



## One man released from hospital following alleged stabbing, wreck

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

A 19-year-old Big Spring accident victim has been released from the hospital following Monday night's alleged stabbing that led to a high speed crash north of Big Spring.

According to officials

with the Howard County Sheriff's Office, Joseph Olvera was released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center Wednesday after being treated for injuries in the accident.

Olvera's injuries are believed to have been sustained during a vehicle rollover at the intersec-

tion of Old Colorado City Highway and Old Gail Highway.

According to HCSO Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett, Olvera was involved in a high-speed chase following the report of a stabbing in Coahoma.

"Olvera was in the truck when it crashed,

along with 21-year-old Jesse Juarez Hernandez," said Pritchett.

"Hernandez is still in the intensive care unit at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, where he was life-flighted following the accident."

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Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring High School Band members Malle Carrasco, left, and Crystal Ward, both sophomores, were named to the Texas Music Educators Association Class 4A All-State Band.

## Best in the state

Two Big Spring sophomores earn top honors

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

In a good year, the Big Spring High School band has one member make the all-state band.

In a very good year, it has two. This is a very good year.

For the first time in seven years, the Steer Band had two members — sophomores Malle Carrasco and Crystal Ward — qualify for the

Texas Music Educators Association Class 4A All-State Band.

Clarinetist Carrasco and Ward, who plays piccolo, survived a

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KRT photo/Chuck Kennedy

Supreme Court nominee Judge Samuel Alito responds to a question during the third day of his Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearings on Capitol Hill in Washington.

## Confirmation hearings turn to right-to-die

By JESSE J. HOLLAND

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito said today that Americans have a right to designate family members or friends to carry out their right-to-die wishes, an issue pushed to the forefront last year by the case of a brain-damaged Florida woman.

On the fourth day of his confirmation hearings, President Bush's choice to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor fielded questions on the courts' role as people face their final hours.

Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, cited the case of Terri Schiavo, the Florida woman who was at the center of a fierce fight between her husband and family over her fate

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that involved the courts, Congress and even the president.

Leahy asked: If a person has a living will, could he designate someone to decide whether to use extraordinary measures to keep him alive?

"Yes, that's an extension of the traditional

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## Mayor: City aware of concern over vicious dogs

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Yes, the city is listening. That's the message Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen delivered Tuesday evening concerning a letter to the editor published in the *Herald* pertaining to vicious dogs and the city's efforts to eliminate them.

Responding to a letter written

by Big Spring resident Zona Lee, McEwen said the city has taken the fight to allow breed-specific ordinances — which are currently illegal according to the Texas Constitution — to its source in Austin.

"Someone wanted to know if the city council is doing anything about vicious dogs," said McEwen. "In fact, we've gone to the Texas Municipal

League's resolutions committee and passed a resolution to support legislation that talks about vicious animals and putting more teeth into the laws.

"It also looks at breed-specific legislation. If you look at the vicious dog attacks, they typically come from breeds such as Rottweilers and Pit Bulls. These are the breeds of dogs we have this type of problem

with."

McEwen said the laws, as they exist now, make no sense when it comes to how dogs must be designated as vicious.

"Right now, in the state of Texas, the worst that can happen to a dog-owner whose dog kills someone is a Class A misdemeanor," said McEwen. "It's just such a convoluted system. The rules right now say it has

to be done by what's been designated as a vicious dog, and to be designated as a vicious dog it has to attack someone. It doesn't make sense, the way things are right now.

"We're trying to do something and the city of Big Spring is at the forefront of trying to do that... And I think it will go for

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### MARY POPPINS DRYWALLED IN HOUSE

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP) — A basement remodeling project left Jany Chumas with one unsettling question after the drywalling was all done — where's the cat?

Mary Poppins, Chumas' pet cat, was nowhere to be found after the workers installed drywall in a room Jan. 2.

Chumas said the cat is "the sweetest little thing but quite shy," so she assumed at first that she had run away.

As more time passed, she suspected the 7-pound cat could be trapped, and she and her daughter headed for the basement to search.

"I called her — 'Here, kitty, kitty' — and I could hear this faint, weak meow coming

from behind the walls where they had just drywalled," Chumas said Tuesday.

She called the Eau Claire Fire Department on Friday and a crew went to the home — about five days after the remodeling work.

First they cut a small hole in the drywall near where Chumas heard the cat's cries, but they found only insulation. Later they cut into the ceiling and Chumas called into the hole.

Soon a weak, hungry, tired and dusty Mary Poppins "came tumbling out of the ceiling," Chumas said.

Some food and water put Mary Poppins on the road to recovery.

### POLL QUESTION

What do you think?

Do you think the creation of a pre-trial bonding service in Howard County, which would make it possible for more prisoners to bond out, will alleviate overcrowding in the county jail and make the construction of a new jail facility unnecessary?

To vote "yes," "no" or "don't care" go to the *Herald* Web site at [www.bigspringherald.com](http://www.bigspringherald.com) and look for the poll on the right side of the opening page.

You do not need to be a subscriber to participate in the poll.

And don't forget, the *Herald* will accept your photos for Photo of the Week at the same Web address.



## Obituaries

## Leo Reeves



Leo Reeves, 86, of San Antonio, formerly of Coahoma, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006, in San Antonio. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Bill Bates officiating. Private interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. He was born Oct. 24, 1919, in Bolivar, Mo.

Before moving to San Antonio, the Reeves had lived in Big Spring since 1933. Mr. Reeves was retired from the Cosden Pipeline Department and had served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a member of Coahoma United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Christine Reeves; one son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Helen Reeves; two granddaughters, Jennifer Reeves and Sheri Sheridan and husband, Scott; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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## Jerry L. Phifer

July 8, 1938 - Jan. 10, 2006



The Lord lifted Jerry up to heaven as he slept, in the company of his wife, Brenda and his cats, at his home in Big Spring. For many years, he had been battling bone disease. When cancer struck him last year, he fought a valiant fight once again, outliving the doctors' predictions before he finally succumbed on Tuesday.

Those of us who knew and loved Jerry will miss him very much. He was always on the side of the underdog and the mistreated. He did everything in his power to right the wrongs predicated upon people and animals less fortunate than he.

Jerry made us all proud to call him husband, father and friend. He was a member of the Beverly Hills Church of Christ.

Jerry was born in Dallas. He went into the Army before he was 18, so that he could fight in Korea alongside his brother, because their country needed them. After serving his four years plus a "Truman Year," he went on to become one of the best machinists in the United States. He could do amazing things with an engine lathe; things that can only be done by computer-controlled lathes these days.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Brenda; sisters, Fonscene and Katherine; daughters, Janet and Meloni; son, Phillip; eight grandchildren; six nieces and a nephew; and many, many friends.

No memorial is planned. Jerry asked that anyone who wants to make note of his passing, do so by contributing to a charity of his or her choice.

Although we will miss Jerry, he has joined his father, Truman; his mother, Alyce; his brother, Bob; his in-laws, Rudell and Geneva; and many other family members in everlasting peace and eternal rest.

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## Around Town

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

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

• **RAILROAD MUSEUM** at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

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

## Take note

• **EMERGENCY CHAPLAINS CORPS INTEREST MEETING** is set for 6 p.m. Monday at the First Church of God, 2200 block of Main, to provide information. New classes for the chaplains corps begin Feb. 6. For more information, call The Rev. Joel Miller at 267-4082 or 213-1221.

• **JOHN MOSELEY, MANAGING EDITOR OF THE BIG SPRING HERALD**, is receiving treatment at Duke University in Durham, N.C., because of the generosity of friends and this community. He welcomes cards and letters of encouragement. Write to John Moseley, 807 W. Trinity Ave., Apt. 126, Durham, N.C. 27701.

• **DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR LEADERSHIP BIG SPRING** is Jan. 25. Contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or obtain an application at the chamber office, 215 W. Third.

• **REHEARSALS FOR A CELEBRATION OF AMERICAN MUSIC: GEORGE GERSHWIN'S "PORGY AND BESS"** with the Big Spring Symphony Chorus begin at 7 p.m. Jan. 17 in the First United Methodist Church's choral rehearsal room. Rehearsal will continue until 8:45 p.m. The concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. April 8 in the Municipal Auditorium. For more information, contact Dr. Keith Graumann, symphony conductor, at 267-1626 or e-mail

## Police blotter

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

- **YESENIA LEDESMA**, 18, of 300 Tulane, was arrested Wednesday and held for the HCSO.
- **ANGELICA CAZARES**, 46, of 8513 El Camino Road, was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant and held for the HCSO.
- **DAVID GONZALES**, 34, of 507 N. Lamesa Highway, was arrested Wednesday on three local citations and a charge of failure to identify.
- **FORTUNATO ALVAREZ**, 18, of 1311 Wood, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 300 block of Fourth Street.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 400 block of Westover Road.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **JENNIE DEE NIX**, 46, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- **IRENE JIMENEZ HINOJOSA**, 41, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to adjudicate for hindering the apprehension/prosecution of a known felon.
- **CANDICE MARIE KILCOLLINS**, 20, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft by check.
- **ANGELICA MARGARET CAZARES**, 46, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **ADRIAN JEROME PERRY**, 38, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.
- **DANIEL JESUS LEMON**, 37, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft with a previous conviction.
- **GEORGE MICHAEL BERNHARDT**, 57, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1600 block of Canary. Service was refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 900 block of Willow. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Support groups

- THURSDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- FRIDAY**
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.
- SUNDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.
- MONDAY**
- Encourager's Support Group meets the first and third Monday each month. For more information, call 398-5522.
- TUESDAY**
- The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

Graumann@cox.net.

• **AARP TAX TRAINING IS SET FOR** Jan. 17-23 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Spring City Senior Center. Training on the computer aspect of the program is Jan. 24-27, also from 8 a.m. until noon at the Senior Center. Tax preparation will be available at the Senior Center every Monday from 8 a.m. until noon beginning Jan. 30. The AARP program will wrap-up for the year April 10. Electronic filing will be available. For more information on the program, contact Gloria Hopkins at 267-6733.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES** to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

• **HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS** with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

## Bulletin board

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

## TODAY

- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.
- Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.
- Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

## FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

## SATURDAY

- Free eye glasses are available from 9 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. in the Event Center, 1607 E. Third.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

## MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

## Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows around 30. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Cooler. Highs in the upper 50s. North winds around 10 mph shifting to the east in the afternoon.

Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Light and variable winds.

Saturday...Increasing clouds. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Decreasing clouds: Lows in the lower 40s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows in the lower 40s.

Martin Luther King Jr day...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers in the morning.

Highs in the upper 50s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Colder. Lows in the lower 30s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the mid 50s.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.

Wednesday...Increasing clouds. Highs in the lower 60s.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-10-18-36-44. Bonus Ball: 24.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: none. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$48 million.

...  
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 6-11-19-26-34

...  
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-9-4

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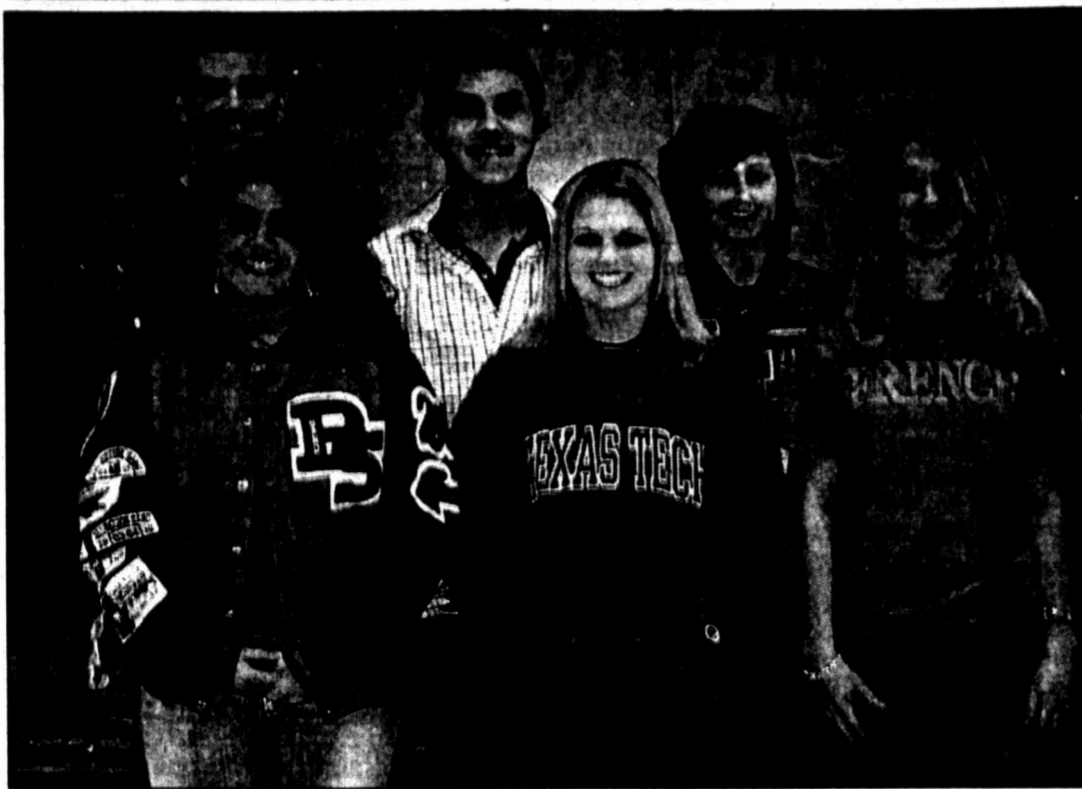
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Courtesy photo  
Big Spring High School Band members, first row, from left: Malle Carrasco, Meagan Smith and Crystal Ward, along with, second row, from left: Ryan Harris, Braden Burchett and Kristen Richard, were named to the Class 5A All-Region Band during recent tryouts. Brittany Galloway, not shown, also was named to the band.

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nerve-racking series of auditions and tryouts to qualify for the TMEA band, which will perform in concert next month in San Antonio.

Senior Brittany Galloway and junior Ryan Harris were named alternates to the all-state band, BSHS Band Director Rocky Harris said.

For Ward, the news was even sweeter. Carrasco learned of her honor at Saturday's area band tryouts in Odessa. Ward, however, was competing against six other regional winners for three chairs in the all-state band, which meant she had to

survive a playoff of sorts. She submitted a tape of her area tryout which was judged against the other regional winners by a panel of judges in San Antonio. Wednesday, she learned that she had earned the third and final spot in the all-state band.

Between whoops, screams, hugs and tears, she talked about what the honor meant to her.

"I've dreamed about this since I was a little child," Ward said. "I can barely fathom it. I've been worried sick for the past four days ... I really can't believe it, honestly."

Carrasco, who had four days for the news to sink in, was understandably a bit calmer Wednesday afternoon.

"I was pretty surprised (at the news)," she said. "I

didn't think I had done that great that day, because I was really nervous."

The honor culminates months of practice and preparation on the part of both girls.

"(I spent) countless hours practicing, until my lips were almost bleeding," Ward said. "You have to keep up a strict regimen."

Both earned first-chair honors at regional band auditions in Andrews last November, which qualified them for Saturday's tryout in Odessa.

Despite all the hours and pressures, both were thrilled with the all-state honor.

"It's really fun," Carrasco. "It was what I was working for."

Large group of Steers make All-Region band this year

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

A large contingent of Big Spring High School Band members won All-Region honors this school year.

Director Rocky Harris said 53 Steer Band members earned Texas Music Educators Association all-region recognition after tryouts in Andrews last November.

Of that number, 33 qualified for area band tryouts last Saturday in Odessa, the last step toward earning a spot in the TMEA All-State Band.

Sophomores Malle Carrasco and Crystal Ward earned all-state honors, while senior Brittany Galloway and junior Ryan Harris were selected as alternates.

In addition, seven BSHS band mem-

bers were selected to the Class 5A All-Region Band. This band includes students from the area's largest schools in Odessa and Midland, Harris said.

Carrasco, Ward and Harris were named to the Class 5A honor band, while junior Meagan Smith, senior Braden Burchett, senior Kristen Richard and Galloway were named to the Class 5A concert band.

In addition, Ward qualified for the all-region orchestra, Harris said.

The Class 5A All-Region Band will perform in concert on Saturday at Lee High School in Midland, while the Class 4A All-Region Band will perform in the Big Spring High School auditorium Jan. 28.

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ALITO

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right that I was talking about that existed under common law, and it's been developed by state legislatures and in some instances state courts to deal with the living will situation," Alito said.

Sen. Arlen Specter, the committee's chairman, opened the session by announcing that an examination of hundreds of documents from the founder of a controversial college alumni group found no mention of Alito.

The federal judge's membership in Concerned Alumni of Princeton, which discouraged the admission of women and minorities at the Ivy League school, has been a divisive issue at Alito's confirmation hearings, which entered a fourth day Thursday.

The questioning so far seems to have done little to alter Alito's prospects for a seat on the Supreme Court, with Republicans confident that the conservative jurist is well-suited for the job while skeptical Democrats warn that President Bush's nominee could help overturn abortion rights.

Bush selected the 55-year-old appellate court judge to replace O'Connor, who has been a decisive vote on issues such as abortion, the death penalty and affirmative action.

Democrats argue that Alito has built a conservative record on the 3rd

U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and as a lawyer in the Reagan Justice Department that foretells a rightward approach on the high court.

In days of testimony, Alito has said he has no recollection of his membership in the Princeton group despite highlighting his involvement on a Reagan-era job application.

Specter said the panel's staff combed through four boxes of documents at the Library of Congress of William Rusher, a founder of CAP, and came across nothing that mentioned Alito.

"The files contain dozens of articles, including investigative exposes written at the height of the organization's prominence, but Sam Alito's name is nowhere to be found in any of them," Specter said.

On Wednesday, during a contentious Day 3 of hearings that at one point left Alito's wife in tears, the federal appeals court judge remained unflappable under persistent questioning by Democrats who attacked his credibility.

"Many people will leave this hearing with a question as to whether or not

you could be the deciding vote that would eliminate the legality of abortion," Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois said during Democrats' grilling the nominee about whether he now believes, as he did in 1985, that the Constitution contains no right to an abortion.

Alito refused to say.

"I don't think it's appropriate for me to speak about issues that could realistically come up" before the courts, he said, falling back on a line also used by now-Chief Justice John Roberts and other Supreme Court members during their confirmation hearings.

Unlike Roberts, who said at his lower court confirmation hearing in 2003 that he thought Roe v. Wade was "settled law," Alito said it was a precedent that should be respected. He would neither agree nor disagree that it was settled law when asked repeatedly by Durbin.

Bush issues disaster declaration for Texas

DALLAS (AP) — President Bush issued a disaster declaration Wednesday for nine Texas counties where wildfires have destroyed homes and blackened thousands of acres of grassland over the past month.

The disaster declaration, retroactive to Dec. 1, covers Callahan, Cooke, Eastland, Erath, Hood, Montague, Palo Pinto, Tarrant and Wise counties in North and West Texas. The Federal Emergency Management Agency said additional counties may be added to the list as damage surveys of damage are com-

pleted. Bush's declaration orders federal aid to augment state and local recovery efforts. Individual assistance is available to people affected by the fires in the individual counties. Local governments will be eligible for public assistance.

Wildfires have killed three people, burned more than 250,000 acres and 340 homes since late December.

"I am pleased that federal assistance will reach Texans who have lost so much including homes, loved ones, and businesses as a result of these wildfires," Gov. Rick

Perry said in a statement. "This is also good news for local governments that have been working around-the-clock to protect lives and property."

U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn, both Texas Republicans, also applauded the president's actions. The two had sent a letter Tuesday to Bush, asking that Perry's request be approved.

"The president's action is welcome news, and will bring much-needed relief to the most affected counties in our state," Cornyn said in a statement from Washington.

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ward in the 2007 legislature, and we'll be working very diligently to get something accomplished."

The city's partnership with TML on the matter comes in the wake of a heated debate concerning a ban on chaining or tethering dogs within the city limits, which passed in July of 2004 and was implemented in November 2004.

The ordinance effectively made it a crime to tether or chain a dog without direct supervision from the dog's owner.

"I feel like it has gone really well since day one," said McEwen. "We were concerned there would be some outcry

about it, but there really hasn't been and it has worked well. We don't have dogs chained up in our community anymore, and where there are problems we've addressed them and it's a good thing.

"Dogs that are chained are more vicious than dogs that are not chained. They become more territorial. So that was a very good ordinance that passed and it's working very well."

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## OUR VIEWS

## Get tickets for chamber banquet now

A couple of weeks are all that's left to get tickets for the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet. This year's banquet will feature notable national speaker and business consultant Patrick McGaughey — a man who has a lot to say and presents it in an entertaining way.

Highlights of the banquet will include naming of the Man and Woman of the Year, as well as the Business of the Year and Customer Service Employee Award of the Year.

The banquet will be held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. A meal will be provided. Tickets are \$22 each through Jan. 23 and \$27 each from Jan. 24-28. No tickets will be sold after that and none will be available at the door.

Tickets are available at the chamber office, 215 W. Third or you can reserve a ticket by calling 263-7641.

Businesses can get involved by securing a table for \$100. Employees can decorate their table and make it more interesting by offering giveaways (pens, pencils or whatever you like with the company logo on them). Then when individuals come into the coliseum that night, they'll be able to sit at your "sponsored" table and learn more about your company. Did we mention you'll also get four tickets you can give to your employees or anyone you wish? Did we mention the *Herald* is taking advantage of this great offer? We have now!

We hope you will come out and join us as we salute the chamber of commerce and those staff members and officers, board members and volunteers who have worked so hard to make it a success. The banquet promises to be both fun and educational.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Remind us, Lord, of the value of patience. Amen

## Alito not extreme enough for Left

But for the seriousness of the nomination of Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court, it would be comical to observe the cries of extremism against Alito from those who argue that he would support President Bush in establishing a near monarchy.

Liberal editorialists and politicians have seized on Alito's alleged expansive view of executive power to oppose his nomination. According to them, Alito would enable the president in his nefarious schemes to torture enemy combatants (and probably domestic liberals) and to incarcerate them indefinitely, and to permit the government unchecked power to spy on American citizens.

How wonderfully serendipitous, given the current flap over the president's warrantless electronic intercepts of Al Qaeda phone calls, that the president's pick happens to have a paper trail revealing his "dangerous" notions about presidential authority. Why, in the words of columnist Robert Kuttner, "(Alito) would give Bush effective control of all three branches of government and the hard-right long-term dominance of the high court."

Setting aside the left's disturbing tendency to sympathize with everything Al Qaeda these days, don't be fooled by all this noise about runaway presidential powers. They only object to executive largesse when they don't control the presidency, which, with any luck, will remain the case for years to come.

Their real concern — and please excuse me for stating the obvious — is over abortion rights. If Alito

is confirmed, it is actually conceivable the Supreme Court could overturn *Roe v. Wade* and return the issue of the legality of abortion back to the states.

Liberals — you know, the people now complaining about imperialistic presidential authority — are horrified at the idea that the Court might poke a hole in their glorious precedent establishing a federal constitutional right to abortion. You see, it is not unchecked governmental power they're worried about or encroachments on democratic rights — otherwise they, too, would be outraged at the Supreme Court's disenfranchisement of the states and people on issues like abortion. No, it's not a matter of how much power any particular branch of government has, but whether it will use that power to impose a liberal worldview.

Unless a president is willing to govern like a liberal on most issues, he is a conservative extremist. Unless the Court will continue to usurp the states' and peoples' rights and mandate such things as the nationwide legality of abortion and a strict separation of the Christian religion from government, it is a tool of the reactionary right wing.

Indeed, I have decided to renounce my association with mainstream conservatism. After hearing no less an authority than Sen. Dianne Feinstein expounding on conservative extremism on "Fox News Sunday," I realized the error of my ways. What was I thinking?

Feinstein told Brit Hume, "I think there still is a mainstream conservative movement rather than an activist conservative movement." And anyone who thinks *Roe v. Wade* was improperly decided by the Supreme Court is outside the mainstream and worthy of being filibustered.

Feinstein then went on to pretend her support for abortion —

probably on demand, no less — is based on popular support for the abominable practice. Feinstein said, "The American people, according to the latest ABC poll (are) 60 percent supportive of *Roe*. This is a pivotal question. And he's in a pivotal spot because of Sandra Day O'Connor's particular position on the court, where she was dispositive in so many 5-4 votes."

Does anyone really think Feinstein or other left-wingers would do a sudden about-face on abortion if public opinion changed? More to the point, how can anyone take seriously such arguments from people who are supportive of a wholly fabricated constitutional "right," established by judicial fiat, that has taken the issue out of the democratic process?

The left's idea of an ideologically extreme, democracy-smothering activist is one who might vote to overturn a case born of ideologically extreme, democracy-smothering activism. A justice who would interpret the Constitution according to its plain meaning and the Framers' original intent is to be damned as an extremist because he would dare to disestablish a "right" that has been crammed down the throats of the states and people by an imperial judiciary.

The left is shameless. It will oppose Alito precisely because he is not willing to support extra-constitutional power grabs by any branch of government against the constitutional rights of the people. It is not extremism, encroachments on the separation of powers doctrine, or infringements on civil or democratic rights they oppose, but those who are unwilling to engage in those very excesses in furtherance of an "enlightened," "progressive" liberal utopia.

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## They must think we are morons

The governor of Texas is despicable. Of all the crass pandering, of all the gross political kowtowing to ignorance, we haven't seen anything this rank from Gov. Goodhair since, gee, last fall.

Then, he was trying to draw attention away from his spectacular failure on public schools by convincing Texans that gay marriage was a horrible threat to us all. Now, he's trying to disguise the fact that the schools are in freefall by proposing we teach creationism in biology classes.

The funding of the whole school system is so unfair it has been declared unconstitutional by the Texas Supreme Court. All last year, Perry haplessly called special session after special session, trying to fix the problem, and couldn't get anywhere — not an iota, not a scintilla of leadership.

Instead of facing the grave crisis that may yet result in the schools being closed down, Perry has blithely gone off on creationism — teach the little perishes the Earth is 6,000 years old, that people lived at the same time as dinosaurs and who cares if the school building is falling apart?

Perry faced a potential primary challenge from State Comptroller Carole Keaton Strayhorn. The Texas Republican Party is now so completely dominated by the Christian right, however, that a relative moderate like Strayhorn has no chance against Perry, who has been assiduously kissing the feet, to say the least, of the most extreme elements of the party. So Strayhorn announced she would seek election as an independent, and Perry played the creationism card. Gee, let's all have a big discussion about gays, creationism and covenant marriage — that'll solve the state's staggering problems with schools and health care.

In case you missed it, the court decision everyone has been waiting for on teaching creationism in

the schools came out on Dec. 20, and it explains, quite clearly, why creationism cannot be taught as science in this country. Because it isn't science, it's religion.

The decision in the Dover, Pa., school board case by Judge John Jones III, a

Republican and Bush appointee, is well worth reading. It annihilates the case for teaching creationism. Calling creationism "intelligent design" changes nothing and is disingenuous to the point of being painful. Perry emphasized the equally disingenuous notion that there is "controversy" about evolution, supposedly two sides equally worth considering, so we should "teach the controversy." His spokesperson, Kathy Walt, actually said teaching different theories is part of "developing students' critical thinking skills." That's pathetic.

One hears evolution dismissed as "just a theory," as though all of science weren't based on theory and eternally subject to new evidence to the contrary. In science, gravity is "just a theory" — and if you ever drop something and it falls up, they'll reconsider the whole theory for you. That's just how "theoretical" evolution is — constantly subject to evidence and proof. But creationism cannot be tested and proved against evidence using the scientific method — that is why it is not science, it is faith.

Meanwhile, it's heartening to note that political nincompoopery is not limited to Texas. A couple of recent quotes out of Washington, D.C., cause the jaw to drop. Our very own Tom DeLay, upon announcing he would quit as majority leader, said: "During my time in Congress, I have always acted in an ethical manner, within

the rules of our body and the law of our land. I am fully confident time will bear this out." Good grief, the man was sanctioned three times by the House ethics committee last year alone.

Equally stupefying is the attempted emergence of Newt Gingrich, of all people, as an arbiter of ethics. Gingrich has been going about the media, holding forth on the shortcomings of today's Republicans. Let's see, that would be the same Newt Gingrich who originally started using the lobby as an arm of the Republican Party, right? Same Gingrich had the distinction of being the only House speaker to be reprimanded by his colleagues for ethical wrongdoing? Same Gingrich who was accused of misusing nonprofit organizations for political purposes, personally benefiting from political contributions, cutting a sleazy book deal and giving false statements to ethics investigators? Same Gingrich who was fined \$300,000 for said lying? I thought it was that Gingrich.

They must really think we're morons. On the general subject of political corruption, do not fall into the fatal error of cynicism. You do your country a great disservice by saying things like: "Eh, they're all crooks. Nothing anyone can do about it. Money will always find a way."

The answer is perpetual reform. Fix it, and if corruption comes back again, you just whack back at it again. The system as it is encourages corruption and must be changed. Public campaign financing is the best answer in the long-term — all this "lobby reform" talk is hopelessly inadequate. Hang in, and raise hell — this is a heaven-sent opportunity to clean it up. Don't blow the chance with cheap cynicism.

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**W**hether keeping New Year's resolutions for better health or keeping the harsh winter at bay, a refreshing cup of hot tea can warm the mind and body. Tea provides a powerful punch of flavonoid antioxidants, and as part of a healthy diet, regular tea drinking may help maintain a healthy heart. With 150 to 200mg per cup, tea provides more flavonoid antioxidants than a serving of broccoli, cranberry juice or orange juice. Some scientific evidence suggests that drinking three or more cups of black tea per day, as part of a low-saturated-fat and low-cholesterol diet, may reduce the risk of heart disease.

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In addition to its health benefits, tea has a tempting taste, with every sip satisfying even the most scrutinizing taste buds. Experiment with the following recipes to find a new twist on traditional tea:

### Warm Apple Green Tea-ni

2 (8-ounce) servings  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Calories: 110

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup apple juice
- 4 Lipton Decaffeinated Honey Lemon Green Tea bags
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- Apple slices (optional)

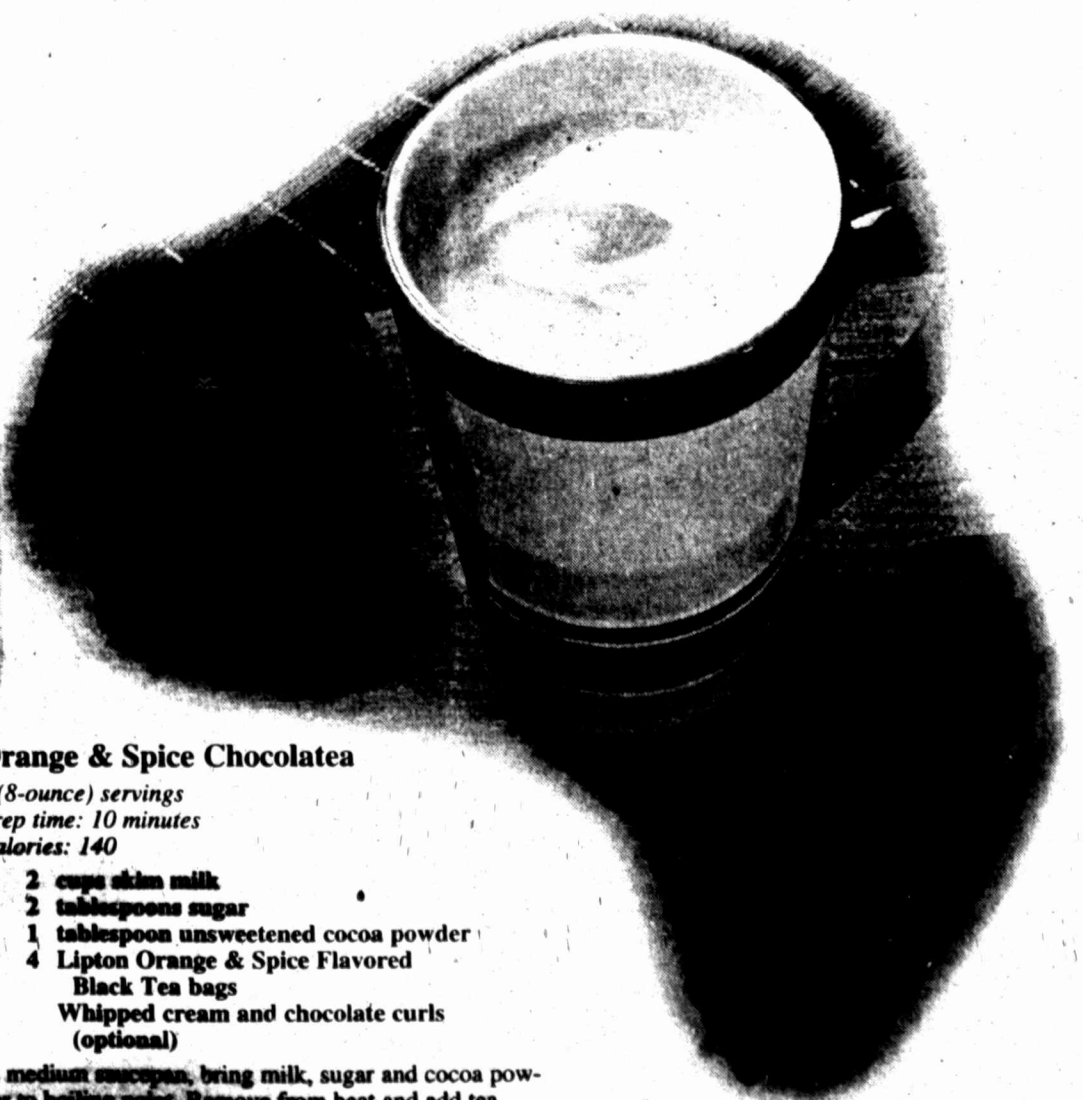
In small saucepan, bring water and apple juice to boil. Remove from heat and add tea bags; cover and brew 1 1/2 minutes. Remove tea bags; stir in sugar. Pour into tea cups and garnish, if desired, with apple slices. Serve hot.

### Cran-a-Granate Toddy

4 (6-ounce) servings  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Calories: 50

- 3 cups water
- 5 Lipton Cranberry Pomegranate Green Tea bags
- 1 (1 to 1 1/2-inch) piece fresh gingerroot, peeled (or 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger)
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

In medium saucepan, bring water to boil. Remove from heat and add tea bags and ginger; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and ginger; stir in sugar.



### Orange & Spice Chocolatea

2 (8-ounce) servings  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Calories: 140

- 2 cups skim milk
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
- 4 Lipton Orange & Spice Flavored Black Tea bags
- Whipped cream and chocolate curls (optional)

In medium saucepan, bring milk, sugar and cocoa powder to boiling point. Remove from heat and add tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags. Pour into mugs and garnish, if desired, with whipped cream and chocolate curls.

Taste Tested Recipes  
from the Lipton Kitchens.



# Economy cars go upscale

By MICHAEL ELLIS

**KRT**  
DETROIT — The next big thing in cars is, well, small.

General Motors Corp., Nissan Motor Co., Toyota Motor Co. and Honda Motor Corp. are among major automakers planning on launching new subcompact cars next year that deliver high fuel economy and some unexpected features at an affordable price of about \$10,000 to \$12,000.

With gas prices over \$2 a gallon, many drivers are willing to give up space and comfort for economy. For the first time since 1981, cars are outselling the combined results of pickups, SUVs and minivans. And if gas prices again reach or even pass this summer's \$3 a gallon, the trickle of subcompact car buyers could become a rush.

Car buyers may also be lured to the new subcompacts by something they can't get with used cars — a new car warranty and the latest features and gadgets, said Ed Peper, Chevrolet general manager.

"Urban areas are getting more congested, making small cars more practical," Peper added.

Make no mistake; these cars aren't the spartan, entry-level cars of years past. Many are larger and offer features that, until recently, were found only on luxury models.

"They're not econoboxes anymore," said Joe Phillippi, principal of AutoTrends Consulting in Short Hills, N.J. "These cars increasingly are no longer what we would call entry-level."

The all-new Chevrolet Aveo, which will be unveiled at the Greater Los Angeles Auto Show in early January, features such standard equipment as a radio input jack for iPod music players, adjustable front headrests, seat-mounted side-impact air bags and dual-stage front air bags.

Optional features include a power sunroof, six-CD changer sound system, steering-wheel mounted audio and cruise control, chrome door handles and heated and power foldaway outside mirrors.

The new Aveo, which will go on sale in U.S.

dealerships in May or June, arrives only about two years after Chevrolet introduced the subcompact in November 2003.

An Aveo with a manual transmission gets 27 miles a gallon in the city and 35 on the highway.

The Korean-made Aveo, one of the featured vehicles in Chevrolet's "American Revolution" advertising campaign, was an immediate hit after it went on sale.

Peper said that Aveo accounts for 40 percent of U.S. sales in the subcompact segment, and 75 percent of buyers are new to GM.

Through November, U.S. sales for the Aveo totaled 64,706, up 30 percent from the same period in 2004, bettering competitors like Hyundai Motor Co.'s Accent and Kia Motors Corp.'s Rio.

However, the new Aveo will face more competition next year when other models — all with equally offbeat names — arrive on the market.

While car buyers in Europe and Japan are already familiar with many of the new subcompacts, high gas prices are now making them an option for American consumers.

Next spring, Toyota is to begin selling the Yaris subcompact, a replacement for the poor-selling Echo. The Echo's bland styling has hampered its sales since it arrived in 1999.

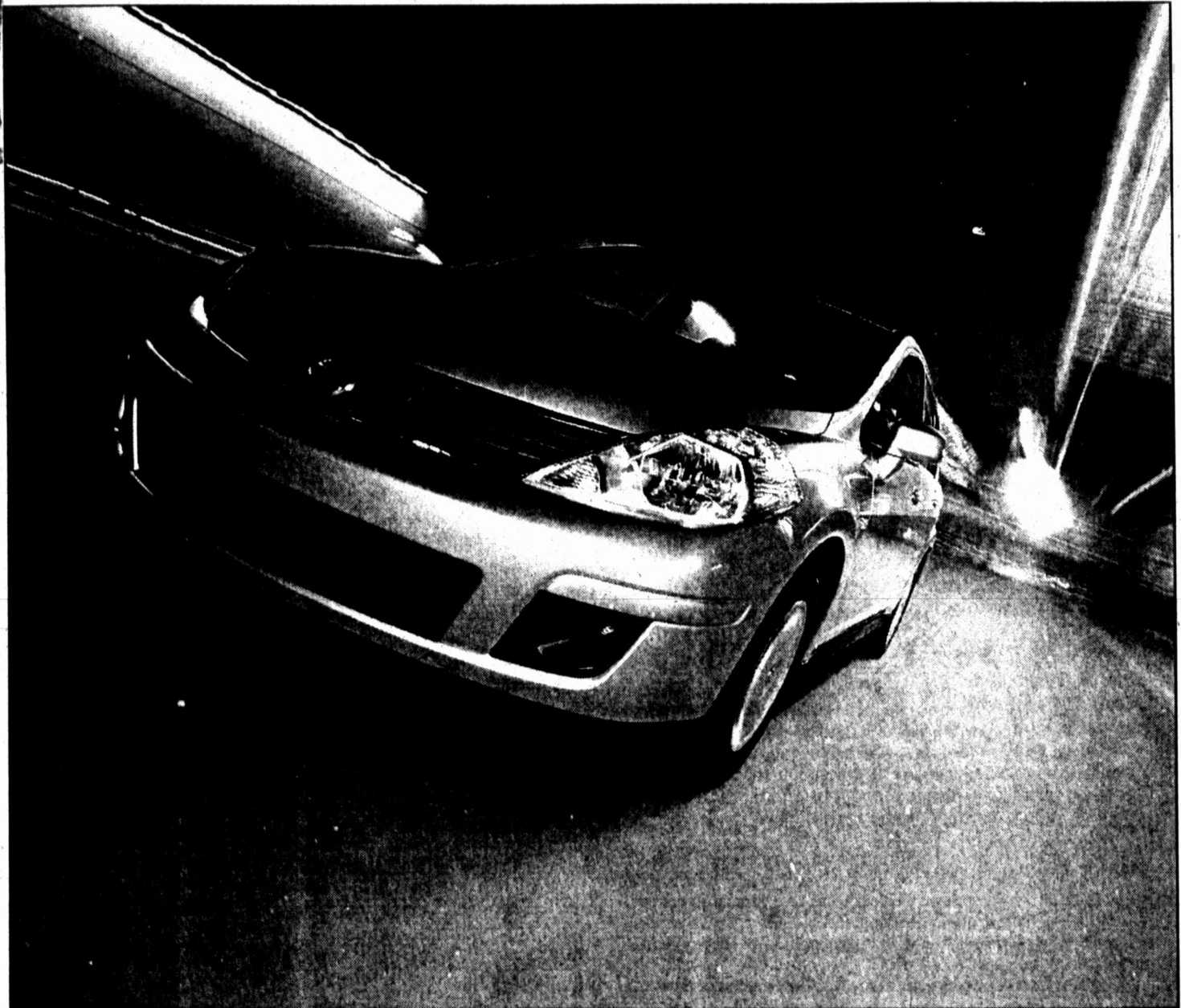
Honda will expand its lineup next year with the new Fit subcompact car. Honda's new Civic small car has grown larger, with more features, making room in the lineup for the more diminutive Fit.

And Nissan's new Versa (short for versatility) will go on sale in June or July next year.

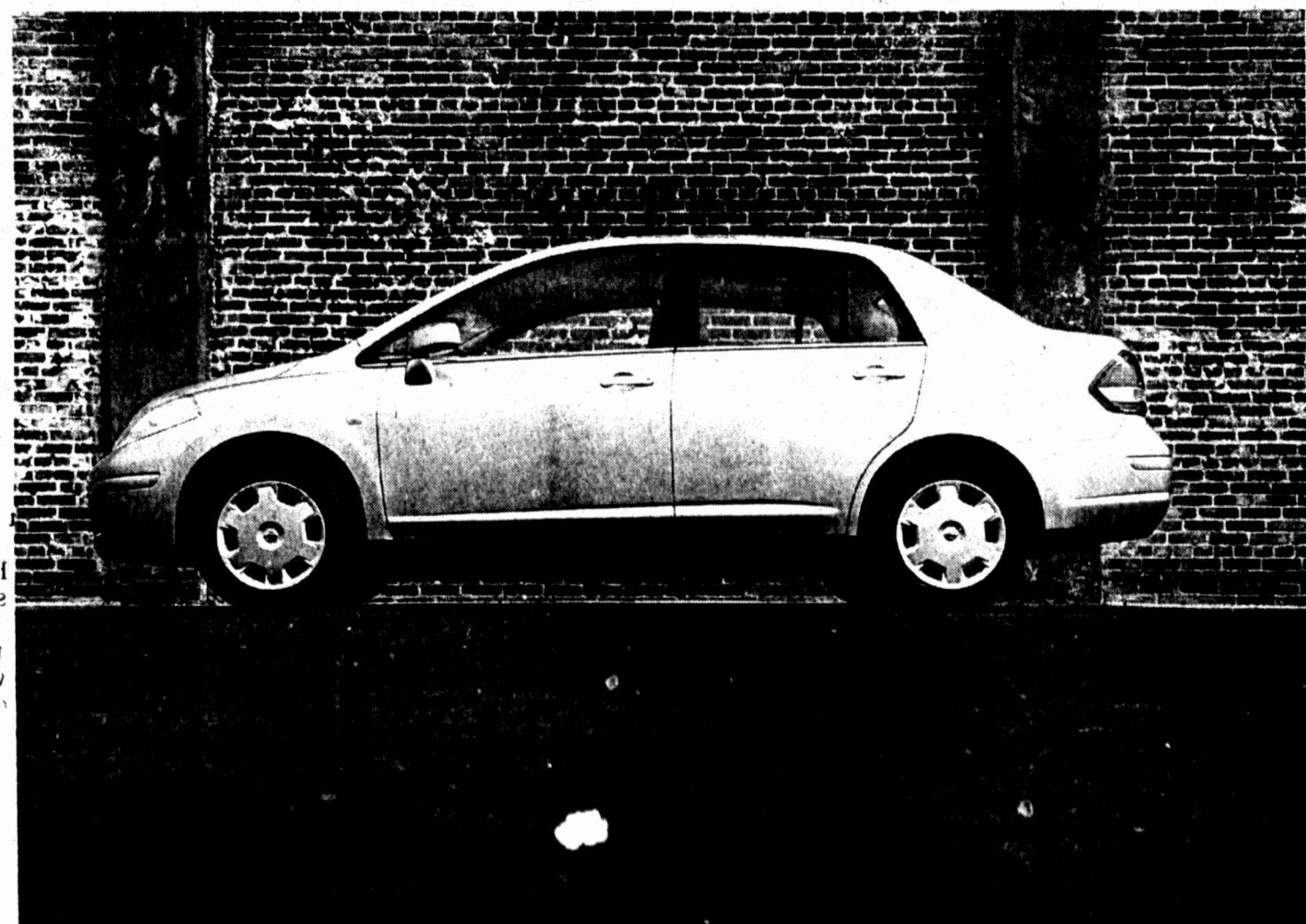
"The timing is good because, while fuel prices have stabilized, it's still on people's minds," said Jed Connelly, senior vice president of sales and marketing for Nissan North America.

All the new choices could help the segment grow as much as 5 percent to 6 percent, Chevrolet's Peper said.

"We see the segment maybe growing here a bit here with some new competition coming in," Peper said. "It'll be a very competitive segment."



**KRT photo**  
The 2007 Nissan Versa, short for versatility, will go on sale in June or July. Nissan Motor Company is among major automakers launching new subcompact cars this year that deliver high fuel economy and some unexpected features at an affordable price.



## Searching for a six-passenger sedan, safety issues with navigation systems

### Q&A

**Q.** I've been looking for a six-passenger sedan. I searched at the last Chicago Auto Show, but all I could find was a Buick.

However, the seat-belt receptacles in the front seat were so close together that only a toddler could sit between them. If an adult tried, he would be sitting on top of them.

Doesn't anyone besides me want a car that holds six adults?

Another problem. I own a Lexus sedan and a Toyota minivan with navigation systems.

For safety's sake, they can't be adjusted or operated while the vehicles are in motion. If they put the screen on a swivel so it could be turned a bit, the passenger could work

on the screen while the driver continues to drive.  
— A.C., Deerfield, Ill.

**A.** Buick offers six-passenger sedans as do Ford with the Crown Victoria and Mercury with the Grand Marquis.

If you are looking for a full-size sedan that will hold six adults in comfort, however, you would have to go back at least a decade and get a Chevrolet Caprice that was popular with cab drivers because it was so wide.

Whether Buick, Ford or Mercury, the bigger the adults, the tighter the fit — and the reason the person in the middle may end up sitting on the belt holders until he grabs them to buckle up.

And, no, not too many people ask for sedans that can hold six adults. As for navigation sys-

tems, they can be operated when moving once you press the "I agree" button that says you won't try to enter a map setting while the vehicle is moving.

But, as you say, for safety's sake, you should pull over to set a routing to your destination because some navigation systems are complex and time-consuming to program.

We find the best navigation system to be a paper map that the passenger can read to the driver.

A swivel screen would add complexity and cost, in addition to raising the question of glare when pointed at the passenger.

And what else on the dash — or behind it — would have to be moved to allow the screen to swivel?

### Chaplain corps classes scheduled

An interest meeting for anyone considering becoming an emergency

services chaplain is set for 6 p.m. Monday at the First Church of God, 2200 Main.

Those interested in becoming part of the

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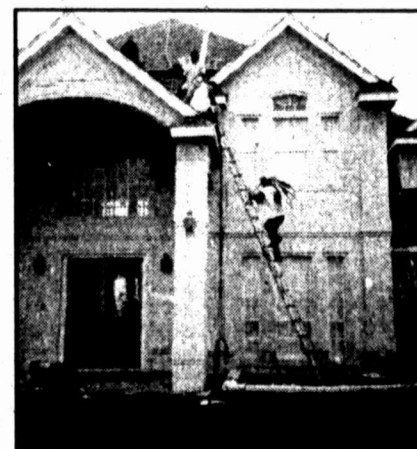
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# Sports

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### IN BRIEF

**Boys' Club will host**  
The Boys' Club of Big Spring will host a series of sports clinics in volleyball, basketball, softball, track, cheerleading and flag football. The clinics are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Carol Policky at 267-3800.

### BSHS announces mini cheer clinic

The Big Spring cheerleaders will be hosting a mini cheer clinic for girls in grades first through sixth Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Steer Gym.

The cost for the clinic is \$30 and that includes a T-shirt, shorts, socks and a bag. Registration will be Saturday at the Steer Gym from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more info, contact Mrs. Stuteville at 264-3641 ext. 166.

### USC RB White will enter NFL draft

DENVER (AP) — Southern Cal running back LenDale White declared himself eligible for the NFL draft.

The 6-foot-2, 235-pound junior leaves USC as the school's career leader with 57 touchdowns. He had 541 carries for 3,159 yards in three seasons, during which the Trojans won two national championships.

He scored three touchdowns in USC's 41-38 loss to Texas in the Rose Bowl Jan. 4.

Fellow Trojans tailback Reggie Bush, the Heisman Trophy winner, will announce his plans Thursday.

### Packers nearing deal with McCarthy

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Green Bay Packers and Mike McCarthy were nearing a deal to make him their next head coach, a person involved in the negotiations told The Associated Press.

The person, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, expected the team to finalize an agreement with the San Francisco 49ers' offensive coordinator Thursday.

McCarthy worked with Brett Favre as the Packers' quarterbacks coach in 1999.

### Alkman makes final cut for Hall of Fame

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Troy Alkman and the late Reggie White were among the 15 finalists for the Hall of Fame, joining Thurman Thomas and Warren Moon as finalists in their first year of eligibility.

Alkman, quarterbacked Dallas to Super Bowl titles in 1992 and 1995. White, who played for the Oilers and the Steelers, was a two-time NFL MVP.

## Lady Buffaloes fall short in 8-A opener

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald  
FORSAN — The Forsan Lady Buffs opened district play Tuesday night as they welcomed the McCamey Lady Badgers to town and lost a very evenly matched game, 39-37.

Leading all scorers was Kaylon Stanley, who had 14 points on the night as well as eight rebounds.

The first quarter ended in an 8-8 tie with Stanley and teammate Alyssa Hodnett scoring four each.

Both teams heated up a bit in the second with McCamey edging ahead, outscoring the Lady Buffs 16-11 in the period.

The Lady Badgers padded the lead as they

opened the third frame with a basket and as they pushed their advantage to 26-19.

However, Forsan answered back with an 8-0 run, on the strength of five consecutive points by Tessa Montgomery, and took a one-point lead.

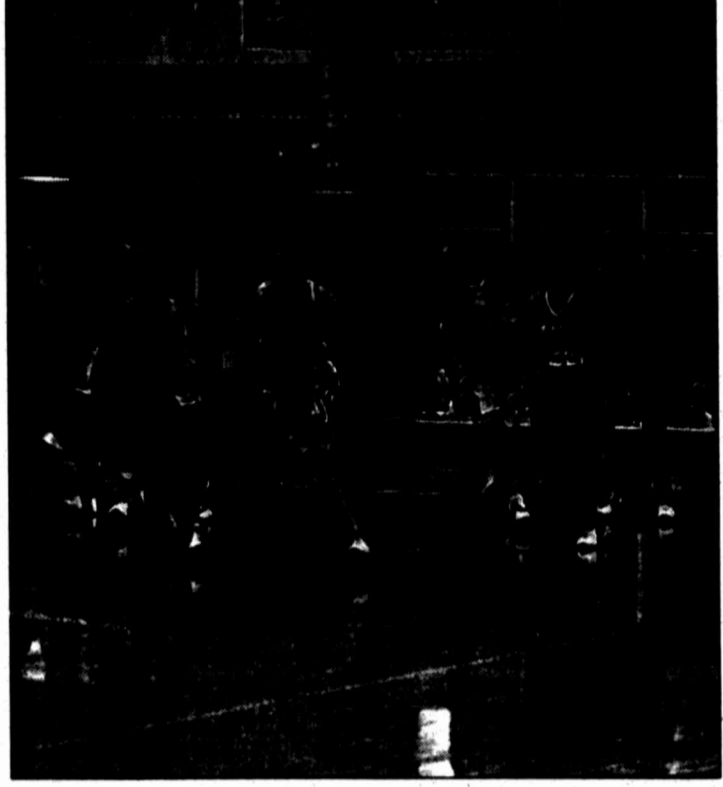
That lead was short lived though, as McCamey was able to connect on a 3-pointer to end the third and grab the lead back at 29-27.

Two minutes went by in the fourth with no score until Kimmy Berry hit from 3-point range, giving the Lady Buffs the lead, 30-29.

Again the Lady Badgers were able to respond and went on a 6-0 run which gave them a five-point cushion.

With time running out, Stanley was able to complete a 3-point play after she was fouled under the basket, bringing Forsan to within one at 38-37.

Forced to foul, the Lady



Courtesy photo/Bob Fleback  
Forsan's Kimmy Berry, center, takes the ball up the floor during action Tuesday in Forsan. The Lady Buffs lost their District 8-A opener to McCamey.

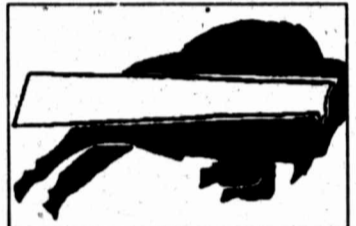
Buff sent McCamey to the line, but they were only able to make one out of two. Down by only two, the Lady Buffs were unable to get off a good shot as time expired.

Hodnett finished the night with eight points and three rebounds, all in

the first half. Montgomery added four boards to her five points.

Kaleigh Wiley scored 13 for the Lady Badgers and Erin Adams had 10.

Forsan will travel to Iraan Friday night to take on the Lady Braves at 6:30 p.m.



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## Mavs fall to red-hot Knicks at MSG



KRT photo/J. Conrad Williams Jr., Newsday  
Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki goes up for a shot against New York Knicks' Eddy Curry, who fouls him on the play, in the second quarter during the Knicks' 117-115 win over the Mavericks at Madison Square Garden in New York City Wednesday.

By BRIAN MAHONEY  
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Playing their second game in two nights and forced into overtime after blowing an 18-point lead, the New York Knicks were in need of some energy.

It came from the oldest player on the team.

Antonio Davis had four points and three rebounds in overtime, while playing tough defense on Dirk Nowitzki, and the Knicks beat the Dallas Mavericks 117-115 on Wednesday night for their fifth straight win.

"I think they understand how much I care about this team and how badly I want to win," the 37-year-old Davis said. "I don't want to open the papers and see the position that we're in, and a lot of times you have to know your role. You have to know what you can do and what you can't do. And what I can do is I can defend a guy and I can rebound."

"When they see me running after a rebound, or something like that, they really understand what this game is all about."

Stephon Marbury scored 28 points, Jamal Crawford added 25 points and Eddy Curry had 21

for the Knicks, who beat one of the NBA's top teams for the second time in two nights and have won five in a row for the first time since Jan. 30-Feb 8, 2004.

"The way we're approaching the game is totally different," Marbury said. "We have a lot of confidence. We know we're going to win."

New York led by at least eight points from midway through the first quarter until early in the fourth, but was forced to overtime after shooting only 7-of-21 (33 percent) in the final period.

Nowitzki had 32 points for the Mavericks, who had their three-game winning streak snapped and lost to the Knicks for the first time in eight games.

Curry converted a three-point play after grabbing an offensive rebound, giving the Knicks a 110-109 lead with 3:12 remaining in overtime. Davis' follow pushed the lead to three before Nowitzki hit a 3-pointer to tie it for the final time.

Davis made two free throws with 1:27 to go to give the Knicks a 114-112,

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## HC women can't hang with Trinity at Dorothy

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Howard's first game on the new and improved Harold Davis Court did not result in a win Tuesday as the Hawk women's basketball team fell to No. 3 Trinity Valley Community College, 97-59.

The floor inside the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum was revamped over the holiday break and now features a gigantic Hawk clenching a basketball at center court, but the Hawk women needed more than that on the court and couldn't stay with the third-ranked Lady Cards.

Howard (6-12) led briefly in the game as sophomore Jennifer Pena began the game with a 3-pointer and two free throws by sophomore Latoya Fairley put the Hawk women up 5-3 with 18:22 to play in the first half.

The Hawks would score in spurts the rest of the half as Trinity Valley took over. The Lady Cards led 8-7 with 17:15 to play until halftime after Howard's Tomisha Martin scored on a putback. Trinity Valley then went on a 22-3 to push its advantage to 30-10 with just under 12 minutes left in the first half.

It was 33-14 at the 10-minute mark and Howard went into the locker room down 56-35. Freshman Valerie Burnam provided a spark off the bench for the Hawk women as she scored six points in the final 10 minutes. Fairley led Howard at the break with 13 points.

Pena scored the first six points for Howard in the second half on two 3-pointers. The second shot from long range cut the deficit to 18 points, but Trinity Valley pushed its lead back to 25 points with just more than 14 minutes to play in the game and eventually went up 83-53 with eight minutes to go.

Fairley and Martin

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## Garden City secures top 20 spot

SUGAR LAND (AP) — High school basketball rankings as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches for the week of Jan. 9:

- Class 1A Div. I
  - Martins Mill, 2. Broadus, 3. Axtell, 4. Lindsey, 5. Bogata Rivercrest, 6. Gruver, 7. Sundown, 8. San Antonio Stacy, 9. Claude, 10. Memphis, 11. Burkeville, 12. Sabinal, 13. LaPomora, 14. Lovelady, 15. San Antonio Hawkins, 16. Normangee, 17. Anderson-Shiro, 18. Heakel, 19. Rice, 20. Avord

- Class 1A Div. II
  - Nazareth, 2. Lipan, 3. Lorenzo, 4. Karnack, 5. Paducah, 6. Silvertown, 7. Throckmorton, 8. Goodrich, 9. Chiseno, 10. Tenaha, 11. Kennard, 12. Comstock, 13. Grandfalls, 14. Water Valley, 15. Avinger, 16. Garden City, 17. Whitharal, 18. San Isidro, 19. Trinidad, 20. Bronte

- BOYS
  - Class 5A
    - Spring Westfield, 2. DeSoto, 3. Humble Kingwood, 4. Richardson Berkner, 5. Dallas Carter, 6. Duncanville, 7. Austin Bowie, 8. Arlington Bowie, 9. San Antonio Madison, 10. North Crowley, 11. Alief Hastings, 12. Houston Bellaire, 13. Cedar Hill, 14. San Antonio Warren, 15. Killeen Shoemaker, 16. Tyler, 17. Corpus Christi Carroll, 18. Carrollton Newman Smith, 19. San Antonio MacArthur, 20. Edinburg

- Class 4A
  - Seagoville, 2. South Oak Cliff, 3. Fort Worth Dunbar, 4. Argleton, 5. Brenham, 6. Amarillo Palo Duro, 7. New Braunfels Canyon, 8. Houston Wheatley, 9. Dallas Lincoln, 10. Boerne, 11. Crowley, 12. Arlington Seguin, 13. Beaumont Ozon, 14. Pflugerville Connally, 15. San Antonio Breckenridge, 16. Mineral Wells, 17. Wolfforth Friendship, 18. San Antonio Houston, 19. Dallas Kimball, 20. Channelview

- Class 3A
  - Bullard, 2. Silsbee, 3. Glen Rose, 4. Clyde, 5. Goliad, 6. Fairfield, 7. Abilene Wylie, 8. Ingram Moore, 9. Stafford, 10. Neustota, 11. Levada, 12. Princeton, 13. West Orange Stark, 14. Bowie, 15. Lytle, 16. Van Alstyne, 17. Liberty Hill, 18. Spring Hill, 19. Jasper, 20. Dallas Roosevelt

- Class 2A
  - Clarksville, 2. Floydada, 3. Kountze, 4. Jarrell, 5. Oliver, 6. Shamaker, 7. Heame, 8. Argyle, 9. Colton, 10. Peasler, 11. East Chenoweth, 12. Taft, 13. San Antonio Cole, 14. Brook, 15. Arp, 16. Schuilenburg, 17. Reagan County, 18. Ponder, 19. Frankston, 20. Wall

- Class 1A
  - Whinnaboro, 2. Canyon, 3. Silsbee, 4. CC West Oso, 5. Crandall, 6. Orangefield, 7. Abilene Wylie, 8. Llano, 9. Texasiana Liberty Eye, 10. Neustota, 11. Merkel, 12. Snyder, 13. Brownshoro, 14. China Spring, 15. Levelland, 16. West Orange Stark, 17. Marlon, 18. Wimberly, 19. Mt. Vernon, 20. Groesbeck

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- 11. Van Vleck, 12. Nixon-Smiley, 13. Clarksville, 14. Honey Grove, 15. Jim Ned, 16. Spearman, 17. Italy, 18. Navarro, 19. Edgewood, 20. Refugio

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  - Martins Mill, 2. Sudan, 3. Muenster, 4. Port Aransas, 5. Sterling City, 6. Moulton, 7. Stratford, 8. Calista, 9. Claude, 10. Sundown, 11. Falls City, 12. North Hopkins, 13. Hamlin, 14. Wellington, 15. Big Sandy, 16. Tolar, 17. Thordale, 18. Lindsay, 19. Avord, 20. Bogata Rivercrest

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Stephanie Snowden, a 15-year-old from Forsan High School, poses with her first-ever deer last year. Snowden killed the deer in Marble Falls on Thanksgiving Day.

## Red Raiders suffer big loss, Brown dies of heart attack

**Chris Cook**  
Special to the Herald  
LUBBOCK — Texas Tech assistant football coach Dave Brown passed away late Tuesday afternoon of an apparent heart attack while playing basketball at the on-campus recreation center. He would have been 53 Monday.

Brown was taken to University Medical Center in Lubbock where he was pronounced dead.

"Our heart goes out to Dave's family," Texas Tech head coach Mike Leach said. "Dave lived a great life that anyone could be proud of. He was one of the best people I have ever known. He had a tremendous impact on our program based on the kind of person he was. He will be missed, but we are honored to have had the opportunity to know him."

A five-year veteran on the Red Raider coaching staff, Brown coached the cornerbacks since his

arrival in 2001. He initially retired from coaching in 1998 after a seven-year run as cornerbacks coach for the Seattle Seahawks, but returned to the sideline three seasons later for his only collegiate position.

Brown was active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and held weekly bible studies for Texas Tech student-athletes. His faith in God and his leadership made him one of the most admired individuals on the Texas Tech campus.

"This is a tremendous loss to not only the Texas Tech family, but also to the many lives Dave touched throughout his life," Texas Tech Director of Athletics Gerald Myers said. "He had a tremendous influence on every one he came in contact

with, including the student-athletes and people we worked with here in our department."

Brown was a two-time All-America defensive back at the University of Michigan, before beginning a 16-year professional career with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1975. Brown participated in the Steelers' Super Bowl X win against the Dallas Cowboys, before being picked up by Seattle in the 1976 expansion draft. The move proved to be a good one for Brown, who spent the next 11 seasons with the Seahawks.

A 1984 All-Pro selection, Brown holds the all-time record in Seattle with 50 interceptions and was enshrined in the Seahawk's Ring of Honor in 1992. He finished his NFL career with the Green Bay Packers for four seasons before retiring in 1990.

Brown is survived by his wife, Rhonda, and sons, Aaron and Sterling.

## HOWARD

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traded baskets for Howard midway through the second session, but Trinity Valley proved to be too much in the end

for the Hawks to handle.

Fairley finished with a team-high 19 points, while Pena added 11 points, including three 3-pointers. Martin scored nine points, freshman Kim Gilyard added eight points and Burnam finished with six.

The Hawk women will travel to Hobbs, N.M., a week from Thursday as Howard begins conference play against New Mexico Junior College. The team's next home game will be played Jan. 23 at 5:50 p.m. against rival Midland.

## Duke rolls past rival Maryland in Durham

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Shelden Williams got his first career triple-double and J.J. Redick scored 27 points, helping No. 1 Duke snap a three-game losing streak to No. 23 Maryland with a dominating 76-52 victory Wednesday night.

Williams had 19 points, 11 rebounds and a career-high 10 blocks for the Blue Devils (15-0, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who scored the game's first seven points and led 45-22 at halftime. They held the Terrapins (11-4, 1-2) to 29 percent shooting in the opening 20 minutes while forcing 18 of Maryland's season-high 29 turnovers.

Chris McCray had 12 points for the Terrapins, who lost their second in a row.

No. 2 Florida 75, Mississippi St. 60

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Taurean Green scored 20 points, including two 3-pointers with the shot clock winding down in the closing minutes, to keep Florida unbeaten.

The Gators (15-0, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) broke the school record for consecutive wins and extended the best start in school history. They surpassed the previous mark of 14 straight wins set in 2001-02 and tied the fol-



Michigan State's Marquise Gray goes to the basket over Indiana's A.J. Ratliff in the first half during the Spartans 87-73 win over the Hoosiers at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing, Mich. Wednesday.

lowing season.

Corey Brewer had 18 points and Lee Humphrey added 13 for Florida.

Jamont Gordon led the Bulldogs (11-4, 1-1) with 17 points and seven of their nine assists.

No. 14 Michigan St. 87, No. 9 Indiana 73

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Maurice Ager scored 28 points and Paul Davis had 23 points and 10 rebounds to lead Michigan State to its first Big Ten win.

The Spartans (13-4, 1-2) bounced back from two straight double-digit losses because Ager and Davis were tough to stop after struggling in those setbacks. Ager and Davis combined for 34 points in

the games at No. 7 Illinois and No. 21 Wisconsin.

Marco Killingsworth had 27 points and Robert Vaden added 20 for the Hoosiers (10-3, 2-1), who had won six straight and reached their highest ranking since Dec. 16, 2002.

Michigan State pulled away with a 10-0 run that made it 76-60 lead with 3:34 left.

No. 17 George Washington 69, Saint Louis 64, OT

WASHINGTON (AP) — Danilo Pinnoch had 19 points, seven in overtime, and 12 rebounds for George Washington.

The Colonials rallied from a nine-point second-

half deficit, then blew an eight-point lead before forcing overtime on Omar Williams' layup with 22 seconds left.

Danny Brown of Saint Louis had a chance to tie, but his 3-point attempt slipped out of his hands at the regulation buzzer.

George Washington scored the first six points of overtime and kept the lead thanks to two offensive rebounds by Pinnoch, including one he tipped in to make it 65-59 with 55 seconds remaining.

Williams and Carl Elliot each scored 10 points for the Colonials (11-1, 2-0 Atlantic 10).

Brown scored a career-high 23 points for the Billikens (7-7, 1-1).

## Bears begin season with loss to Raiders

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer  
LUBBOCK — Baylor coach Scott Drew knows it's going to be a long season with all the youth on his team, even despite a shortened schedule.

He got another reminder Wednesday night as the Bears lost their season debut 79-61 to Texas Tech.

Baylor was prohibited from playing any nonconference games this season as part of NCAA penalties for numerous violations under former coach Dave Bliss. The violations were discovered after former player Patrick Dennehy was murdered by a former teammate in the summer of 2003.

Jarrius Jackson scored 22 points and some opening-game jitters spoiled Baylor's first game in 307 days.

Tech coach Bob Knight said Baylor was under "a tremendous handicap" coming into the game.

"No matter how much they work at practice and tried to simulate playing on the road, it can't be done," he said. "You never know what you can do or can't do until you

play a little bit."

The Bears' rough edges — even after an NCAA-record 89 days of pre-season practice — were apparent in their 15th straight loss. While playing defense, Baylor's Curtis Jerrells had his back to the play and didn't see the ball come loose. It rolled through his legs into the hands of a Tech player. Later, Henry Dugat got careless on a breakaway and missed a dunk.

The Bears couldn't hold onto rebounds and repeatedly scrambled for the ball on the floor beneath Tech's basket. Tech outrebounded the Bears 45-26 and Baylor got only eight second-chance points. The Bears were 23-of-60 from the field.

Tech has struggled to maintain leads but Wednesday's game proved to be different.

Tech (9-7, 1-1 Big 12) built a 17-point lead twice in the second half. Baylor used an 11-4 run to cut the first one to 51-43. But Tech answered quickly, using an 11-2 run to go up 62-45 with 6:52 remaining.

Martin Zeno scored 21 points for Texas Tech.

## MAVS

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then he pressured Nowitzki into a tough miss on the other end. Crawford made three free throws from there.

"I think Tony's played him a lot," Knicks coach Larry Brown said. "For the most part he did a tremendous job on him."

Ahead by 18 points in the first half, the Knicks were still up by four until Devin Harris scored on a drive, forced Marbury into an offensive foul on the other end, and Jason Terry knocked down a jumper to tie it at 101.

After Marbury was called for traveling, Nowitzki's jumper with 1 1/2 minutes gave Dallas its first lead since it was 7-6. Curry's follow dunk tied it at 103, and Marbury answered Terry's drive with two free throws to keep it tied with 27 seconds to play.

Nowitzki missed two

back at the end of regulation that I missed," Nowitzki said. "I kind of rushed that one when the score was tied."

Terry scored 20 points and Josh Howard had 18 for Dallas. Harris had 15 and Jerry Stackhouse 12 off the bench.

Playing one night after winning at Cleveland, the Knicks seized control minutes into the game. A 17-4 run turned a three-point deficit into a 21-11 lead, and New York led 35-21 at the end of the first period. Marbury and Curry each scored 10 points in the Knicks' highest-scoring first quarter of the season.

"They were the aggressors in the first half. We really didn't get off the bus," Mavericks coach Avery Johnson said. "We've got some lethargic situations here that I've got to address. It's really disappointing. Just got to crack the whip."

Maurice Taylor's basket pushed the lead to 40-22

the second quarter, and the Knicks were ahead 63-48 at halftime.

ing a 3-pointer just before the buzzer.

"I want to take that one

## Forsan JV splits district opener with McCamey

By JEFF ANNE

Special to the Herald  
FORSAN — The Forsan JV basketball team remained undefeated, improving to 9-0, by easily handling the McCamey Badgers, 52-33, Tuesday night.

In girl's JV action, the Lady Buffs fought hard against the Lady Badgers,



but suffered a close defeat, 55-49.

The ladies used only five players on the night due to UIL restrictions

allowing players to play in only two games per week. Forsan is hosting a JV Tourney this weekend.

Sandi Golleher led the Lady Buffs with 19 points while Faith Belew finished the night with 17.

Blake Grantham paced the boys with 11 points as they tuned up for this weekend's tourney.

Jeremy Robbins added nine and Cody Frietag pitched in eight.

The Buffs will open tournament play this Thursday at 8 p.m. Game time for the ladies was not known at press time.

Tournament teams include Garden City, Coahoma, Sands, Water Valley and Borden County.

## Texas' Brown wins Bryant Coach of the Year award

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas coach Mack Brown won the Bear Bryant coach of the year award Wednesday after leading his Longhorns to their first national title in 35 years.

The award is presented by the National Sportscasters and Sports Writers Association.

Texas won its first outright national championship since 1969 with the

Longhorns' 41-38 Rose Bowl victory over Southern California.

Brown won the coaching title over 11 other finalists. He is the first Texas coach since Darrel Royal to win the Bear

Bryant award. Auburn's Tommy Tuberville won the coaching award last year.

Also Wednesday, former Houston coach Jack Pardee received a lifetime achievement award.

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Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHS

The Cancer moon is the mother moon. It highlights the paradox of being vulnerable and tough at the same time — finding the strength in tenderness and the tenderness in strength. Seek resolution to a problem you are having with a female in your life. The way to healing is through surrender.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Decide what you need from a relationship. Any half-completed or unclear commitments should be cleared up now. This is probably a "doing" matter as opposed to a "talking" matter.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Activities in several different areas of life will make you well rounded and, actually, happy. So don't let your vision get too narrow. Stray from that to-do list, and you'll have something impressive to add to your "I'da!" list.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Defending your point of view (especially against a Leo or a Sagittarius) is a waste of time and energy today. It's amazing how much more successful you are when you're content to know you are right even when others don't.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Training, discipline and repetition are favored. Practice through the discomfort, through the self-doubt and through your limiting ideas. Soon, what was once a throbbing pain turns into the ecstatic throbbing of your heart.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). All is as it should be. Really. Fighting against the way things are is tantamount to fighting Earth's rotation around the sun. You must accept the current status before you can change it.

**VIRGO** (Aug.-23-Sept. 22). Stars urge you to push through limiting ideas about yourself. You could take on travel, fortune or even fame if you believe it enough. Making a great impression socially will contribute to your increasing power.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A change in your attitude toward your work could help you attract the most interesting characters. One connection leads to another, and soon you are moving in the circles you've always dreamed of.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Family will respect you more when you learn to entrust them with their share of the duties. Expansion in others means knowing when to let people work it out on their own.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Avoid loading up your schedule with too much to do or you'll feel cheated later. Well-being is more important than any amount of money. Tonight's planets are perfect for dreaming of exciting ways to earn a living.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your public persona brings work, friends and romance. But it's how you relate to yourself that brings happiness. That's nothing you can fake! Pay attention to the tone of voice you are using when you speak to yourself.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll spend money to make money and then spend it again tonight on fun and entertainment — a worthy cost. Libra and Aries people are especially amorous toward you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You are growing stronger and wiser and must be patient with friends who progress at a different rate. Seek a Cancer to do business with, especially if you are trying to sell something you've created.

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6	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	Pal de Oro	My Wife-Kids Raymond	News Ent. Tonight	La Tomeranda	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond	Joe McGee	News-Labor	Human Prey (CC)	Classics	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Law & Order (CC) (DVB)	Live BET Style	That's-Raven	With Smith	Sony Open in Hawaii - First Round (CC)	Sci-Fi: Saboteur
7	Dancing With the Stars	Dancing With the Stars	Contra Viento y Marea	70s Show	CSI: Miami (CC)	El Cuerpo del Delito	Will & Grace	Friends (CC)	Update/Israel	The This Old House Hour	Anaconda: Giant Snake Living	Movies The Living	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	NBA Basketball	Movie	Movie: Zorro: Girl of the 21st Century (CC)	State Farm U.S.	College Football: In: Prehistoric	Movie: Caved
8	Primetime Live (CC)	Primetime Live (CC)	Aqui y Ahora	My Wife-Kids 70s Show	Without a Trace (CC)	Decisiones	Name is Earl	Movie: Jerry Maguire	UC: of the Southwest	Rising Cain (CC)	I Shouldn't Be Alive (CC)	45 Movie: MNC	MNC	Detroit Pistons at San Antonio	The Ultimate Hustler	Buzz-Maggie Sister, Sister	Men's Short Programs	DePaul at Pittsburgh	Terror
9	News (CC)	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Tularas y Mas	News Tonight Show		The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Diary of a Shark Man	Licence to Kill (CC)	Wildcat Police Videos	Basketball: Cavaliers at Lakers	In Living Color	That's-Raven	ESPN Holly, Quite Frankly	SportsCenter Pittsburgh	Movie: Crocodile
10	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora Derbez	Cowboys Post	Late Show	Laura Al Rejo Vivo	Late Night: Jerry Maguire	10 Movie: Dal Sanchez	Jimmy Phillips	Sign Off	Anaconda: Giant Snake	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Lakers	Jamie Foxx	Phil of Future	Figure Skating: State Farm	NFL Live: Gameknight	Movie: (CC)
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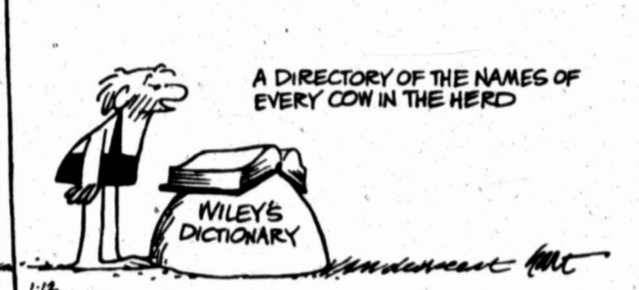
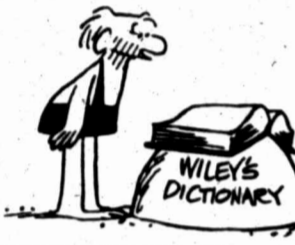
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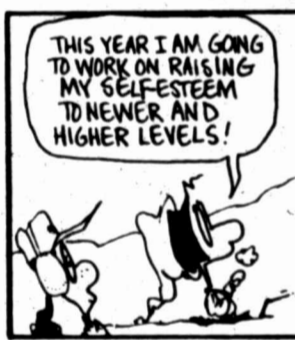
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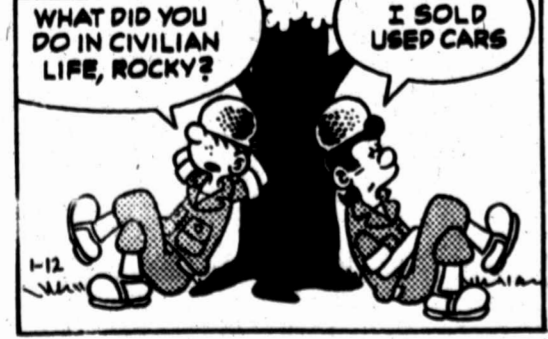
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On this date:

In 1519, Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I died. In 1773, the first public museum in America was established, in Charleston, S.C.

In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected a proposal to give women the right to vote.

In 1948, the Supreme Court ruled that states could not discriminate against law-school applicants because of race.

In 1964, leftist rebels in Zanzibar began their successful revolt against the government.

In 1966, President Johnson

said in his State of the Union address that the U.S. should stay in South Vietnam until Communist aggression there was ended.

In 1986, the shuttle Columbia blasted off with a crew that included the first Hispanic-American in space, Dr. Franklin R. Chang-Diaz.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Luise Rainer is 96. Former South African President P.W. Botha is 90. Country singer Ray Price is 80. Singer Ruth Brown is 78. Singer Glenn Yarbrough is 76. The Amazing Kreskin is 71. Country singer William Lee Golden (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 67. Former heavy-weight boxing champion Joe Frazier is 62. Singer-musician George Duke is 60. Rock musician Cynthia Robinson (Sly and the Family Stone) is 60. Actor Anthony Andrews is 58. Movie director Wayne Wang is 57. Radio commentator Rush Limbaugh is 55. Actress Kirstie Alley is 55. Writer Walter Mosley is 54. Country singer Ricky Van Shelton is 54. Radio personality Howard Stern is 52. Rock musician Tom Ardolino (NRBQ) is 49.

Broadcast journalist Christiane Amanpour is 48. Rock musician Charlie Gillingham (Counting Crows) is 46. Actor Oliver Platt is 46. Actor Olivier Martinez is 40. Rock singer Rob Zombie is 40. Rapper TBird (B-Rock and the Bizz) is 39. Model Vendela is 39. Actress Farrah Fokke is 38. Rock singer Zack de la Rocha is 36. Rapper Raekwon (Wu Tang Clan) is 36. Singer Dan Haseltine (Jars of Clay) is 33. Rock musician Matt Wong (Reel Big Fish) is 33. Singer Melanie Chisholm (Spice Girls) is 32. Rhythm-and-blues singer Amerie is 26. Actor Will Rothhaar is 19. Actor Andrew Lawrence is 18.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Churlish sort
  - 4 Taxi driver
  - 10 Rain-deprived
  - 14 TV home of WWE RAW
  - 15 Bus-depot rental
  - 16 Smart-alecky
  - 17 Admire greatly
  - 20 Book leaf
  - 21 Pointless fuss
  - 22 Mineralogy suffix
  - 23 Mound master Hersher
  - 24 Negotiate a swap
  - 27 Negative aspect
  - 28 Checked off
  - 29 Forgetful actor's request
  - 30 Pancake-house freebies
  - 32 It may be held or bitten
  - 34 Gen. Robt. Sean Penn
  - 38 Sand-hauling boat
  - 40 Hardships
  - 41 Even chance
  - 44 Perform on the road
  - 45 Trucker's "office"
  - 48 Hosp. sites
  - 49 Odyssey singers
  - 51 Like a carryout order
  - 52 First lady McKinley
  - 53 Holiday harbinger
  - 54 Hard work, so to speak

- 55 Abandon fantasy
- 60 Biblical brother
- 61 Harsh talking-to
- 62 Señor Guevara
- 63 Amusing escapade
- 64 Caught with a rope
- 65 Corncrib item

- 9 Crumbles away
- 10 Hole-punching tool
- 11 Belittle
- 12 Uranium 238, e.g.
- 13 National Guard concern
- 18 Without value
- 19 Gilmore Girls girl
- 24 Bit of trouble
- 25 Sorehead's emotion
- 26 Bring together again
- 29 Chat-room guffaw
- 31 Civil War soldiers
- 32 Jobs for tugboats
- 33 Encourage
- 35 Veil material

- 36 Rawls and Gehrig
- 37 Hockey star
- 38 Far from emotional
- 39 City of Spain
- 42 Secondhand
- 43 Rotates around a point
- 45 Exact by force
- 46 Hercule creator
- 47 Petty annoyance
- 50 Get back
- 51 Pan Am rival, once
- 54 Bird-feeder tidbit
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## Precious commodity

By JIM UTTER  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

In recent years, testing has played a more prominent role in the success of teams in NASCAR.

Several NASCAR teams — particularly the large multi-car organizations — have sent their teams to series and non-series tracks around the country gathering vital data to help all of their teams perform better.

With NASCAR's decision to restrict testing at tracks used in the Nextel Cup and Busch series to just a handful of dates in 2006, track time will become a precious commodity.

For instance, when the first batch of Cup teams that report to Daytona International Speedway on Monday complete their three-day test, they will be unable to test at the track at any other point during the season.

The Cup series has six tests scheduled this season — at Daytona, Fla.; Las Vegas; Charlotte, N.C.; Richmond, Va., and Homestead, Fla. The Busch Series has four — Daytona, Las Vegas, Charlotte and Richmond.

In 2005, teams were limited to five two-day tests and four one-day tests, with rookies getting seven two-day tests and five one-day tests. Any tests at tracks not used in the series did not count against the limit, a policy that will remain unchanged.

The biggest impact could land on the shoulders of the series' rookies.

Drivers, owners and crew chiefs have lauded additional testing as an important part of a new driver's development. The added track time now will have to come at tracks not used in the Cup or Busch series, or from participation in other series.

"I think (the new policy) is definitely a disadvantage to a rookie. Any of the guys that are running for rookie of the year that haven't run more than seven races I feel should get more opportunities to test," said Hendrick Motorsports owner Rick Hendrick.

"You want to bring fresh blood in and sponsors want to do well. It's not really fair to see a young guy whose first year in the Cup series be limited to those six tests."

Hendrick has had his share of rookie drivers recently in the Nextel Cup series.

### New restrictions limit the amount of time drivers get to test at tracks on the Nextel Cup circuit



RUSTY JARRETT FOR NASCAR

Dale Earnhardt Inc.'s Steve Hmiel, Tony Eury Jr., Martin Truex Jr. and Tony Eury Sr. look on as Dale Earnhardt Jr. runs a test lap at Atlanta Motor Speedway in October 2005. This season, NASCAR will limit the dates teams will have to test at tracks on the Nextel Cup circuit.

#### Testing schedule

Dates	Event
Jan. 9-11	Nextel Cup Series testing — odd numbers in car owner points
Jan. 13-15	NASCAR Truck Series — all teams
Jan. 16-18	Nextel Cup Series testing — even owners' points
Jan. 20-22	Busch Series testing — all teams
Las Vegas Motor Speedway	
Dates	Event
Jan. 30-Feb. 1	Nextel Cup Series testing — all teams
Feb. 6-8	Busch Series testing — all teams

All other test dates will be announced at a later time. SOURCE: NASCAR

Kyle Busch, who drives Hendrick's No. 5 Chevrolets, won rookie of the year honors in 2005. Brian Vickers, who drives Hendrick's No. 25 Chevys, was a rookie in 2004 and Jimmie Johnson, driver of Hendrick's No. 48, debuted his first full season in 2002.

"It's definitely going to make a difference but at the same time when you see a guy with the talent that Kyle Busch has or Carl Edwards, your gut will tell you (if he'll succeed)," Hendrick said.

"After you've been doing this as long as Jack (Roush) and I have been doing it, it doesn't take long to see that (a) guy has really got it."

Additional testing could come in handy, particularly with several members of the 2006 Cup rookie class.

Reed Sorenson has just two Cup starts, Brent Sherman none, David Stremme four and Clint Bowyer one.

Two-time Busch Series champion Martin Truex Jr. has the most Cup experience of the group with nine starts over the past two seasons. Joe Gibbs Racing newcomers Denny Hamlin and J.J. Yeley have seven and six starts, respectively.

"The thing that I've encouraged NASCAR to do — and the thing I hope they do — is provide adequate testing for rookies so that (the driver) doesn't create a problem that was avoidable through just a little more experience," said team owner Jack Roush.

Roush added a rookie must be "able to realize his potential for his sponsor, (because) lacking that, rookies won't be able to get a ride."

Detractors of the new testing policy are not limited to rookies, however. Some track officials have problems with the plan to pre-select all the testing venues.

"NASCAR's new testing policy for the Cup series may be beneficial for teams, but for the speedways it is a lost promotional opportunity," said Texas Motor Speedway president Eddie Gossage.

"Since they are not allowed to test here now, we've lost a critical opportunity for vital pre-race media coverage in a major market that could very likely hurt our ticket sales and NASCAR's TV ratings."

### POLL POSITION

#### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Chevrolet won the 2005 NASCAR Nextel Cup manufacturer title. What brand will lead the way in the coming season?

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

#### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Which Cup team has made the best moves in gearing up for the 2006 season?

Number of votes: 10,112

Team	No. of votes	Percent
Petty Enterprises	5,550	55%
Dale Earnhardt Inc.	1,663	16%
Another team	892	9%
Penick Racing South	580	6%
Bill Davis Racing	520	5%
Joe Gibbs Racing	430	4%
Richard Childress Racing	376	4%
Chip Ganassi Racing	101	1%

### STOP 'N' GO

#### KHI names new crew chief to No. 33 team

Kevin Harvick Inc. has named Chris Rice crew chief of its No. 33 NASCAR Truck Series team and two-time Truck Series champion Ron Hornaday for the 2006 season.

Rice previously worked as crew chief for Busch Series driver Stacy Compton at ST Motorsports.

Before 2005, Rice was crew chief at Bill Davis Racing and worked with Elliott Sadler on a Late Model team from 1993 to 1996. Winning at his hometown track, Rice led Sadler and the team to the 1995 South Boston Speedway Track Championship.

Hornaday finished fourth in points in 2005 with the KHI team and earned his second career Truck Series most popular driver award.

"I've known Chris for a number of years," said Hornaday. "He is the last piece to the puzzle to make this race team complete. We are going to go out and run this 2006 season like we did last year, racing as hard as we can for every spot week after week. Chris has the knowledge to lead this team to a championship run."

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#### New Truck series team looks forward to 2006

Rick and Cathy Woodard, along with Eddie Sharp, announced the formation of a new partnership, Woodard & Sharp Racing, with plans to compete full time in the NASCAR Truck Series next season.

The partners have purchased a 25,000-square-foot shop in Denver, N.C., from which the team will field Dodge Ram trucks for Rookie of the Year candidate Boston Reid in all 25 Truck Series events in 2006. Patrick Donahue, a 14-year NASCAR veteran, will fill the role of crew chief.

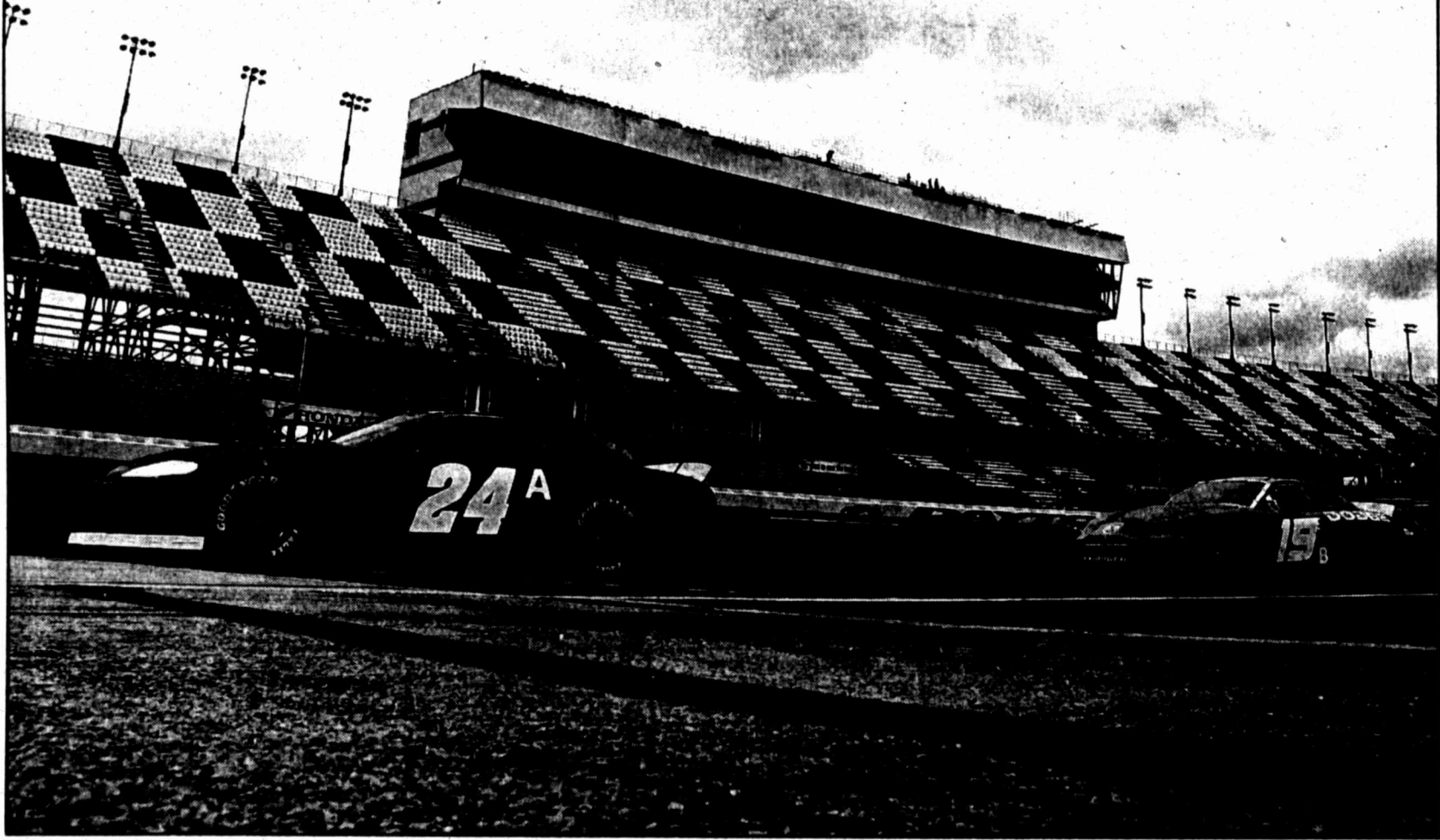
The Woodards and Sharp met last year when both were involved in the Automobile Racing Club of America series. Rick and Cathy Woodard were co-owners of the No. 13 Boca Bay Racing entry in 2005. Sharp, a 20-year racing veteran, heads up Dodge's ARCA driver development program.

"I'm excited about the opportunity," said Sharp, who will also serve as the team's general manager. "The Woodards and I are taking our time and doing this the right way. We're building a solid team of quality people, and people will see we're in this for the long haul."

While Woodard & Sharp Racing is a new entity, the team is further demonstrating its commitment by surrounding itself with NASCAR veterans. In addition to the experience Sharp brings, the organization has entered into a technological partnership with Ray Evernham and Evernham Motorsports, who will serve as the team's engine supplier.

Donahue was part of Hendrick Motorsports' championship seasons with Evernham and driver Jeff Gordon in 1995, 1997 and 1998. He later worked with the Gordon/Evernham NASCAR Busch Series team and at Evernham Motorsports. Most recently, Donahue was the crew chief at Robby Gordon Motorsports.

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STREETER LECKA FOR NASCAR

## Making a resolution to toast great achievements in 2006

Year-end stories can be clichés, but when you reach this point on the calendar it really is hard not to stop for a minute and take stock.

Next week, I'll arrive in Daytona Beach, Fla., for NASCAR testing. A couple of weeks there, and then a week of the Lowe's Motor Speedway media tour in Charlotte, N.C., will barely leave time to get the laundry done and the car packed to return for Daytona Speedweeks.

This will be my 10th season covering NASCAR for the Charlotte Observer, and for some reason that's had me thinking, too.

While every season takes on its own characteristics, it's easy to fall into a routine and mistake it for rhythm. Every week at the track, I see what happens when good teams let that happen. Good teams don't mean to lose that tiny edge that makes them better

than most, but they do. And it's unbelievably hard to get it back.

So I've been trying to decide if there's anything besides a few new wind shirts and a bunch of empty notebooks needed to start off a new year. What I keep coming back to is the Allstate 400 that Tony Stewart won at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on his way to the 2005 Nextel Cup championship.

After Stewart had celebrated with pretty much everybody in Indiana that Sunday afternoon, he got to the media center and it

was only a matter of time before somebody asked whether he still wanted to win the Indianapolis 500 now that he'd won a stock-car race at the track he'd always dreamed of racing and winning on.

As it turns out, Stewart said his

father, Nelson, had already brought up the topic.

Maybe it had been 20 minutes since he made a lifelong dream come true. Perhaps it was 30.

However long, it wasn't long enough.

Why do we feel compelled to look for the holes in the resumes of people in sports?

It's not just the media, or parents like Nelson Stewart who have shared their child's dreams of winning at some ultimate level. It's all of us, fans of all sports who seem determined to dwell on what a person hasn't done rather than celebrate what has been accomplished.

Dan Marino never won a championship. Until April, Roy Williams hadn't either. Mark Martin still hasn't, not in NASCAR's top series. But my heavens, look at what they have done.

Duke has a marvelous men's basketball team this season. But if the Blue Devils run into a team in the NCAA

tournament that hits 20 3-pointers and beats them, does that make Mike Krzyzewski and his team failures?

I am not saying I plan to be all sunshine and daffodils in writing about NASCAR in 2006. The truth is the truth, and that's what you write. People fall short of expectations and that's news.

Jeff Gordon won four races, including the Daytona 500, in 2005, but it was a bigger deal in the grand scheme of things that he missed the Chase for the Nextel Cup. Dale Earnhardt Jr. and his team had an awful year, and they don't need anyone to tell them that. Their ability to bounce back and improve will be among this year's big stories.

But I'm resolved to take a new perspective to the track this year, an acknowledgement of just what a remarkable thing it is for anybody to experience the joy of winning a Nextel Cup race — or a World Series game or a PGA tournament.

I keep a chart of birth dates of all who have won Cup races, and have divided that into birth years. Eight men born in 1926 went on to win at least one race in NASCAR's top series.

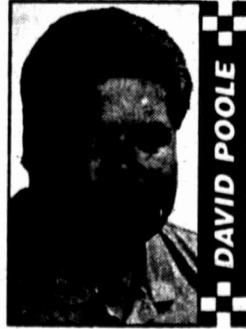
Since 1932, that number has never been higher than five, and since 1941 it has been no higher than four.

Here's the perspective part. In recent years about 2 million male children have been born in this country annually. If it's a good year, maybe four of them wind up winning a race in the Cup series. Those are the incredible odds Carl Edwards, Kasey Kahne and Kyle Busch beat in 2005.

Going back to Indianapolis in August, I asked Stewart if winning at the Brickyard was everything he'd dreamed it would be.

"When you have something like this so big happen in your life, you really just don't want that day to end," he said.

Here's to more days like that for all of us in 2006.



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