in 2004, and his 29th-place finish at Atlanta



Despite his age, Sorenson has been racing cars for more than a decade.

Motor Speedway was actually his worst result. That's deceiving, however, because he led 49 laps in that race before getting into an accident that ruined what might have been a very memorable day.

Sorenson has finished ninth, fifth, 14th and sixth in this year's first four Busch races and already has six top-10 finishes in nine career starts in the series. In many ways, that success seems to be only a logical progression in a career that's already had its share of highlights.

He began driving quarter midget cars at age 6 and won 250 races and nine Southeastern championships before winning a

### FINISHING STRONG

Sorenson has placed well in the first four races of the 2005 Busch season.

| Race                       | Finish |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Hershey's Take 5 300       | Ninth  |
| Slater Bros. 300           | Fifth  |
| Telcel Motorola Mexico 200 | 14th   |
| Sam's Town 300             | Sixth  |

national title in 1997. With his father, Brad, working with him every step of the way, Sorenson then moved to Legends cars and racked up 84 victories in five years of competition.

He competed in the American Speed Association and the Southern All-Stars Late Model Series in 2002, then won ASA rookie of the year honors in 2003. Last year, he contended for the ASA championship and won a race in that series at Lowe's Motor Speedway, Atlanta's sister track.

Sorenson is no stranger to the Atlanta facility. He began racing Legends cars on the quarter-mile oval located in the tri-oval here at the age of 12.

"That seems like it was so long ago," he said. "Just to be in a facility like this when you are 12 is pretty neat. Now it's kind of cool to come back and run on the big track."

Sorenson will try to treat this weekend like any other as he goes through his first full season in a NASCAR series as part of the Chip Ganassi Racing driver development program.

"As far as the season goes, there's not too much difference," he said. "But on a personal level you always want to do good here."

### RANKINGS

#### THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. **Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48):** Has finished sixth or better in nine straight races since October. That's a serious roll, sports fans. Last week: 1.

2. **Kurt Busch (car No. 97):** Second, third and third to start his championship defense the same way he won it. Last week: 2.

3. **Jeff Gordon (car No. 24):** Anybody questioning his desire for a fifth title isn't watching him race so far in 2005. Last week: 3.

4. **Greg Biffle (car No. 16):** Last year Biffle might have pushed too hard instead of accepting a sixth at Las Vegas. Last week: 4.

5. **Tony Stewart (car No. 20):** Nothing flashy so far this year, but Atlanta is a place where he could be a contender. Last week: 6.

6. **Ryan Newman (car No. 12):** Seems to be spirited these days. Late-race Vegas battle with Gordon got his dander up. Last week: 8.

7. **Kevin Harvick (car No. 29):** Why try to pull a last one in qualifying? Nobody cares about qualifying any more. Last week: 12.

8. **Elliott Sadler (car No. 38):** This car went from junk to contender and then back to junk again at Las Vegas. Last week: 7.

9. **Mark Martin (car No. 6):** Fought through difficulties to avert total disaster and salvage a few points at Vegas. Last week: 5.

10. **Carl Edwards (car No. 99):** Nobody's having more fun. Don't forget how strong he was at Atlanta last fall. Last week: 11.

For the rest of the top-40 rankings go online and visit [www.thatstracin.com](http://www.thatstracin.com).

## Let fans have final say on race weekend schedules

If you're looking for a pattern early in the 2005 NASCAR Nextel Cup season, it should be easy to spot. It's plaid, or maybe paisley.

The schedule for last weekend's UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway was a third variation on this year's agenda.

Qualifying was held Friday afternoon and Cup cars had two practices on Saturday morning.

Three weeks ago at California Speedway, the new "impound" schedule saw cars practice on Friday, qualify on Saturday and then sit untouched until the race on Sunday.

This week at Atlanta Motor Speedway, there's practice on Friday, qualifying that night and then the Cup garage is closed with the cars impounded until Sunday.

The kaleidoscopic scheduling has some people in the sport complaining already, but what's going on this year is a means to an end.

Eventually, NASCAR wants to impound Cup cars after qualifying everywhere.

But some tracks, the ones where they actually try to make qualifying a ticket worth buying, are resisting the push toward that.

These tracks, mostly the ones that are owned by Bruton Smith's Speedway Motorsports Inc., have sponsors for their pole days and so far have declined to abrogate those deals to fold qualifying into the same day as a Busch or Truck support race.

The resulting hodgepodge this year will make it tougher for fans and race teams alike to keep up with what's happening. Sometimes, you'll know by supper on Friday who you've got in that week's office pool. Other weeks, you won't find out until after lunch on Saturday.



One long-term goal of all this is the right one, the idea that if cars come to the race track set up the way they're going to race, all of the work that goes on that weekend will go toward making it race better.

Eliminating, to whatever degree is possible, specialized qualifying setups is a great idea. Making a car go fast for one lap has nothing to do with making it run well all day, so the time and money spent on those setups is largely wasted.

Even if teams find other ways to spend the money that might be saved by getting away from that, it will at least be money spent toward making the actual competition better, at least in theory.

On the other hand, too much is being made about another potential effect of the altered schedules.

What NASCAR wants to get to eventually is bringing Cup cars in for inspection on Friday afternoons so they can practice early on Saturday and then qualify later that day. If the cars have to be there on Fridays, so will the guys who work on them. Maybe they could fly in that morning, instead of traveling on Thursdays in some weeks.

However, if tracks like the ones in Atlanta, Las Vegas, Texas and Charlotte can regularly draw 75,000 people for qualifying days and therefore want to hold them separately, then that's how it should be done — even if that means the Cup guys have to find something else to do with their newfound idle time on Saturdays.

Ultimately, if it comes down to a decision about what works best for people who're buying the tickets as opposed to what the people who're getting paid to be here prefer, the ticket-buyers should have the trump card.

### THIS WEEK'S RACE

#### GOLDEN CORRAL 500

Where: Atlanta Motor Speedway, a 1.54-mile banked paved tri-oval located in Hampton, Ga.

When: Sunday at 1:15 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 7:10 p.m. Friday.

TV: Fox

Radio: Performance Racing Network

Purse: N/A

Last year's winner: Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Also this week: Reigning NASCAR Truck Series champion Bobby Hamilton continues his work on a repeat in Friday night's race at Atlanta.

Busch Series points leader Kevin Harvick relinquishes his No. 21 Chevrolet to Richard Childress Racing rookie teammate Brandon Miller in Saturday's race.

### POLL POSITION

#### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

A lot of drivers have occupied the seat, but who was or is your favorite in the Budweiser-sponsored Cup car?

Cast your vote at: [www.thatstracin.com](http://www.thatstracin.com)

#### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

What is it going to take to win the UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway?

Number of votes: 4,943

| Driver             | No. of votes | Percent |
|--------------------|--------------|---------|
| The best team      | 3,059        | 62%     |
| The best car       | 729          | 15%     |
| A roll of the dice | 429          | 9%      |
| All of the above   | 339          | 7%      |
| The best driver    | 321          | 6%      |
| None of the above  | 66           | 1%      |

### STOP 'N GO

#### WHO'S HOT

Even with his team's penalty for an altered fuel cell in qualifying at Las Vegas, **Kevin Harvick** appears headed for a strong turnaround from 2004. He has finished sixth and fifth in his past two races.

Rookie **Kyle Busch's** learning curve is on a big upward track. Two weeks ago he wins his first Nextel Cup pole, then returns to his native Las Vegas last week for his first runner-up finish.

#### WHO'S NOT

**Richard Childress Racing** and **Hendrick Motorsports** got the brunt of NASCAR's iron fist, with hefty fines, crew chief suspensions and docked points for rule violations in Las Vegas. Despite the explanations offered, the bottom line if other cars can compete and pass inspection, why can't they?

**Kasey Kahne's** first three races of 2005 — 22nd, 40th, 38th. Enough said.

— Jim Utter

### BY THE NUMBERS

#### NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of March 13:

| Rank/Driver         | Points | Rank/Driver            | Points |
|---------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|
| 1. Kurt Busch       | 510    | 21. Scott Riggs        | 294    |
| 2. Jimmie Johnson   | 500    | 22. Kyle Busch         | 293    |
| 3. Greg Biffle      | 428    | 23. Bobby Hamilton Jr. | 291    |
| 4. Jeff Gordon      | 418    | 24. Joe Nemechek       | 291    |
| 5. Carl Edwards     | 408    | 25. Travis Kvapil      | 287    |
| 6. Tony Stewart     | 402    | 26. Jeremy Mayfield    | 286    |
| 7. Rusty Wallace    | 395    | 27. Dale Earnhardt Jr. | 274    |
| 8. Ryan Newman      | 389    | 28. Matt Kenseth       | 269    |
| 9. Mark Martin      | 374    | 29. Scott Wimmer       | 266    |
| 10. Kevin Harvick   | 369    | 30. Brian Vickers      | 239    |
| 11. Dale Jarrett    | 357    | 31. Ken Schrader       | 228    |
| 12. Mike Bliss      | 351    | 32. John Andretti      | 225    |
| 13. Elliott Sadler  | 348    | 33. Mike Wallace       | 224    |
| 14. Jamie McMurray  | 345    | 34. Kevin Lepage       | 208    |
| 15. Casey Mears     | 328    | 35. Michael Waltrip    | 206    |
| 16. Kyle Petty      | 324    | 36. Jason Leffler      | 204    |
| 17. Sterling Marlin | 323    | 37. Bobby Labonte      | 198    |
| 18. Dave Blaney     | 311    | 38. Kasey Kahne        | 194    |
| 19. Jeff Green      | 301    | 39. Ricky Rudd         | 158    |
| 20. Jeff Burton     | 299    | 40. Robby Gordon       | 104    |

#### BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of March 12:

| Rank/Driver         | Points | Rank/Driver       | Points |
|---------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| 1. Kevin Harvick    | 690    | 11. Joe Nemechek  | 413    |
| 2. Carl Edwards     | 610    | 12. Kenny Wallace | 412    |
| 3. Clint Bowyer     | 571    | 13. Tim Fedewa    | 409    |
| 4. Reed Sorenson    | 564    | 14. David Green   | 398    |
| 5. Martin Truex Jr. | 538    | 15. Randy LaJoie  | 385    |
| 6. Ashton Lewis     | 494    | 16. Jon Wood      | 376    |
| 7. David Stremme    | 452    | 17. Mark Martin   | 375    |
| 8. Shane Hmiel      | 431    | 18. Greg Biffle   | 350    |
| 9. Justin Labonte   | 427    | 19. Johnny Sauter | 345    |
| 10. Denny Hamlin    | 418    | 20. J.J. Yeley    | 343    |

NEXTRACE: Saturday, Aaron's 312, Hampton, Ga.

#### TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of Feb. 25:

| Rank/Driver       | Points | Rank/Driver        | Points |
|-------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| 1. Bobby Hamilton | 355    | 6. Steve Park      | 279    |
| 2. Ricky Craven   | 330    | 7. Johnny Benson   | 271    |
| 3. Jimmy Spencer  | 321    | 8. David Reutimann | 256    |
| 4. Ted Musgrave   | 310    | 9. Dennis Setzer   | 254    |
| 5. Matt Crafton   | 280    | 10. Casey Atwood   | 251    |

NEXTRACE: March 18, World Financial Group 200, Hampton, Ga.