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## Symphony to celebrate Mozart's 250th birthday

By STEVE REAGAN

**Staff Writer** 

Wolfgang Mozart won't be in attendance, but that's not going to stop the **Big Spring Symphony from celebrating** his birthday.

To celebrate the noted composer's 250th birthday, the symphony will present an evening of some of his "greatest hits" at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Municipal Auditorium.

The evening, titled "Happy Birthday,

Mozart," will feature two well-known and one slightly obscure — works from the composer. Also, the evening will mark a return visit to Big Spring of 13year-old piano prodigy Peng Peng.

Dr. Keith Graumann, conductor of the symphony, said the orchestra will begin the evening with one of Mozart's most popular works, the Symphony No. 10 in G Minor.

"It was composed later in his career," Graumann said, "and it exhibits some of emotion and turmoil he was going

through in his later life."

The mood will lighten, however, as the symphony heads toward intermission, with the overture from "Abduction from the Harem," an opera that was highly popular during Mozart's day, but has since faded into obscurity.

"It is almost never performed in modern times," Graumann said. "It's unusual in that it features a lot of cymbals, triangles and bass drum to reflect the

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What: 'Happy Birthday, Mozart,' performance by the Big Spring Symphony, featuring pianist Peng Peng.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday.

Where: Municipal Auditorium.

## Steers' rival out in remix

Andrews drops to 3A in UIL realignments

By TROY HYDE

**Sports Editor** 

Big Spring and Andrews are no longer district rivals ... at least for the next two

The Mustangs dropped down to Class 3A this morning as the state's new district alignments were announced. The Steers

will remain in District 4-4A with Area UIL Plainview, Frenship. Lake View and Lubbock Estacado, while Andrews will be in a district featuring Snyder Greenwood as well as Lamesa.

Big Spring head football coach and athletic director Tim Holt was unavailable for comment this morning.

Coahoma and Stanton remain league opponents, but move from 4-2A to 5-2A. The **Bulldogs** and Buffaloes will play in a league with eight teams. The list includes Colorado City, Anson, Stamford. Haskell, Hawley Merkel. and Merkel dropped down from Class 3A, while Haskell moved up from Class 1A.

The biggest change among local schools is with Forsan. The Buffaloes move to District 16-A and will play against

will see several new schools the next two

## realignments

6-Man Division I District 1 — Sands, Fort Davis, Garden City, Grady, Rankin. District 3 - Ira, Robert Lee, Highland, Water Valley, Westbrook.

Division 2 District 4 — Borden County, Hermleigh, Jayton, Loraine, Trent.

Class 1A District 16 - Bronte. Christoval, Eldorado, Forsan, Menard, Irion County, Miles, Sterling City.

Class 2A District 5 - Anson, Coahoma, Colorado City, Haskell, Hawley. Merkel, Stamford. Stanton.

Class 3A District 3 - Andrews, Lamesa, Midland Greenwood, Snyder. District 7 - Abilene Wylie, Breckenridge, Clyde, Comanche, Sweetwater.

Class 4A District 4 - Big Spring, Lubbock Estacado, Plainview, San Angelo Lake View, Wolfforth Frenship.

last year's district rivals Bronte and defending champion Sterling City, but

GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE



HERALD ghoto/Thor Lynn Creswell, an employee with the Big Spring Police Department, donates blood while United Blood Services Team Leader Jay Draper helps her fill out some paperwork Wednesday afternoon. Looking

## **Service** to honor deceased veterans

By STEVE REAGAN

**Staff Writer** 

To honor veterans who have recently died, the West Texas VA Health Care System will hold a Four Chaplains Memorial Service at 11:30 a.m. Friday in the medical center chapel.

The memorial service is named after four U.S. Army chaplains who gave their lives to save others when the USS Dorchester was sunk by a German U-boat in 1943.

The chaplains George Fox, Alexander Goode. Clark Poling and John Washington — were part of a contingent en route to an Army base in Greenland when the ship was hit Feb. 3, 1943.

When it became apparent that the ship was sinking and there were not enough life jackets for everybody, the chap-

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## Food drive time, scout's honor

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

If one good turn deserves another, area residents may have a hard time keeping up with local Boy Scouts, as they hold their annual canned food drive Saturday.

on is 4-year-old Quade Creswell."

David O'Neill, Lone Star District Buffalo Trail Council executive director, said it's important for the scouts to learn the value of doing a good turn, a tradition that goes back to the inception of the scouting program in the United States.

"It just goes to show the boys are out there doing a good turn and trying to help others," he said. "Those are things they live by on a daily basis, so we want to make sure they practice that in some way. This has been a good project for us in the past and has been sort of a tradition for the past few years, so we wanted to continue it."

The food drive, which is slated for 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., calls for area residents to place canned goods and nonperishable food items in plastic grocery bags which have been left on porches and door steps for the community-wide collection.

"Area residents will find a note explaining the food drive, along with a plastic bag, at their home prior to Saturday," said O'Neill. "We wanted to make sure we reach out to the people in the community and ask for their help with the food drive. It's all part of the Good Turn for America program the Boy Scouts of America have been sponsoring for a number of

O'Neill said the scouts will collect the food items from different parts of the community, bringing them back

to a central drop-off point. "The food will be picked up by teams of Scouts and brought to our collection point, which will be set up at the Wal-Mart Supercenter's east entrance," said O'Neill. "We're having the drop off point at Wal-Mart in hopes people who see us there will also make a donation, or maybe even purchase something specially for the drive while they are doing their grocery shopping."

For more information on the food drive, contact O'Neill at 263-3407.

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

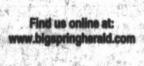


**David O'Nelli is coordinating** this year's Boy Scouts food

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## TXDOT SETS MEETING

The Abilene District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting to gather input from the public on the proposed truck relief route west of Big Spring from U.S. Highway 87 North to U.S. Highway 87 South.

The meeting will be held at the Dora Roberts Civic Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, Tuesday, Feb. 7. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Input gathered at the public meeting will be used along with TxDOT design, and environmental criteria to develop an alignment to be presented at a future pub-

## NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY

National Wear Red Day is Friday in support for women and the fight

against heart disease. By wearing red, you can help the American Heart Association raise awareness about heart disease and inspire women to take charge of their heart health.

Wear your favorite red clothes or accessory -- blouse, lipstick, lapel pin,

## SHE CAN'T EAT JUST ONE

NEW YORK (AP) - A 100-pound woman ate 26 grilled cheese sandwiches in 10 minutes at a New York restaurant, winning the World Grilled Cheese Eating Championship.

Sonya Thomas won \$8,000 for the contest at the Planet Hollywood restaurant Wednesday. Thomas, who is known as the "Black Widow" on the competitive circuit, says she has a naturally big stomach capacity. She holds numerous world eating records, including 46 dozen oysters in 10 minutes, 11 pounds of cheesecake in 9 minutes, 48 chicken tacos in 11 minutes, 37 hot dogs and buns in 12 minutes and 56 hamburgers in 8 minutes.

## **Obituaries**

## William L. Wallace

William L. Wallace, 74, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Support groups

 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 at 6 p.m. at the Spanish Inn, 200 NW Third St. For more information,

#### **TUESDAY**

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

## Take note

- · A BLOOD DRIVE IS SCHEDULED AT MOUN-TAIN VIEW LODGE from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Feb. 17 AT 2009 Virginia Ave. To sign up for the blood drive, call Jessica Paredez, director of marketing and admissions for Mountain View Lodge, at 263-1271.
- BIG SPRING SYMPHONY PRESENTS "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MOZART" at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 senior citizens and \$5 for students and may be purchased at the door. For more information, visit www.BigSpringSymphony.com BSSA@bigspringsymphony.com or telephone (432) 264-
- VALENTINE'S DAY CAKES available from the Relay For Life Yellow Dog Dare Devils team. Delivery available. Eight-inch cakes are \$5 and 5-inch cakes are \$3.50. Call Angel Sosa at 264-4108 or Georgia Torres at
- FOURTH ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE RASCAL RAZZMATAZZ applications being accepted through Feb. 13. The event is 10 a.m. Feb. 18 in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Entry forms are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.
- AARP TAX PREPARATION will be available at the Senior Center every Monday from 8 a.m. until noon. The AAR program will wrap-up for the year April 10. Electronic filing will be available. For more ....ormation 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.
- THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.
- · ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.
- LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.
- CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.
- BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.
- SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

## Police blotter

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

- EARNEST CLARK, 65, of 1901 S. Scurry, was arrested Wednesday on charges of criminal trespass and public intoxication.
- ANDREW GOOD, 27, of 1107 Mount Vernon, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while
- · JESSIE RIOS, 22, of 701 N. Gregg Street, was arrested Wednesday on charges of criminal mischief family violence and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon - family violence.
- WILLIAM MEEK, 19, of Canyon, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of Scurry.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street. - in the 3200 block of Auburn.
- in the 3300 block of Cornell.
- in the 900 block of Baylor. - in the 800 block of Baylor.
- in the 1700 block of Yale. - in the 600 block of Colgate.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1700 block of Harvard.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION WITH INTENT TO COMMIT OTHER FELONY was reported in the 1200 block of Madison.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY **WEAPON** was reported:
- in the 100 block of Third Street.

## - in the 700 block of Lorilla.

## Sheriff's report

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

- DESTINEE LUCAS, 18, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- DONNA LEA POTTER, 45, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of assault by
- PAMELA KAY LEFLER, 43, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check. • SANTIAGO MORALEZ JR., 45, was transferred to
- the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. • JUAN CARLOS CORDOVA, 29, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of
- no fishing license, violation of a promise to appear and driving while license invalid. PATRICIA ANN MORRIS, 38, was arrested
- Wednesday by DPS on a charge of theft by check. LUZ MARTINEZ JUAREZ, 40, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of
- THOMAS W. MURPHY, 26, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice giving false information.
- JOSE ALFREDO MELENDEZ, 22, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

## Fire/EMS

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

- · MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of
- Cardinal. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of
- Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Jeffrey. One person was transported to SMMC.
- · MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of
- Marijo. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North
- Highway 87. One person was transported to the • TRAUMA was reported in the 700 block of Lorilla.
- One person was transported to SMMC.

## **Around Town**

- BEAUTY IN BIG SPRING AT THE HERITAGE MUSEUM, 510 Scurry, is set for 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday. The new exhibit features barber, shoe shine and hair demonstrations at the opening, along with spa techniques from Uptown Salon and Day Spa. Register to win a full spa giveaway. The exhibit will be on display through April 16. Heritage Museum 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 chil-
- HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.
- · 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 citi-

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## **Bulletin board**

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

#### TODAY

- · Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

#### FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more informa-
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. • Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

- · A new exhibit, "Beauty in Big Spring" opens at the Heritage Museum at 1 p.m.
- · Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Big Spring Symphony and Chorale presents "Happy Birthday Mozart," featuring pianist and child prodigy Peng Peng at 8 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third. • Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

#### **MONDAY**

• 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.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• 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.

- Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant. · Archeology Society for Howard and Borden coun-
- ties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard Count, Library Community Room in the basement. Call 276 '515 for more information.
- · Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

## •Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221

## Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. West

winds around 10 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the lower 60s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Northwest winds around 10 mph becoming light and

variable. Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Light and variable winds.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 17-21-30-35-42. Bonus Ball:

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$62

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-6-8-9-15. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-3-6

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HOUSTON (AP) - Andrea Yates was released from jail early today and headed for a state mental hospital where she will await her second capital murder trial in the bathtub drowning deaths of her

Yates' attorney posted her \$200,000 bond, releasing her from incarceration for the first time since the June 2001 deaths of her five children. State District Judge Belinda Hill set the bond Wednesday.

Yates was carrying a brown paper sack and wearing jeans, white sneakers and a blue-and-white striped shirt as she entered a car with her attorney and a private investigator headed for the hospital. Yates, 41, didn't say anything.

The judge said she couldn't order Yates to commit herself to the East Texas hospital, but said she set the bond amount based on Yates remaining at the hospital while she awaits her March 20 trial

Once the trial gets under way, Yates will return to the Harris County Jail for the duration of the trial, which could last between four and six weeks.

Yates faces two capital murder charges for drowning deaths of three of the children. She has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.

A jury rejected Yates original insanity defense in 2002 and sentenced her to life in prison for the drowning of three of her five children: 7-year-old Noah, 5-year-old John and the youngest, 6-month-old Mary. Evidence was presented about the drownings of Paul, 3, and Luke, 2, but Yates was not charged in

An appeals court last year overturned those convictions based on the testimony by the state's expert witness about a nonexistent episode on television's "Law & Order" series. The expert, Park Dietz, said a show about a woman with postpartum depression who drowned her children aired shortly before Yates killed her five children.

Prosecutor seeks records on DeLay trip with Abramoff in 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) - A European trip former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay took six years ago with disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff is the new focus of a money laundering investigation in Texas, court documents filed Wednesday in Austin,

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle wants DeLay's wife and several associates who joined him on the trip to turn over travel itineraries, expense reimbursement requests and other

Earle is seeking the records on the late May-early June 2000 trip as part of his campaign funding investigation, which has led to money laundering charges against DeLay.

DeLay, R-Texas, is awaiting trial on those charges, but denies any wrongdoing in the case. He was forced by party rules to step down from his House leadership post after he was indicted. House members were scheduled to elect a replacement today.

Questions have arisen about whether DeLay's airfare to London and Scotland was charged to an Abramoff credit card, and whether other expenses on the same trip were billed to a credit card used by Ed Buckham, a former DeLay aide who had become a lobbyist by that time and was on the trip.

Murderer and felon escape from N.M. prison

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) - Authorities are conducting a manhunt for a convicted murderer and another violent felon who escaped from the Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility west of Las Cruces.

Charles Westbrook, 35, of El Paso, Texas, and Rodman Lee, 46, of New York, were discovered missing during a routine cell check around 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, said Steve Nance, deputy warden for

Westbrook is serving 17 1/2 years in prison for first-degree murder. Lee is serving a 110-year prison sentence on convictions for several counts of aggravated assault and simple assault.

Nance said authorities don't know whether the prisoners were on foot or whether they had help. He released no details about how the prisoners escaped. Nance cautioned people to be careful if they see

anyone matching the descriptions of the escapees.

The two black men were last seen around 6:30 p.m. wearing dark green prison uniforms. Dona Ana County Undersheriff Chuck Franco said the facility remained on lockdown as officers from several area agencies searched for the escapees. Several helicopters patrolled the Las Cruces area

Alleged sex offender apprehended at border

PHARR (AP) - An Arlington man wanted for allegedly fondling a child was apprehended as he attempted to cross an international bridge to Mexico, Customs and Border Protection officials said Wednesday. Audencio Lopez Mata, a 49-year-old resident alien,

the border on Tuesday. CBP officers checked a national crime database and found he was wanted by the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department on an outstanding warrant for sexual offense against a child-fondling.

was a passenger in a pickup truck that was crossing

High winds leave heavy damage in hurricane-hit areas

from above Wednesday night.

KENNER, La. (AP) — Tornadoes early today tore through New Orleans neighborhoods that were hit hard by Hurricane Katrina just five months earlier, collapsing at least one previously damaged house and battering the airport, authorities said.

Roofs were ripped off and utility poles came down, but no serious injuries were reported.

"Don't ever ask the question, 'What else could happen?" said Marcia Paul Leoni, a mortgage banker who was surveying the new damage to her Katrina-She would go no farther than the front porch of

her house Thursday morning. Windows were blown

out, and the building appeared to be leaning.

LOCAL/WIRE

## Iran's referral to Security Council takes center stage at IAEA meeting

and European diplomats campaigned behind the scenes Thursday in a last-minute effort to gain the broadest possible consensus for reporting Iran to the U.N. Security Council within days over concerns it is seeking nuclear

The negotiations came as the International Atomic Energy Agency's 35-nation board of governors began a two-day meeting on a European draft resolution calling for Tehran to be referred to the Security Council, which can impose sanctions.

Iran remained defiant and its chief nuclear negotiator threatened to suspend all voluntary cooperation with the IAEA if his country is

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — U.S. referred to the Security Council.

adoption of the resolution within the next few days was certain, but Washington and the European Union, the key backers of referral wanted to build as much support as possible.

The chief of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, Mohamed ElBaradei, said the meeting opened a "window of opportunity" to defuse the crisis, stressing that even if the issue is referred, the Security Council would not take up the issue before next month.

"We are reaching a critical phase but it is not a crisis," he said.

The IAEA board was expected to approve the motion easily because Russia and China now support the letter warned.

reporting Iran following months of Diplomats at the meeting said opposition. Protracted back-room negotiations were being held to achieve broader consensus.

Iran starting full-scale uranium enrichment, a possible step to developing nuclear weapons.

Tehran's chief nuclear negotiator Ali Larijani reiterated that threat in a letter to ElBaradei that was made available to The Associated

He said referral would leave his country no choice but "to suspend all the voluntary measures and extra cooperation" with the IAEA.

Furthermore, "all the peaceful nuclear activities being under voluntary suspension would be resumed without any restriction,'

## SYMPHONY

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Turkish ambiance of the piece ... This is a wonderful piece, and I'm surprised it hasn't stayed in

favor over the years."
After intermission, Peng Peng will join the orchestra for a perforof mance Mozart's Concerto No. 20 in D Minor, one of the composer's most famous piano works.

"It is well-known to modern listeners, and adequately exposes the talents of our young visi-

Tickets for the evening will be available at the door. Prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students.

Peng Peng and the symphony will also perform in a clinic for Big Spring Independent School District students in grades 2 through 4 at 9 a.m. Friday in the municipal auditorium.

The symphony will next perform April 8 with a salute to 20th Century American composers. The

highlight, evening's Graumann said, will be when the symphony chorus joins the orchestra for a performance of George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess Suite.'

For more information, call 264-7223.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331,

## **SERVICE**

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lains gave theirs to others and chose to go down with the ship.

"It was," an eyewitness recalled, "the finest thing I have ever seen or hope to see this side of heav-

The chaplains were

Continued from Page 1A

years as Christoval,

Mertzon Irion County and

Miles all join the district.

The best news for the

Buffaloes is losing peren-

nial power Roscoe as well

as Roby and Winters, but

dropped down to six-man

and will play with Borden

County, Jayton, Loraine

The three local six-man

schools will be in the

same district in football

the next two seasons.

Garden City, Grady and

Sands will all play in

District 1-six man and all

three will be in the new

Division 1 level. The rest

of the district includes

Fort Davis and Rankin,

which dropped down

Robert Lee and Water

Valley both move away

from sudden power

Garden City, but join Ira,

Westbrook and Highland

in District 3. Dawson,

Loop and Klondike - for-

mer district rivals of

Grady and Sands — will

play in District 3 with

Grandfalls-Royalty and

Abilene Wylie, one of

the largest Class 3A

schools the past two

years, did not move up to

Class 4A and will play in

a district with arch rival

Sweetwater as well as

Clyde, Comanche and

In 5A, District 3 consists

of Abilene High, Cooper,

Midland High, Midland

Lee, Odessa High and Odessa Permian. San

District 2 with Amarillo

High, Amarillo Tascosa,

Lubbock High, Lubbock

Coronado and Lubbock

Big Spring, Coahoma

and Stanton will all play

in the same districts as

football during basketball

remains

in

from Class 1A.

Buena Vista.

Breckenridge.

Angelo

Monterey.

Menard,

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and Trent.

posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart. In addition, Congress authorized a unique Special Medal of Heroism to honor the four men.

Friday's service will be conducted by chaplains Dean Thomas and Dan Shadix and the Rev. Richard Regan. Friends and family of veterans who have died during the

season, but the smaller

area schools have some

changes as far as the

Garden City will no

longer play with area

rivals Grady and Sands as

the Bearkats move into

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Blackwell, Bronte, Robert

Lee. Sterling City and

Water Valley. Sands and

Grady will play in

District 8 with Klondike,

Dawson, Wellman-Union

and Loop. Borden County

moves to District 12,

Hermleigh, Ira, Loraine,

Highland and Westbrook.

Forsan's basketball dis-

trict was completely

hardwood goes.

District

which

previous 12 months are invited to attend.

Also during the service, VA officials will award the Legion of Honor to three people.

"The Legion of Honor ... is to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in serving veterans," said Iva Jo Hanslik, community relations coordi-

nator for WTVIAHCC. changed. The Buffaloes now play in District 2 with Hamlin, Roscoe and Rotan. This year's rivals - McCamey, Iraan and

Wink — move to District

1 with Fort Hancock and

Marfa.

with

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Names of the honorees have not been released, but Hanslik said two were from Big Spring and one from Abilene.

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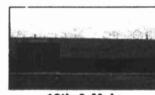
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## OUR VIEWS

# Be sure and wear red Friday

ut on your red dress, baby, 'cause we're going out tonight..." When you go out Friday, be sure and wear something red. It's National Wear Red Day and on that day, the American Heart Association is urging everyone to "Go Red For Women."

The purpose of wearing red is to show your support for women and the fight against heart disease. By wearing red, you help the American Heart Association raise awareness of that disease — the No. 1 killer of women (and men) — and inspire women to take charge of their heart health. While heart disease is deadly, it's also preventable through lifestyle choices and actions. That's a message we can all support.

So Friday, we encourage you to wear red. Put on that red dress, or blouse or shirt. Wear red lipstick or paint your nails red, assuming, of course, that you are female or that your boss is of a liberal mind. Wear a red lapel pin, carry a red purse, put on red shoes, don a red bandana or hat — you get the idea. The point is to show your support, get involved.

It's like seeing red without getting angry. It's a good thing. Think red. Then wear it.

"Put on your red dress, baby, comb that wig down on your head..."

See you Friday.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

## When sexual harrassment is a joke

y the year 2020, every American will be a yictim. Give it another 15 years, and there will be a study that puts every man, woman and child into one aggrieved group or another.

In that spirit, a new study by the American **Association of University Women** 

found that "nearly two-thirds of college students experience sexual harassment at some point during college." When you consider what the AAUW's definition of sexual harassment is — "unwanted or



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unwelcome sexual behavior that interferes with your life" — it is surprising that the percentage is so low. The study even lists "sexual comments, jokes, gestures or looks" as "examples of different types of sexual harassment."

As the Philadelphia-based group FIRE — Foundation for Individual Rights in Education — noted in a press release, the AAUW's definition risks "trivializing actual harassment." Samantha Harris of FIRE noted, "If I were someone who experienced real harassment, I wouldn't want to be lumped in with people who heard a bad joke.

FIRE prefers the federal government's definition: conduct "so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an education program or activity, or creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive education environ-

ment." That definition puts the burden of proof on the accuser, where it belongs.

The AAUW, alas, wasn't looking for severe or persistent. The study also did not bother to distinguish between students and teachers. This means that if a date became too aggressive — that is, "touched, grabbed or pinched in a sexual way" that was unwanted — that could qualify as sexual harassment on campus, for the study's purposes.

Even if he backed off. Barbara O'Connor, a professor of political communication at California State University Sacramento, noted that she has seen "enough serious cases to know (sexual harassment) exists. You don't want to make it so silly that the serious ones don't get treated."

FIRE is afraid that universities will use ratcheted-up sexual harassment rules to stifle free speech. Ditto O'Connor, who noted, "It would take all the fun out of life, if you couldn't have conversations.'

Harris noted, "Harassment policies are frequently used to suppress any speech that someone might find offensive." William **Paterson University of New Jersey** reprimanded a graduate student and employee who sent an e-mail to a professor in which he objected to a movie about two aging lesbians — he called them "perversions" - after the professor complained that she felt threatened by the e-mail. In December, after FIRE got involved, the school revoked the reprimand — but the reprimand never should have happened.

The AAUW study even listed someone calling you "gay or lesbian" to be sexual harassment, if the words are unwanted. This should scare you: 57 percent of students polled want their college to set up an Internet site where they can make anonymous accusations of sexual harassment. This reinforces the strong sense I get that the AAUW doesn't think students have an obligation to fend for themselves.

Worse, universities are instilling students with the belief that they have an "absolute right not to be offended," Harris noted — which means that when they graduate, "they're in for a rude awakening in the real world."

The AAUW also trivializes criminal behavior by lumping it into the sexual harassment category. The study didn't refer to rape as sexual harassment, but the AAUW released the study with a statement by a student who said she had been raped. Rape — that's a felony. But she talked about it as if it were not a matter for the authorities, but for her school's women's resource center, 24-hourhotline and free counseling.

One sophomore noted, "There's a guy in all my classes who consistently touches me in a sexual way that I really don't appreciate."

What is her major? Victimhood. Forget anonymous tip lines and counseling. Get angry, and stand up for yourself. If a guy grabs a body part he has no business touching, you yell, warn him to stop. Complain to your professor. If that doesn't stop the brute, punch him. Trust me. It works.

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## From Bolivia, in deep, deep denial

he writing is on the wall, but many Bolivian-Americans refuse to read

It says their country is headed down the wrong path, that soon their friends and relatives will be losing their freedom and coming to seek political asylum in the United States.

Their new socialist president. Evo Morales, elected Dec. 18 and sworn into office Jan. 22, is surely taking them back to totalitarianism. But unfortunately, in the United States, just like in Bolivia, most Bolivianos are in denial.

They are so sick and tired of poverty and political corruption that they are willing to accept any kind of change, even if it's for the

To me, this new Bolivian scenario looks terribly familiar.

It takes me back to my childhood in my native Cuba, to a time when I was too young to understand all the political ramifications of the historic events that were developing right before my

Every time I read about the antics of Morales, my mind flashes back to the first few years of the Cuban Revolution, when Fidel Castro slowly introduced "revolutionary laws" and "reforms" that established a communist dictator-

But most Bolivians, even those in the United States, refuse to acknowledge that their new president could put them in a precarious position.

Predicting that he'll be "a nightmare" for Washington, Morales has aligned himself with other Latin American leaders who consider them themselves enemies of the United States. He has threatened to nationalize Bolivia's vast natural gas resources and decriminalize the cultivation of coca, the plant used to produce cocaine.

**But most Bolivian-Americans** don't see how this will affect. them. They say they don't expect their loyalties to be torn between their old homeland and their new

The same thing happened to Venezuelan-Americans when they refused to see how President Hugo Chavez was slowly turning Venezuela

into another Cuba. Chavez kept saying that he idolized Castro, and that Venezuela was marching "toward the same sea as the Cuban people." He kept trying to emulate Castro's anti-American diatribe while gradually tak-

ing away his people's But Venezuelan-Americans were so tired of corrupt democratic governments that they are willing to take their chances with a leader who emulated the hemisphere's most repressive and longest-lasting dictator. They were so deluded that they refused to listen to people, especially Cuban-Americans,

who tried to open their eyes. But now that Chavez has proven he wants to be another Castro, the same Venezuelan-Americans who defended him are the ones who abhor his authoritarian control, the same ones who fear he will try to stay in power as long as Castro, who has ruled Cuba with an iron fist for 47 years.

Morales refers to the United States as the "North American Empire" from which Bolivia needs to be liberated. Shortly after he was elected, he flew to Cuba and Venezuela, as if to solidify his alliance with other leftist, anti-American leaders.

A former coca farmer and leader of the coca growers association, Morales has vowed to halt the U.S.-backed coca eradication campaign in Bolivia

But his supporters in the United States say he is only seeking to promote legal markets for the coca leaf, which has other uses — medicinal, nutritional and cultural in Bolivia. They say he is committed to fighting drug trafficking, and they aren't fazed by concerns that his policies could end up increasing cocaine production and consumption by lowering its price in the United States.

Whatever other people decide to do with the coca leaf is not Bolivia's problem, they insist. Excuse me? How about a reality

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You remind them of the negative image Colombian-Americans have had to endure because, since some drugs come from Colombia, many people erroneously assume that Columbians are all drug dealers, and Bolivians tell you that they don't see why this would happen to them.

You show them how Morales is following the path of Castro and Chavez, and they tell you they have priorities more important than worrying about what happened in Cuba and Venezuela.

There are some Bolivian-Americans who are clearly worried about the negative impact a leftist pro-coca president can have on their community here. But unfortunately, they are a small minority.

The Bolivian-American community is small. But so was the **Cuban population before Castro** and the Venezuelan community before Chavez.

Once they begin to read the writing on the wall, many Bolivians will seek refuge here. And those who are already here will be wondering why they didn't heed the advice of those who have already suffered the wrath of a ruthless communist dictatorship.

I have many wonderful memories of my youth in Cuba. But the ones that are being rekindled in Bolivia are the ones I don't want to remember.

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Trim fat with TURKEY on the I's! **Nut Crusted** Tenderloin With Mushroom-Cranberry Sauce

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ou can have it all! Yes, great food AND great health. Fact is, many of us are watching what we eat. If you have resolved to trim fat from your diet, relax. Savvy cooks savor everyday meals with turkey. It packs the powerful combo of being ultra-lean and naturally packed with protein while also being full of flavor, easy to prepare and fun to serve.

Enthusiasts recommend Turkey on the T's — turkey twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This easy-to-remember meal plan jump-starts healthy-yet-delectable meals. See if anyone notices the difference. Try ground turkey in spaghetti, chili and tacos. Enjoy turkey sausage for breakfast and turkey bratwurst for big game days.

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Fresh Vegetable Soup

**Oatmeal Nut Crusted Tenderloin With Mushroom-Cranberry Sauce** 

Servings: 4 to 6

Prep time: 15 minutes / Total time: 50 minutes 1 package Honeysuckle White or Shady

**Brook Farms Turkey Breast Tenderloins** 1 cup old-fashioned oats

1/2 cup walnuts

1/8 teaspoon salt

1/8 tcaspoon black pepper 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger

2 large egg whites

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line baking sheet with parch-

Place oats and walnuts in food processor; pulse until finely chopped. Add salt, black pepper and ginger; pulse two more times to mix well. Remove from food processor; place in pie plate. Place egg whites in another pie plate. Dip turkey in egg and then in oat mixture. Place turkey on baking sheet a

few inches apart, rounded side up. Bake 20 to 25

minutes or until internal temperature reaches 170°F.

Remove from oven; let cool 5 to 10 minutes. Slice turkey about 1/4-inch thick. Place 4 to 5 slices on plate in fan shape; top with Mushroom-Cranberry Sauce and serve.

## **Mushroom-Cranberry Sauce**

1 tablespoon olive oil package (8-ounce) fresh mushrooms, sliced

cup dried cranberries rib celery, diced

tablespoon all-purpose flour

1 cup chicken or turkey broth

Heat oil in medium nonstick skillet over medium heat. Cook mushrooms until browned, about 5 minutes. Add cranberries and celery. Sprinkle with flour; stir well. Add broth; cook 3 minutes until sauce thickens slightly.

# Eat good, feel good

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- One four-ounce serving of skinless turkey breast provides up to half of the daily requirement for protein.
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- Turkey is rich in healthy nutrients, notably selenium, niacin, vitamins B6 and B12 and zinc.

## Fresh Vegetable Soup

Prep time: 10 minutes / Total time: 40 minutes

- 1 package Honeysuckle White or **Shady Brook Farms Ground Turkey**
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- medium onion, chopped garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cans (14-1/2-ounce each) reduced-sodium chicken
- 1 can (14-1/2-ounce) diced tomatoes 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- can (16-ounce) cannelloni beans, rinsed, drained cups fresh spinach leaves, stems removed
- 1/2 cup grated carrot
- 12 diagonally cut baguette slices, toasted

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook turkey until no longer pink, about 5 minutes. While

cooking, break turkey into coarse pieces. Remove from heat. Heat remaining oil in large stockpot over medium-high heat and cook onion until softened, about 5 minutes. Add garlic; cook 1 more minute. Stir in broth, tomatoes, black pepper and beans; bring to boil. Reduce heat; simmer 10 minutes. Add turkey; simmer 6 more minutes. With 1 minute remaining, stir

Ladle into 6 large soup bowls; sprinkle with grated carrots.

## **Savory Curry**

Servings: 4 Prep time: 10 minutes / Total time: 20 minutes

- 1 package Honeysuckle White or Shady Brook Farms Turkey Breast Cutlets, cut into 1-inch pieces
- Salt and black pepper, optional 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1/2 red onion, sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- medium carrots, diced tablespoons water
- tablespoons fat-free plain yogurt
- 1/2 teaspoon fat-free half-and-half 2 cups instant white rice, prepared according to

package directions

Heat I tablespoon oil in medium nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Sprinkle salt and black pepper over turkey and cook, stirring constantly until no longer pink, about 5 minutes. Add remaining oil and onion; cook until onion is softened, about 5 minutes. Add ginger and garlic; cook 10 seconds. Add curry powder, stir to coat turkey. Add carrots; cook 2 minutes. Add water; reduce heat to medium. Continue to cook 2 to 4 minutes or until carrots are softened. Remove skillet from heat. In small bowl, combine yogurt and half-and-half; mix well. Combine with turkey and serve over cooked rice.

## **General Motors pinning** high hopes on 2007 Tahoe

Chicago Tribune What **CHICAGO** would Jesus drive?

That's what environmentalists asked a few years ago when they enlisted the deity in their crusade against big SUVs.

The crusaders insisted Jesus would tool around in a small economy car, not a full-size sport-utility vehicle.

Of course, it depends on who else you ask.

"What would Jesus drive? A Tahoe so he could get up to eight of his disciples inside and tow the rest in a trailer behind," said Gary White, vice president and vehicle line executive for full-size trucks for General Motors, who is biased as well as ecumenical.

Tired of anti-SUV tirades, White offers a suggestion to critics.

"If you don't need to carry all those people or tow a trailer, then get a smaller horse," he said.

The Tahoe White discussed is the redesigned 2007 model in dealerships now.

Why a new Tahoe with the concern over gas prices? Lead time.

Chevy general manager Ed Peper noted that work began on the redesign three years ago "when gas wasn't at \$2 a gallon and gas prices were a consideration, but not an issue."

On top of that matter, Tahoe and its sister, the even bigger Suburban that comes out next quarter, have a huge cross to bear.

As the most profitable

machines in the GM lineup, it has been said they must succeed or the automaker will have to turn out the lights. Don't know about the lights, but At 75 mph, the aero a success here sure would help pay the bills.

While the big SUV segment may shrink a bit, it's not going away as long as enough people need one to carry the family and their supplies or tow a boat or trailer.

With sales of 152,305 Tahoes last year, the topselling full-size SUV, don't expect Chevy to abandon the segment. Tahoe is offered in LS, LT and LTZ versions. As a fan of the rectangular box on wheels look of the old model, have to say the redesign left us a bit cold when the 2007 LT 4WD arrived for testing.

Tahoe has rounded lines body to bumper — for better aerodynamics to improve fuel economy and reduce wind noise, and as a styling gimmick to look smaller and more manageable though it's 5 inches longer and 2 inches taller.

Rounded sheet metal does all of that, plus make Tahoe look like a full-size Japanese SUV.

On the plus side, larger 17-inch all-season radials replace 16-inchers as standard and better fill the wheel-well openings so Tahoe no longer looks like it's riding on toy tires. You can get 20-inch radials as an option along with running boards.

And the aero design has merits as proved in a jaunt to Detroit and back

on Interstate 94. The sunroof had been left open, unnoticed even after it started to rain because there was no wind noise. design also kept rain out of the cabin.

In the old model, you'd need earplugs and an umbrella.

Even the tires were tuned to reduce road noise filtering inside.

A 5.3-liter V-8 rated at 320 horsepower and 340 foot-pounds of torque has replaced the old 5.3-liter with its 295 h.p. and 335 foot-pounds of torque.

The V-8 is energetic leaving the light, stepping into the passing lane or taking those steep inclines on I-94 on which 18-wheelers lose ground. And this one comes

with active fuel management to shut down 4 cylinders when not needed for a rating of 15 m.p.g. city/21 m.p.g. highway. Hardly a mileage champ, but far better than the old 13/17.

To ease the pain of filling the 26-gallon tank, don't wait until the needle gets down to one-quarter.

Better mileage promised in 2008 with a gas/electric version that starts and runs in electric mode until about 20 to 25 mph and shuts down 4 cylinders when not needed while cruising.

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General Motors Vice Chairman Bob Lutz stands with the new 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe after it was unveiled at the GM Tech Center in Warren, Michigan. The redesigned Tahoe delivers a more precise handling, more power with improved, segment-leading fuel economy, enhanced interior and improved guletness.

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Transmission: 4-speed automatic Fuel economy: 15 m.p.g. city/21 m.p.g. highway

Price as tested: \$46,945

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\$85 Washer-fluid heater

\$3,650 LT package with leather seats, power and heated front seats, power pedals, remote vehicle start, side-curtain air bags, Bose speaker system, XM satellite radio, power and folding outside mirrors and threezone climate control

Add \$875 for freight.

Pluses: New design and 5 inches longer overall. Better mileage thanks to automatic cylinder shutoff to conserve fuel.

Power folding second-row seat. Power pedals and remote start.

Power liftgate. Comfortable cabin. Good ride. Price cut of \$2,000 on 2WD models and lower-priced version coming later in the model year. Hybrid coming in 2008.

Minuses: Lots of the goodles cost extra. Not much stowage room behind third seat. You rub against rear bumper when reaching in to fold and flip third seats to add cargo space.

# **Tahoe LT 4WD**

**Child Prodigy, Pianist** Peng Peng



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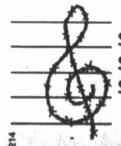
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## BSHS announces "Meet the Lady Steers" day

The 2006 Big Spring Lady Steers softball team, including new head coach Jennifer Reyes and assistant coaches Dee Dee Myers and John Sparks, will be intro-duced Saturday after a scrimmage against Greenwood.

Following the scrimmage, which begins at noon, the Lady Steers will take on the "Mad Cows" (BSISD faculty) in a rag ball game starting at 2 p.m. There will be chili

dog meals available for \$5 with all pro-ceeds going to the Lady Steer Softball Purchasing a meal deal will also put your name in a drawing to win a Big Spring Steer

## Big Spring Softball Association sets date for signups

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be holding signups to register for and they will be held each Saturday from Feb. 18 through March 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring

The league is for girls and women ages four and up. The registration fee is \$30 and there is a \$5 discount for a second child.

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

#### Howard College to host regional cheer competition

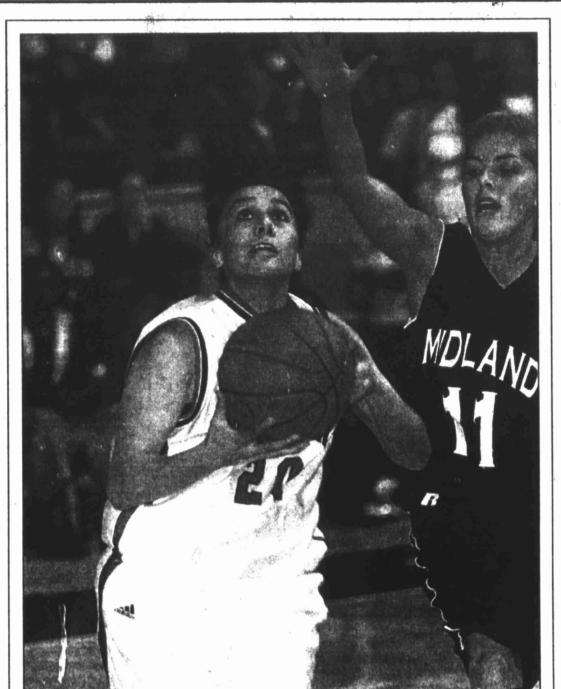
The Western Junior Athletic Conference Regional Cheer Competition will be hosted by Howard College at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday, Feb. 11, beginning at 1

The Howard College cheerleaders will perform in the co-ed category. There will also be an all-girl and a dance category. The competition is free to the public.

For more information, contact Linda Berry at 264-5024.

## Astros file Insurance claim on Bagwell

HOUSTON (AP) filed an insurance Ragwell's contract, arguing that the four



Howard sophomore Jennifer Pena moves in for the layup against Midland earlier this season. The Hawks and Hawk women travel to Frank Phillips tonight to take on the Plainsman. The Howard men are seeking their 22nd straight victory.

## New coach, better discipline for Howard softball program

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor Getting the right kids and establishing discipline were two focus points to new Howard head softball coach Kelly Raines upon her arrival to the school this past

summer. "I wanted to make sure

we have the right kind of kids for the program and I am pretty big on discipline,' said Raines. who comes to Howard from Lindenwood University in Charles.

Mo. "I think programs start with discipline and so far the kids have responded well. They want to win and they understand that the hard work will pay off in the end."

The discipline started this offseason when the team worked out with weights and did plyometrics and cardio work three nights a week in the Harold Davis Fitness Center.

Raines kept a handful of players from last year's 19-29 squad, but the bulk of this year's squad will be new to the program.

include Bethany Rose and Amanda Kuramata and Krista Rams is still on the squad, but will sit out this season and return to the field in 2007.

The newbies are highlighted by sophomore transfers Paige Ruiz and

> Nicole Dickson and former Andrews stars Honda Rodriguez a n d Kendra Corbin.

Ruiz. Dickson and Corbin will all three look to get the Hawks back on track on the mound. Howard lost Andrea Renteria, who led the Hawks to the national tournament as a freshman in 2004, to graduation and Jody Clark, who was not recruited as a pitcher, did not return.

Ruiz and Dickson compliment each other well. Ruiz throws hard, while Dickson does well with "junk" pitches and movement. Both players are very athletic and both will also see time in the field when they are not on

The players brought "Nicole is all about softback from last year ball and gives 110 percent all the time." said Raines. "I look for Page to be big for us this year. Both are experienced and very competitive and are close friends, which always helps."

Dickson transferred in from Texarkana after graduating high school from Monahans. Ruiz is originally from Colorado and transferred in this season from Southern University in La. Dickson will most likely see time at first base when she is not pitching, while Ruiz can also play in the outfield.

Corbin transferred to Howard at the semester and is in her first year of collegiate softball after guiding Andrews to the state semifinals last year. She is a good all-around player who will play centerfield when she is not on the mound, according to Raines.

Rodriguez, who was a big-time player during his years at Andrews, will lead off this season for the Hawks and play shortstop and second base.

Kuramata will start the

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## mind of Howard baseball squad Smith set to field

World Series on

most talented team in his three-year tenure

By TROY HYDE

**Sports Editor** 

To say the Howard College baseball team has high hopes this season would be a major understatement.

Head coach Britt Smith, who will begin his third year as head man at Howard, said talent-wise the Hawks are the best they have been in years and rumblings around campus from several players say that the Hawks are World Series bound.

"To have high expectations is good," said Smith. "I would much rather have the players thinking high than not at all. But with that also comes responsibility to play well and do the job."

The expectations started to really take off after a successful fall session, but Smith knows the successful fall season is hardly something to get worked up about.

"You don't ever see teams holding up trophies

for what they have done in the fall," said Smith. "We played well yes, but that doesn't mean much now."

This year's team features star returners Darby Brown, Damon Aaron, Jeff Ward and Will Basom.

Brown, who will play

for Texas A&M after graduating



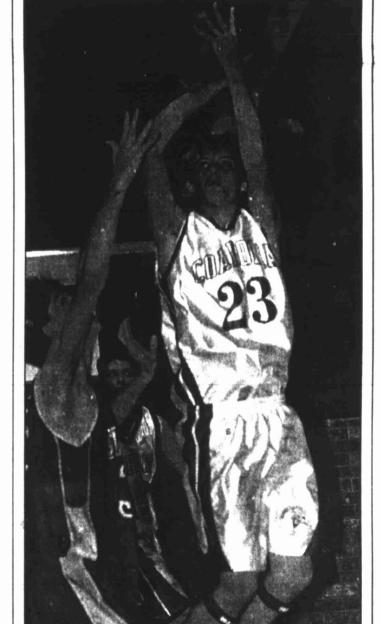
from Howard, is coming off a monster, and almost dream, season which he hit 5 0 8 ,

smashed 17 home runs, knocked in 87 runners, set a school record with 27 doubles and stole 26 bases.

"It is going to be hard for Darby to duplicate a season like he had last year and the most important thing for him is to not try and press the issue," said Smith.

Aaron was injured during the season last year; but hit .454 and had nine

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**HERALD photo/Troy Hyde** Coahoma's Colter Morgan nails a jump shot during the Buildogs' win against arch rival Stanton Tuesday. The Bulldogs and Bulldogettes travel to Anson Friday.

## Forsan JV boys get another big victory

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald FORSAN - Jeremy Robbins scored 12 points and Blake Grantham added nine as the Forsan Buffalo JV squad improved its record to 16-1, defeating McCamey, 40-20 Tuesday night.

Down most of the first half, the Buffs managed to fight their way into a four-point halftime lead,

But the Badgers came out quick, scoring the first four points of the third quarter and drawing to a tie at 20-20.

That's when the **Buffaloes** completely shut down the visiting Badgers and went on a 20-0 run to end the game and leave no doubt about the outcome.

Adding to Forsan's total was Nathan Ackerson, who finished with eight points and Cody Frietag who had six.

Forsan will travel to Iraan Friday night to play the only team to beat it all

The Buffs will finish up

their season next Tuesday

at home against Wink. The JV girls were also

in action, as well, taking on the Lady Badgers and losing 48-33. The ladies came on

strong late, outscoring McCamey 12-4 in the fourth quarter, but the run was not in time.

Sandi Golleher led the ladies with eight points while Alyx Pappajohn, Faith Belew and Keisha Yarbar each had six.

The Lady Buffs will also travel to Iraan Friday and end with Wink at home

## This weekend's local schedule

Howard basketball @Frank Phillips, 5:50 p.m. and 7:50 p.m.

Big Spring basketball @ Frenship, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Big Spring softball scrimmage vs. Lamesa, 4 p.m. Big Spring golf (girls @San Angelo, boys @Monahans) Garden City basketball vs. Borden County, 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Grady basketball @ Sands, 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Coahoma basketball @Anson, 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Forsan basketball @Iraan, 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Howard College softball @Odessa Round Robin Tournament

Big Spring tennis @Vernon Big Spring golf (girls @San Angelo, boys @Monahans) Big Spring softball scrimmage vs. Greenwood, noon Howard College baseball DH vs. Cisco, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Howard College softball @Odessa Round Robin Tournament

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# Super

Test your Super Bowl knowledge with a supersize trivia quiz. Try these 40 questions, then see how you rate.

By Pat Sutherland, Knight Ridder Newspapers

## QUESTIONS

- 1. What was the name of the first Super Bowl?
- 2. Two players have won the MVP award in consecutive years. Name them.
- 3. True or False: Bill Parcells was the first coach to lead two different teams to the Super Bowl.
- 4. Name the six NFL teams that have not made a Super Bowl appearance.
- 5. Of the nine Super Bowls held in New Orleans, how many were not played in the
- 6. Who has the longest run from scrimmage in Super Bowl history?

7. Who scored the

a) Don Chandler

b) Max McGee

c) Mike Garrett

8. Who has the

record for the longest

9. Larry Brown of

field goal in Super

Dallas became the

second defensive

MVP award. Who

back to win the

Bow! history?

d) Elijah Pitts

first points in Super

Bowl history?

- a) Marcus Allen
- h) Emerson Boozer
- c) John Riggins d) Roger Craig



Was Bill Parcells the first coach to lead two teams to the Super Bowl?

was the first?

- a) Ronnie Lott
- b) Mel Blount c) Jake Scott
- d) Herb Adderley
- 10. True or False, No bunt has ever been returned for a touchdown. 11. One player has intercepted three passi
- es in one Super Bowl game. Who is he? 12. Which of the following touchdowns in a single Super
- Bowl? a) Roger Craig b) Jerry Rice
  - c) Emmitt Smith
- d) Ricky Watters 13. Five players have returned a fumble for a touchdown in a Super Bowl. Name
- them. 14. Which Dallas Cowboy had his helmet stolen at the
- 1994 Super Bowl?
  - a) Troy Aikman b) Emmitt Smith
  - c) Michael Irvin
  - d) Larry Brown
- 15. What was the first Super Bowl in which the winning points came on the final play?



Does Emmitt Smith hold the record for most Super Bowl rushing yards?

- a) Super Bowl I b) Super Bowl XIV
- c) Super Bowl XXX
- d) Super Bowl XXXVI
- 16. Name the first team to win five Super
  - a) Green Bay Packers
  - b) San Francisco 49ers
- c) Pittsburgh Steelers d) Dallas Cowboys
- 17. Name the first wild-card team to win a Super Bowl.
  - a) New York Jets
  - b) Washington Redskins c) Chicago Bears
  - d) Oakland Raiders
- 18. Which player holds the record for most rushing yards in a single Super Bowl?
- a) Emmitt Smith
- b) Franco Harris
- c) Timmy Smith d) Marcus Allen
- 19. Who sang the national anthem at Super Wowl, XVIII?
  - b) Diana Ross
    - c) Billy Joel d) Barry Manilow
  - **20.** Which player holds the record for most consecutive completions in a Super Bowl?
  - a) Joe Montana b) Troy Aikman
  - c) Phil Simms d) Tom Brady
  - 21. Which player holds the record for most career Super
  - Bowl fumbles? a) Terry Bradshaw
  - b) Thurman Thomas c) Roger Staubach
  - d) Jim Kelly
  - 22. What safety returned two interceptions for touchdowns in the same Super Bowl game? 23. What kicker has made
- the most extra-point attempts in Was Larry Brown's helmet stolen at the Super Bowl history? 1994 Super Bowl? 24. Super Bowl I was played

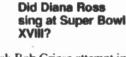
WILLIAM SNYDER/DALLAS MORNING NEWS

- **26.** Who were the only players to share the Super Bowl MVP award? 27. Who is the only three-time Super

25. Super Bowl V saw two firsts in its

award of the game MVP. What were they?

- 28. What is the lowest point total scored by a winning team in a Super Bowl? 29. Name the
- seven teams to have won consecutive Super Bowls. One team has done it twice.
- 30. What was the highest combined point total in a Super Bowl? 31. Five teams
- are unbeaten in the Super Bowl. Name them.



- 32. How many passes did quarterback Bob Griese attempt in Miami's 24-7 win in Super Bowl VIII?
- a) 15
- c) 7 d) 0
- 33. Who is the only player to play for five winning Super Bowl teams?
- 34. Name the four coaches who have lost four Super Bowl games.



#### Does Roger Staubach, left, here with coach Tom Landry, hold the record for most career Super Bowl fumbles?

- 35. Name the only team to commit nine
- tumovers in a Super Bowl g me. 36. What player has scored the most
- points in Super Bowl history? 37. What player has the longest reception
- in a Super Bowl? **38.** What player has the most rushing
- attempts in Super Bowl history? **39.** Name the only player to have three
- sacks in a Super Bowl game. 40. What quarterback has the best com-
- pletion percentage in Super Bowl history (at least 40 attempts)?
- Bonus question: Name the largest player to score a touchdown in the Super

## ANSWERS

- 1. The AFL-NFL World Championship Game. 2. Bart Starr (Super Bowls I and II) and Terry Bradshaw (XIII and XIV).
- 3. False. Don Shula led Baltimore to Super Bowl III and Miami in Super Bowls VI, VII, VIII, XVII and XIX.
- 4. Arizona, Detroit, New Orleans, Houston, Jacksonville and Cleveland.
- 5. Three. The games were played at Tulane 6. a. Marcus Allen, 74 yards against Washington in
- Super Bowl XVIII. 7. b. Max McGee, on a 37-yard pass from Bart Starr
- against Kansas City in Super Bowl I. 8. Steve Christie, Buffalo, 54 yards in Super Bowl
- 9. c. Jake Scott, Miami, Super Bowl VII.
- 11. Oakland's Rod Martin in Super Bowl XV.
- 12. c. Emmitt Smith. 13. Mike Bass, Washington, Super Bowl VII; Mike Hegman, Dallas, Super Bowl XIII; Jimmie Jones, Dallas, Super Bowl XXVII; Ken Norton, Dallas, Super Bowl XXVII; James Washington, Dallas, Super Bowl
- 14. b. Emmitt Smith's stolen helmet was returned to him several weeks after the 1994 Super Bowl, following an anonymous phone
- call to team headquarters. 15. d. Super Bowl XXXVI marked the first time the winning points came on the final play, a 48-yard field goal by New England kicker Adam Vinatieri to beat the St. Louis Rams.
- 16. b. San Francisco was the first team to win five Super Bowls. 17. d. Oakland defeated
- Philadelphia 27-10 in Super Bowl XV, becoming the first wild-card team to
- 18. c. In Super Bowl XXII, running back Timmy Smith rushed for a record 204 yards, breaking the previous mark of 191 yards set by Oakland's Marcus Allen in Super Bowl XVIII. 19. d. Barry Manilow sang the
- national anthem at Super Bowl XVIII. 20. a. In Super Bowl XXIV, Joe
- dontana completed a record 1.5 consecutive passes 21. c. Roger Staubach holds the record for Super Bowl fumbles with five in four games.
- 22. Tampa Bay's Dwight Smith in Super Bowl 23. New England's Adam Vinatieri has made 11
- extra-point attempts in four games. 24. Los Angeles. 25. Dallas' Chuck Howley was the first defensive
- player, and the first player from the losing team to be named MVP. 26. Dallas defensive linemen Randy White and
- Harvey Martin in Super Bowl XII. 27. Joe Montana, San Francisco.
- 28. 14 points by Miami in Super Bowl VII. Three teams have won with 16 points, all before Super Bowl 29. Green Bay (I, II); Miami (VII, VIII); Pittsburgh twice (IX, X; and XIII, XIV); San Francisco (XXIII,
- XXIV); Dallas (XXVII, XXVIII); Denver (XXXII, XXXIII); and New England (XXXVIII, XXXIX). 30. 75 points in San Francisco's 49-26 win against San Diego in Super Bowl XXIX.
- 31. San Francisco (5-0), N.Y. Jets (1-0), Baltimore Ravens (1-0), Chicago (1-0), Tampa Bay (1-0). 32. c. Bob Griese attempted seven passes in Super
- Bowl VIII, completing six. 33. Defensive end Charles Haley won two rings with San Francisco and three with Dallas. 34. Bud Grant, Don Shula, Mary Levy, Dan
- 35. Buffalo, against Dallas in Super Bowl XXVII. 36. Receiver Jerry Rice has scored a record 48 points on eight touchdowns. 37. Muhsin Muhammad, 85 yards for Carolina in
- Super Bowl XXXVIII. 38. Franco Harris holds the records for rushing attempts (101) and yards (354). 39. The late Reggie White, for Green Bay in Super

## RATINGS KEY

How many questions did you answer correctly? Look below to find out how you fared ... in Super Bowl terms.

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Give the paper to a football fan. Now. 6-10

Mary Levy and Bud Grant called. They said the important thing is that you tried

11-15 Like Don Shula and Tom Landry, you had some big moments, but were mostly a

## 16-25

You were headed for a great score, then Don Beebe knocked the ball out of your hands.

26-30 You are Kevin Dyson, just this short of

31-35

You are sharing stories with Bill Walsh,

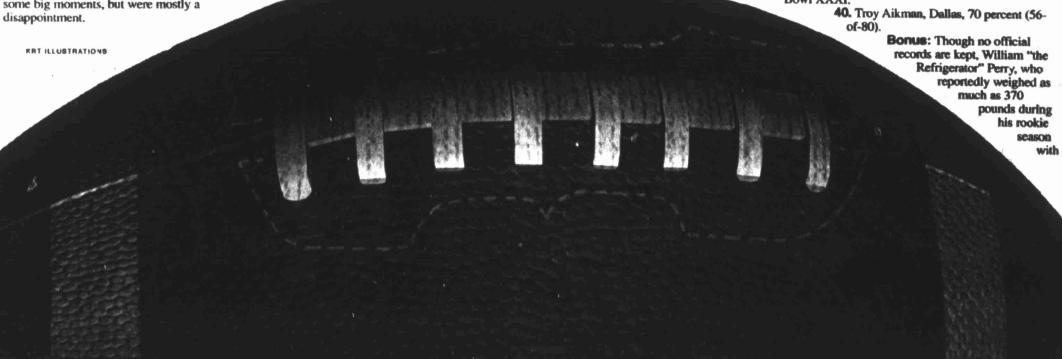
Bill Belichick

36-41 Take a bow. You are in the penthouse suite previously reserved for Joe Montana

and Chuck Knoll.

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## **BASEBALL**

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home runs when he was in the lineup at centerfield or on the mound. Ward and Basom will most likely be featured as designated hitters barring injury. Ward hit .358 and crushed nine home runs last season, while Basom hit .333 and added six

dingers. Last y ear's offense was the problem for the Hawks, finwho ished 12-16 in the conference. The Hawks hit .381 as a team and scored 527 runs.

"Its not the norm to

hit .380, but we'll have the potential to be better this year," said Smith. "Up and down the lineup we're better than last year. If they buy into what we are trying to teach like last year's team did I think they can be better."

Several newcomers to Howard will help last vear's players in keeping the team's offense among the best in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

Gabe Marchant will start at centerfield after transferring in from Baylor last year. David Fonseca will take over for Rvan Femath at shortstop and Kenny Smalley, who is expected to be the team's opening day starter on the mound, must fill the shoes of Tanner Mattson, who was a rock in the Hawks' lineup for the past years, at

third base. Smalley and Fonseca were both drafted into the major leagues in the offseason.

It is no secret that injuries and poor pitching hurt the Hawks last season. Howard was among the best teams in the nation in hitting and fielding, but held a team E.R.A. of 7.26 last year. "Its tough to find con-

sistency at this level, but this year's staff should be

able to get the job done," said Smith. "And if we field as well as we did last year then things should work themselves out."

T h e Hawks had just errors the field

last season, which was far and away the best in the conference. They brought just three pitchers back from last year's squad, however.

Parker Sophomores Sisk, Matthew Shepherd and Scottie Moore all return this season and look to build off of last season's experience.

This year's staff could led by Bobby Gonsoulin, who Smith said wasn't drafted, but definitely has draft potential after this year if he gets the job done. Another potential star could be Adrian Bermudez, who will be one year removed from **Tommy** surgery Feb. 9. Ryan Robinson will get a chance to start early and could earn a spot in the rotation as well.

"If he can get his velocity back up to where he had it before then he has the chance to be the best

guy we have," said Smith. "Most of our staff will sort dut when we get going.

The nawks have seven games in six days starting Saturday at home against Cisco Junior College. The WJCAC season begins March 10 against rival Frank

Phillips. "Our schedule is the toughest its been since I have been here," said Smith. "We did that because we think we're going to be good enough to play it."

nonconference The schedule includes such teams as Texarkana, which is coming off a College World Series berth, and Vernon, which was the toughest team they played in the fall. The Hawks, who went 38-18 last season, also play Barton County and Weatherford and they challenge Trinidad and McCook in wood bat games, as well.

Smith said the conference is very similar to recent years in that the same teams should be good again. Smith expects the defending national champs - New Mexico JC — to be solid.

"They lost a lot, but they'll reload always," said Smith, who also sees Midland, El Paso and Frank Phillips as possible title contenders.

Tom Knickerbocker will be the pitching coach again this year and former-Howard College catcher J. Bob Thomas was hired in the offseason as another assistant and will be mainly in charge of the catchers.

Like Smith, Knickerbocker will begins his third year this season.



The Big Spring seventh-grade basketball team won the San Angelo Tournam weekend. Front row, from left: Taryn Kennedy, Kasey Fitzgibbons and Linzi Rodriguez. Back: Brandi Vaughn, Chanel Castillo, Jamie Anderson, Desiree Anderson, Jamaica Ausbie, head coach Dee Dee Myers, Stormi Smith and Sabrina Gonzalez. Not pictured: Kala Long.

## **BSJH team wins San Angelo Tourney**

By TROY HYDE

**Sports Editor** SAN ANGELO — The Big Spring junior high basketball teams participated in the San Angelo Tournaments recently and the seventh-grade

'gold' team took first place overall. The gold team defeated

three teams from San Angelo en route to the championship. They started the tourney with a 36-12 win over San Angelo Glenn. Taryn Kennedy had 10 points to lead Big Spring. The Lady Steers then took down San Angelo Lee 27-19 in the second round and were led in that contest by Desiree Anderson's 12 points. The championship game pitted Big Spring against San Angelo Lincoln and the Lady Steers won, 23-16. Anderson scored

nine points to lead the

seventh-grade The won its first 'black' against San game Angelo Lincoln. 27-18. but then fell in its final two matches. Jillian Valle led the Lady Steers against Lincoln with seven points. Big Spring lost to Del Rio, 62-17, in the second round and was led by Valerie Ross' eight points. They followed that loss up with

Big Spring

another defeat, this time

losing to Lee, 30-26. Ross

had 14 points to lead the

way for Big Spring.

eighth graders The Big Spring eighthgrade basketball teams traveled to San Angelo recently as well, but ran into trouble, winning just one game in the entire tournament.

eighth-grade The 'black' got the lone win

as they defeated Glenn, 32-28, in the second round after losing to Lee by 10 points in the first round. Keonna Ward had 20 points and eight rebounds to lead the way against Glenn and added a team-high seven points against Lee. The Lady Steers followed the win up with a loss against Brownwood, losing 38-20. Ward had nine points and Lauren Porras added nine rebounds.

The eighth-grade 'gold' team lost its first-round game, had a bye in the second round and the fell in the final round against San Angelo Lee. Blanca Mancha had 10 points to lead Big Spring in the first-round game against Glenn, while Halee Thomas scored eight points and had nine rebounds to lead the Lady Steers against

## SOFTBALL

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season at third base and Rose will get a shot to start in right field. The team also includes sophomore Zapora Gatson and freshmen Jessica Garcia, Teryn Gardner, Laura Lopez, Jennifer Oso, Alisha Rams, Whitney Roden, Alejandra Rodriguez, **Brittany** Westbrook and Abby

Wilson. Rams, who is the sister of Krista, will start at shortstop and hit in the No. 2 spot. She is lefthanded and will look to slap the ball in play Garcia will start at left

field, Lopez at catcher and Westbrook or Rose will be in right field.

"This weekend's games will give us an idea of what we have and where the girls will play," said Raines.

Raines expect the offense this year to be hitters and will not rely too much on bunting and speed.

"We are not the fastest right now so we are going to have to hit the ball hard to score runs," said Raines. The Western Junior

College Athletic Conference will be solid again this season. The be Midland as it always has good players, a mainstay head coach in Tommy Ramos and the best returning pitcher in the conference in Brianna Dairy, said Raines.

The Lady Chaps won the conference last year, but were knocked off by Odessa in the regional tournament. The Lady Wranglers fin-

ished third at the national tournament

Howard Softball

Projected Lineup

1. Honda Rodriguez — 2nd

2. Alisha Rams - SS

3. Paige Ruiz - Pitcher

4. Jessica Garcia - LF

6. Kendra Corbin - CF

7. Nicole Dickson -- 1st

5. Laura Lopez - Catcher

anda Kuramata ---

and will that have experience heading into this season. "Odessa is coming off a great year and will have that big-game experience that you need to win in this

last season

league," said Raines, who also expects good things from Western Texas.

Even with Midland and Odessa expected to be rock solid this year, Raines still expects her team to be competitive and has high hopes in her first year at Howard.

"We have good enough athletes to compete and hopefully we will be playing our best ball at the end of the season," said Raines, who inherits a program which went 16-20 in the WJCAC last season. "I still have high

expectations even though it is my first year." Howard's nonconfer-

favorite every year could ence schedule features games against such teams as Navarro, Alvin, Western Nebraska and Northern Oklahoma, and the Hawks will also play the best JUCO teams in Texas during Cowtown Classic in Fort Worth Feb. 17-18. The Hawks' season kicks off this weekend at the Odessa Round Robin Tournament. The Hawks will play College of the Southwest, Ranger, Cisco and UTPB. The conference season begins Feb. 15 on the road against Western Texas.

Raines was head coach at her alma mater -Lindenwood University — the past two years before accepting the position at Howard. She was an assistant at Midland College under Ramos the two years prior to Lindenwood. She served as a graduate assistant after becoming a first team all-American at Lindenwood. She started her collegiate career at Pensacola JC.

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Raines' assistant this year will be Dawn Cameron, another all-American product from Lindenwood University. She pitched Lindenwood for four years and earned secondteam honors. Cameron worked with Raines at Lindenwood before coming to Howard this sea-

## Red Raiders sign 34, go heavy on defense

Sliverdome from the team's headquarters at the Marriott Hotel in Pontiac, Mich.,

The Pittsburgh Steelers Jerome Bettls talks about the upcorthe Seattle Seahawks with members of the media before le

By BETSY BLANEY Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech coach Mike Leach didn't have to look far to find another quarterback who meets the needs of the Red Raiders' aerial

attack. Tech signed quarterback Taylor Potts from Abilene High School. The Red Raiders' last two starters, Cody Hodges and Sonny Cumbie, hailed from Hereford and Post, respectively, both of which also are in West

Texas. Potts, who was also recruited by Texas, Notre Dame and Michigan, threw for 6,052 yards and 53 touchdowns the last

two years. Leach, who acknowledged that his high-flying aerial offense requires Tech have "a certain attraction for quarterbacks," said coaches

looked at tapes of quarter- here," Leach said. backs from across the country.

'We felt he was as good or better than all those people," Leach said. Some of it had to do with the fact that they threw the ball a lot, some of it had to do with the fact that he's a big guy and he's still growing.

Last year, Tech got quarterback Chris Todd, of Elizabethtown, Ky., who chose Tech over Oklahoma, North Carolina and Mississippi. Graham Harrell, who played at Ennis, played backup to Hodges this year.

Twenty-nine of the 34 players Tech signed are from Texas. There is one each from California, Oklahoma and Tennessee, and two from

Louisiana. "I think this is the best recruiting class that we have had since I've been

as of the media before leaving for practice at the

The Red Raiders recruited heavily on defense, signing 20 players. One of those was Jamar Wall from Plainview, a running back who ran for 2,735 yards and 42 touchdowns his senior year.

He was recruited to be a cornerback but whether he'll play there or as a safety is "being debated in our office daily," Tech defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich said.

"He has a perception of where the ball is at all times, and also where the guy is," Setencich said.

Leach called him "versatile" and an "incredible athlete," and described how Wall impressed him with his leaping ability and ball sense at a summer camp.

Leach said Wall's waist got above one receiver's head as he covered him on a post route.

## Prince scores 113 points in game

NEW YORK (AP) -**Epiphanny Prince scored** 113 points for Murry Bergtraum High School in a 137-32 win over Brandeis High School, breaking a girls' national prep record previously held by Hall of Famer Cheryl Miller.

Prince, a 5-foot-9 guard who is one of the nation's

top high school players, is headed to Rutgers next season.

Her previous high this season was 51 points for the Lady Blazers, ranked No. 2 in the nation by USA Today.

Miller scored 105 points for Riverside Poly in California against Riverside Norte Vista in 1982. She went on to become an All-American at USC.

Two-time WNBA MVP Lisa Leslie scored 101 points in a half fo Morningside High So in Inglewood, Calif against South Torrance is 1990. South Torran refused to play the s

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**MATHIS** 

human beings, we may be more alike than we are different, but it's the differences that we're most interested now. ARIES (March 21-April

19). Within you is a powerful internal wheel in transmitting motion, energy to everyone you interact with and even people who only see you from a distance. You are, literally, a force to be reckoned with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Issues of self-esteem come up for you, and it's a good thing they do. You have a chance to refine an aspect of your personality that will help you attain greater influence over your world.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are willing to admit when you're wrong but you're not wrong!

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Success depends on appointing the right individual to the right role in your life. The stars remind you that you can judge a person's character better by observing how she deals with her subordinates rather than her superiors.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-**Dec. 21). Speak up. You not only have something to say, but you look darned good saying it which, to your rather shallow audience, might seem equally important.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). On days like today, when those around you are rather laid back, it benefits you greatly to relax along with them. Take a break from the relentless quest. It will give you perspective. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). As for your "call- DICATE, INC.

ing," it may be doing exactly what you are doing now, except with more conviction and passion. Any purpose can be great when it is greatly pursued.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It feels like you're running against the wind today, but that's OK. The important part is that you're moving (and not being blown) adrift on whatever weather comes

CELEBRITY PROFILES: From 1986's "Pretty in Pink" to 2004's TV series "Boston Legal," Aquarian actor James Spader always intrigues audiences with the offbeat intensity of his characters. Aquarians are driven to explore the eccentric side of human nature, and Spader is a pilgrim on the quest, with an Emmy and a Golden Globe to show for it. In 2006, he'll claim a strategic film role, making a play for the Oscar.

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## Annie's Mailbox •

Dear Annie: Recently, a family friend stayed for a few weeks with my husband and me. "Renata" has had problems with drug dependence in the past and has been diagnosed with a chemical imbalance, which she freats with drug therapy. She recently went back to her husband and children.

After Renata left, I discovered that several bottles of medication were empty, including strong narcotics that had been prescribed for my husband after an operation last year. Neither my husband nor I had taken any of the medicine, and no other visitors have had access to the cabinet.

We are completely stressed out about how to proceed. We don't want Renata's husband to decide he's had enough and leave her, but we are concerned for her children. Should we tell her husband? Confront Renata? Any guidance would be appreciated. — Know Too Much in Virginia

Dear Virginia: Tell Renata, calmly, that after her visit, you noticed several rather strong medications were missing from your cabinet. Sympathize, saying you understand how difficult addiction is and if she took the medication, you want to help her, and you also are concerned about her children.

Renata may become angry, and keep in mind, it's possible she didn't ingest the pills, even if she took them. Either way, don't argue with her. Offer her information on support groups like **Narcotics** Anonymous (na.org), P.O. Box 9999, Van Nuys, CA 91409. Families or (fami-Anonymous liesanonymous.org), P.O. Box 3475, Culver City, CA 90231-3475 at 1-800-736-9805. Keep in contact with her, and if you notice anything amiss, by all means, talk to her husband about your concerns.

Dear Annie: I am a single, working mother and recently hosted a graduation party for my daughter. My ex-husband and I worked together in order



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to show our daughter that we value everything she's accomplished.

We chose a restaurant that had a wide range of prices. However, my sister and her family did not bring a gift or a card, and they ordered the most expensive items on the menu, including wine and a pricey dessert. They were the only ones to get the whole nine yards. They didn't offer to pay for their extras, and believe me, they can easily afford it.

At this point, is it too late to say anything to them about it? I felt they acted very selfishly and took advantage of me. Any thoughts? - Used and Abused in Los Angeles

Dear Used: While it would have been gracious and proper for your sister to bring a gift, not to mention eat within reason, you cannot force guests to do either. It's still possible that your sister will send a gift for her niece's graduation, but we don't recommend you invite her out for a meal without a bank loan.

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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 2006. There are 332 days left in the year. This is Groundhog Day.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 2, 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces

from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II. On this date:

In 1536, the Argentine city of Buenos Aires was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain.

In 1653, New Amsterdam now New York City was incorporated. In 1848, the Treaty of

Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican War, was signed.

Giant," supposedly the petrified remains of a human discovered in Cardiff, N.Y., was revealed to be nothing more than carved gypsum. In 1876, the National

League of Professional Base

Ball Clubs was formed in New York. In 1897, fire destroyed the

Pennsylvania state capitol in Harrisburg. (A new statehouse was dedicated on the same site nine years later.) 1945. In President

Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill departed Malta for the summit in Yalta with Soviet leader Josef Stalin.

In 1971, Idi Amin assumed power in Uganda, following a coup that ousted President Milton Obote. In 1987, the White House

announced the resignation of CIA director William Casey, who was hospitalized and had undergone brain surgery. Today's Birthdays: Actress

Elaine Stritch is 81. Actor Robert Mandan is 74. Comedian Tom Smothers is 69. Rock singer-guitarist Graham Nash is 64. Actor Bo Hopkins is 64. Television executive Barry Diller is 64. Country singer Howard Bellamy Bellamy (The Brothers) is 60. Actress Farrah Fawcett is 59. Actor Brent Spiner is 57. Rock Ross Valory musician (Journey) is 57. Model Christie Brinkley is 52.

Actor Michael Talbott is 51. Actress Kim Zimmer is 51. Rock musician Robert **DeLeo (Stone Temple Pilots)** is 40. Rock musician Ben Mize (Counting Crows) is 35. Rapper T-Mo is 34. Actress Lori Beth Denberg is 30. Singer Shakira is 29.

Thought for Today: "It was naive of the 19th century optimists to expect paradise from technology — and it is equally naive of the 20th century pessimists to make technology the scapegoat for such old shortcomings as man's blindness, cruelty, immaturity, greed and sinful pride." — Peter F. Drucker, authority on business management (1909-2005)

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## **Newsday Crossword**

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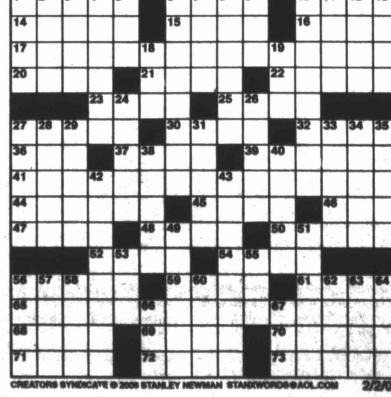
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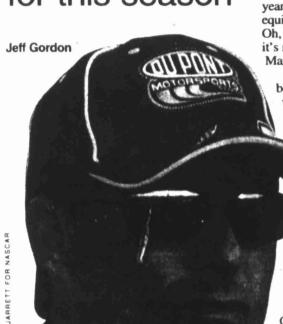
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# Preseason forecast

Writers predict what to watch for this season



**DAVID POOLE** 

David Poole covers NASCAR for The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer.

The 2006 champion: Tony Stewart. The 2006 rookie of the year: It'll be a race worth watching all season long. Seven drivers are candidates for this award this

year, and most of them will be in good equipment with strong teams behind them. Oh, you want an actual prediction? Well, it's more like a wild guess but I'll go with Martin Truex Jr. The Daytona 500 winner: Will likely

be a surprise. The smart money going in will be on Tony Stewart, since he won the Pepsi 400 last year and seems overdue to win the sport's biggest event. Sterling Marlin has a

good Daytona record and his new MB2 Motorsports ride will have Hendrick

Motorsports power under the hood. So let's go way on out on the limb and take Marlin.

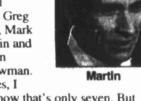
I'm almost sure ... : Hendrick Motorsports will have more than one car and Roush Racing will have fewer than five in this year's Chase for the

I'm fairly confident ... : Jeff Gordon's rebound from a disappointing 2005 season will be more pronounced than Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s.

It would be nice to see ... : Bobby Labonte put the No. 43 Dodge back in Victory Lane, and that's something that could very well happen - especially at a place like Martinsville.

The 2006 Chase drivers: Tony Stewart, Jimmie Johnson, Jeff Gordon, Carl Edwards, Greg

Biffle, Mark Martin and Ryan Newman.



know that's only seven. But those are the seven I feel very confident will be there after 26 races. The other three slots are up for grabs among eight to 10 with a real shot at joining the fun. If I have to pick them, I'll go with Kyle Busch, Jamie McMurray and Matt Kenseth.

First-time race winners in 2006: Casey Mears, Brian Vickers and at least one of the rookie of the year candidates would all be strong



Jimmie Johnson is predicted to be a title contender this season.

## JIM UTTER

Jim Utter covers NASCAR for The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer and www.thatsracin.com

The 2006 champion: Jimmie Johnson. Sooner or later finishing fifth in points year

after year has to pay off. The 2006 rookle of the year: I'm going to go against the tide and pick David Stremme. Nobody did more with less in

the Busch Series last season. The Daytona 500 winner: Is like picking a name out of a hat. But Kevin Harvick has done everything but win on a restrictorplate track, so if he is going to win one,

why not the biggest one? I'm almost sure ... : Either Jeff Gordon or Dale Earnhardt Jr. will once again miss the Chase for the Nextel Cup.

I'm fairly confident .. : The first big controversy of the 2006 season will be one team accusing another of violating the new

testing policy or tire lease program. It would be nice to see ... : Brian Vickers win his first Cup race.

## JIM PEDLEY

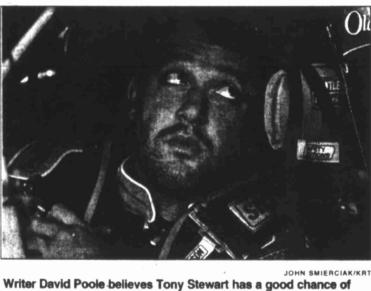
Jim Pedley covers NASCAR for The Kansas City (Mo.) Star

The 2006 champion: Jeff Gordon. He and his crew chief will spend first half of the season getting acquainted and the second half of the season estranging themselves from mediocrity. They will peak in the Chase, and the thumb will get an orna-

The 2006 rookie of the year: Clint Bowyer. He took a giant leap forward in 2005 in the Busch series. He takes another leap forward as a rookie in the Nextel Cup

The Daytona 500 winner: Bill Elliott. Driving for a Chevrolet for MB2 rejuvenates the guy and gives him the inside track on the 2006 feel-good-story-of-the-

The Hall of Fame sweepstakes winner: Charlotte, N.C. It's where it belongs.



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## POLL POSITION

## THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Who is your preseason pick for Nextel Cup champion?

Cast your vote at:

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION Which of NASCAR's Ford drivers do you think will be on top at the end of the Nextel Cup season?

Number of votes: 6,567

Driver	No. of votes	Percent		
Carl Edwards	1,749	27%		
Greg Biffle	1,436	22%		
Mark Martin	1,163	18%		
Matt Kenseth	515	7%		
Someone else	391	6%		
Dale Jarrett	382	6%		
Elliott Sadler	375	6%		
Ken Schrader	280	4%		
Jamie McMurray	276	4%		

## STOP 'N' GO

## Kenseth signs long-term deal with Roush Racing

You can take Matt Kenseth's name off Toyota's driver wish list.

Roush Racing announced last Friday that Kenseth, the 2003 Nextel Cup Series champion, has signed a multiyear contract extension to remain driver of its No. 17 Fords.

The length of the contract was not dis-

Kenseth, 33, has driven for Roush since 1999 and has 10 career Cup wins, three poles, 51 top-five and 99 top-10 finishes. He has qualified for the Chase for the Nextel Cup in each of the new playoff format's first two seasons.



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"It's very assuring knowing that (Kenseth) will be staying on with us, and I know that the first goal on his agenda is to take that championship trophy back," team owner Jack Roush said.

Kenseth and Richard Childress Racing's Kevin Harvick were among the few high-profile drivers whose current contracts were set to expire at the end of the 2006 season, making them prime targets for Toyota's entry into the Cup series in 2007. - Lim Utter

## **New NASCAR test limits** continue to stir debate

NASCAR's rule changes limiting teams to common tests, where all teams will be at one track at the same time as they were at Las Vegas earlier this week, continues to stir

One reason for the limits is to reduce the advantage multicar teams enjoyed under the old rules, which allowed each car a certain number of testing days.

If each of five cars at Roush Racing had 14 test days, that's 70 days total to gather information that could be shared. A single-car team, such as Haas-CNC Racing, would have

"It might work to our advantage," said Robert "Bootie" Barker, crew chief on the No. 66 Chevrolets Jeff Green will drive for Haas-CNC. "But then again, when you take tests away it means more people are going to buy 'seven-post' machines and build wind tunnels. It takes money to bypass restrictions and that could mean that only the big boys can play."

Jeff Burton, driver of the No. 31 Chevrolets for Richard Childress Racing, said it's also unfair that some teams have stockpiled tires so they can test at tracks where the Cup Series doesn't compete.

Burton also believes that Goodyear tire tests need to be watched closely.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Bobby Labonte tested tires last week at Texas Motor Speedway.

"Every team — or at least one team from every multicar team — should get a chance to do a tire rest," Burton said. "At least nobody should be allowed to do two until everybody's - David Poole

## NASCAR's 'car of tomorrow' rubs owners' fenders the wrong way

defending his 2005 championship title this season.

he word you hear most often on the annual NASCAR Nextel Media Tour hosted by Lowe's Motor Speedway

is "excited" Drivers are excited and so are crew chiefs, manufacturers and, goodness knows, sponsors. Even fans have to be excited

about some things. But during last week's tour, "excited" wasn't the word to describe the mood of Nextel Cup team owners. "Agitated" was more

like it. The tour began at the NASCAR research and development center in Concord, N.C., where in excruciating detail Gary Nelson tried to do a sales job on the "car of tomorrow" project he's leading. By explaining chapter and verse what the car that's scheduled to be used in 16 Cup races in 2007 is designed to accomplish, NASCAR

went for a pre-emptive strike against the backlash it correctly guessed would follow.

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Meanwhile, on the other side of the road, Jack Roush was waiting. After back-to-back Cup

titles with Matt Kenseth in 2003 and Kurt Busch 2004, along with his brush with death in the crash of an experimental aircraft, Roush had seemed to mellow a bit.

But last year, NASCAR chairman Brian France announced plans to limit an owner to four Cup teams. While that was always

more about keeping Toyota from setting up a defacto factory-owned megateam when it enters the Cup and Busch series in 2007, since he was the only guy with five full-time teams, Roush thought the limit was aimed at

After the media tour got to his com-

plex last Monday, it was clear that "old Jack" was back. Roush wondered aloud how NASCAR could keep Toyota from running everyone's costs up by spending gobs of money in its Cup efforts when, in his view, that's what has happened since Toyota's entry to the Truck

Then, he shared his thoughts about the "car of tomorrow," which NASCAR said will, in the long term, help contain costs.

"I think we've been to the racetrack four times with the 'car of the future." Roush said. "We've cut it up and changed it three times and we invested \$300,000 in it, bought our own tires and rented the racetrack at Talladega (Ala.) and did all the other things. We've had just about all the cost containment that teams can afford so far, and I don't think we've got a car yet that will race on a mile-and-a-half racetrack."

But Roush was certainly not the week's lone haranguer.

"They need to settle down with the rules and find a direction and then we'll build one," Evernham Motorsports team owner Ray Evernham said. "What are the aerodynamic rules for that car? I've got to build 20 of them, but there are no rules yet. The clock is ticking, and if we are going to run something they need to get the rules sorted out.

"Right now the car has not completed a successful test. Aerodynamically, the car did not accomplish what they were looking to accomplish. Otherwise you wouldn't have to put a wing on it. Why is there a wing on the back of a stock car? If I wanted a wing I'd go race sprint cars."

Robert Yates Racing owner Robert Yates said he can't understand why NASCAR's "car of tomorrow" is bigger and heavier than cars used today. That, he said, means the car will burn far more fuel than the sport needs to be using to be a good citizen.

"We're too big and we move too much energy," Yates said as he stood next to a street version of the Fusion model that Ford teams will run this year. "We're going to race anyway. Why not refine the engine in this car I am standing next to? We can make it run and make 600 horsepower and give us good side-by-side racing. We can make serious horsepower, smoke the heck out of the tires and burn half the fuel. That offers great headlines for our

By handing out a timetable for the "car of tomorrow," saying road courses and ovals from Darlington (S.C.) Raceway's 1.366-mile track size down would use it in 2007, then 2-mile tracks and larger would be added in 2008 before all tracks use it in 2009, NASCAR committed itself to getting done the extensive work is has left.

What that means is that, unless NASCAR does one of the most embarrassing backstrokes ever seen, car owners will soon have no choice but to get 'excited" about building their own "car of tomorrow" fleets.