

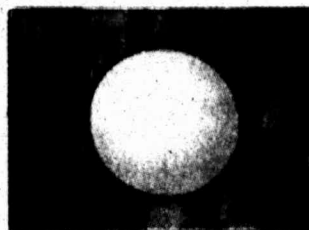


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March in memory of King is tonight

He led a struggle for racial equality that doomed segregation and changed the face of the United States forever and local residents will take to the streets tonight to honor him.

Martin Luther King Jr. was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize, and will be the focus of attention as Americans come together in observance of Martin Luther King Day, an observation often marked in Big Spring by a march.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. and walkers will head west on Martin Luther King Boulevard to FM 700 where the group will hold a prayer.

Blood drives are upcoming

There are several upcoming United Blood Services drives scheduled in Big Spring.

January 21, New Hope Christian School, 118 Cedar Road, has scheduled a blood drive from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

January 22 from noon until 4 p.m., a blood drive is set in the Big Spring Mall.

Then, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., a blood drive is scheduled in the Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway.

To donate blood an individual must be at least 18 years old or 17 years old with parent's permission and weigh more than 100 pounds. Bring a list of all medications currently being taken to the site.

For more information, contact Peggy Hards at 432-569-5531.

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Flu immunizations are available at local department of health office

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

People who are most in need of a flu shot — and who fear they can't afford one — may receive help from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The local TDSHS office, located at College Park Shopping Center, recently announced that an ade-

quate supply of flu vaccine doses has been guaranteed for the local facility.

The TDSHS will provide flu vaccines for people in the following priority groups:

- Children ages 6-23 months.
• Adults 50 years or older.
• Out-of-home care-

givers for the high-risk, and household contacts of those at high risk of severe complications should they get the flu.

- Anyone with underlying chronic medical conditions.
• Women who are pregnant during flu season.
• Residents of nursing

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Inside: Grand Champions and Reserve Champions from the Howard County Junior Livestock Show



Ronnie Miller, left, and Mark Taylor fire up their own special chili recipe Saturday morning during the Boss Hogg Chili Cookoff. The pair call their chili team simply "Miller and Taylor," and divulged their secret ingredient — Dr. Pepper?

Boss Hoggs: Cooking up some fine West Texas chili

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

They'll be happy to offer you a cold beer and a taste of their chili, but when it comes to those "secret ingredients," be prepared for some good ol' fashioned bull — bull corn, that is.

Guarding their secrets with nameless bottles of spices and every other conceivable "keep it under your hat" trick known

to man, cooks participating in the 16th annual Boss Hogg Chili Cookoff created a circle of "chili culture" Saturday to compete for cash prizes — and more importantly, bragging rights.

While the men and women hovering over their pots of every possible style of chili may seem unguarded — even simple — don't be fooled. They're masters of misdirection and foolery, especially

when asked what their secret ingredients are.

"The secret to a good chili is the chili powder and good meat. You can use just about anything — rattlesnake or rabbits — just about anything will work," said Paul George, part of the Georges' Roadhouse Gang team, with a hearty laugh.

"This will be my fourth year

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Mixed bag

Most Americans hopeful about Bush's second term, but worried about Iraq, according to latest AP poll

By WILL LESTER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A majority of Americans say they feel hopeful about President Bush's second term and have a generally positive view of him personally, but they also express continued doubts about Iraq.

People were most likely to identify Iraq as the top priority for Bush, an Associated Press poll found. But more than half wondered whether a stable government can be established there.

After winning re-election, Bush is preparing to pursue an ambitious agenda that includes efforts to change Social Security, federal tax laws and medical malpractice awards.

Ahead of Bush's inauguration on Thursday, six in 10 people said they felt hopeful about his second term and in response to a separate question 47 percent said they were worried. Most said they were neither angry nor excited about his final four years in office.

Iraq was cited most often as the president's highest priority, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs. Some 53 percent of those questioned said it is unlikely Iraq will have a stable government.

"Iraq remains the kind of thing that could completely take over the term, if the situation gets a lot worse," said Charles Franklin, a political scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "It's a good idea for the president to push new domestic proposals. He has to find a way to have the whole second term be about more than just Iraq."

More than 1,350 U.S. troops have died in Iraq. Deadly attacks by insurgents are on the rise as the Jan. 30 elections near.

"It's best to be hopeful about the next four years," said Kellie Shanahan, a Republican and a teacher from Wilmington, N.C. "If we're not, it won't be good for our country."

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Heritage Museum to combine old artifacts with some fresh ideas

By MARSHA STURDIVANT Features Editor

Reaching the diverse population of Howard County allows Heritage Museum employees to see their dreams come true as they prepare to offer a variety of programs in 2005.

"We have a large population of 20- to 40-year-olds in Howard County that we do not reach and these new programs are designed to bring those families into the museum," said Nancy Raney, museum director.

Along with the new programs, which include a



Sloan

theme party area once a remodeling project is complete, is a new, part-time employee, Traci Sloan, children's education coordinator.

"I have several things planned for this year for children," Sloan said.

Formerly a teacher with both the Mother's Day Out and the Children's Day Out programs with local churches, Sloan, the mother of twin 6-year-old

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Heritage Museum director Nancy Raney straightens a watercolor painting, part of the 55th annual Texas Watercolor Society Show exhibit at Heritage Museum that continues through Jan. 31. Carole Berry, a former Big Spring resident and member of the Caboose Watercolor Society, is one of the nearly 30 artists featured in the exhibit. Admission fees to the museum are waived to see the art show, which concludes its 2004-2005 tour in Big Spring.

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Obituaries

Flynn Wright



Born in Big Spring in 1947, Flynn Wright died peacefully Christmas morning 2004 in Harlingen in the arms of his wife, Sheri, after suffering a brain hemorrhage.

The blessings of his last day included, 1. He was in the midst of a joyful vacation on the Texas-Mexico border, 2. He had the good fortune of having his medical crisis in the Valley Baptist Medical Center of Harlingen, the top facility in the region with exceptionally skilled and caring staff, and 3. His passing was marked by a miraculous Christmas snowstorm (a White Christmas).

He is survived by his wife Sherilyn Allen-Wright, his twin brother Tyrone, brother Lonnie, his mother, Myrtle Ozelle Wright and nephews Joe and Nathan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joe Marvin Wright, brothers, Loren and Lance and niece, Deann. A celebration of Flynn's life will take place at 2 p.m. Jan. 22, 2005, in the Yegua Center in Somerville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Somerfest, P.O. Box 1110, Somerville 77879.

*Paid obituary*

Edwin Arnold

Edwin Franklin Arnold, of Midland passed away Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005.

He was born Sept. 11, 1913, to Luther Franklin Arnold and Katie Mae Knox Arnold in Evant and was raised and educated there and in Goldthwaite.

Edwin entered the U.S. Army in 1940 and proudly served his country as a rifleman in the Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno and Central Europe Campaigns. He received the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, American Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

Edwin was wounded in Italy Feb. 12, 1944, and received an honorable discharge from service Dec. 14, 1944.

August 10, 1946, he married Luella Groth in Dallas. Prior to his retirement, Edwin was a lab technician with Cosden Oil and Chemical Refinery in Big Spring. He was a member of the Baptist church.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Edwin is survived by his wife, Luella Arnold of Midland; son, Charles F. Arnold; brothers, Elton Arnold, Leroy Arnold, Marvin Arnold and Nolan Arnold; and sister, Norma McPherson.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 3 p.m. today, Jan. 17, 2005, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. J.J. Leach officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park - North in Midland.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway Midland (432) 683-5555.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy Alvarez, Lester Higgins, Francis Strahal, Gene Butler, Bob Schlagal and Alton Gillit.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Midland Inpatient Unit, P.O. Box 2621, Midland.

*Paid obituary*

Cindy Lee McComack

Cindy Lee McComack, 41, died Jan. 12, 2005, in Odessa. Funeral services were 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005, at the Ted Dickey Funeral Home in Plano. Interment was in the Ridgeview Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 25, 1963, in Big Spring to Lee and Tresa Denton.

She is survived by her children, Britton Bates and Hunter McComack; parents, Lee and Tresa; grandmother, Bertha Mathis; sisters, Kelley Williams and Tammie Jackman and husband, Bucky; brother, Mike Denton; one niece and two nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Ted Dickey Funeral Home.

Take note

□ THE BIG SPRING ART ASSOCIATION MEETING BEGINNING AT 7 P.M. TUESDAY will feature a video-taped program by Jerry Yarnell on the topic of painting grass in landscapes. Photographer Bruce Schooler is the artist of the month. He will serve as host of the meeting, which takes place in the basement of the Howard County Library.

□ THE FIRST MASTER GARDENER'S CLASS is set for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in room C-13 at the back of the Big Spring Mall. Cost for the course that meets once a week from mid-January to mid-May is \$75 and two scholarships are available. For more information, contact Kathy Lusk at the Big Spring Mall, 267-3853 or the Howard County Cooperative Extension office, 264-2236.

□ A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR 6-WEEK-OLD MAGGIE VASQUEZ TO ASSIST WITH THE EXPENSES OF A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT. She is the daughter of Susan Vasquez and Steve Nail of Big Spring. Maggie was born prematurely and suffers from kidney failure. She remains in Dallas Children's Hospital undergoing daily dialysis treatment until the transplant match is found and the surgery performed. The account number at the bank is 9013091. For more information, contact Parks Convenient Store at 263-4498 or Denise 816-1539.

□ THE ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MARCH BEGINS at 6 p.m. today at the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard. The public is invited.

□ THE HARLEM AMBASSADORS BASKETBALL TEAM has an exhibition game set for 7 p.m. Friday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum as a Rotary Club of Big Spring fund-raiser. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and \$1 for children with an adult. Children younger than 5 are free. To purchase a ticket contact the YMCA, 267-8234 or the coliseum at 264-5040.

Police blotter

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

- IRENE FLORES, 33, 2000 Johnson, was arrested on Capias warrants.
- ANGELA DIANE SMITH, 33, 3606 Piper Rd., was arrested on a charge of Disorderly Conduct.
- JANE ALVARADO AGUILAR, 38, 1101 E. 25th, was arrested on a charge of Driving While License Suspended.
- DEBRA RENEE SHAEFFER, 36, 1408 Nolan St., was arrested on Howard County warrants.
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported on the 100 block of 23rd Street and the 1500 block of Sgt. Paredez Drive.
- ASSAULT was reported on the 1300 block of Mesquite.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported on the 600 block of McEwen, the 1500 block of Sunset, and the 1300 block of Princeton.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported on the 2500 block of Gregg Street, the 800 block of Owens Street, and the 600 block of Elgin Drive.
- DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED was reported on the 100 block of 12th Street.
- VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported on the 100 block of Third Street and the 4200 block of Highway 80.
- THEFT was reported on the 800 block of Owens Street (twice), the 2000 block of Gregg Street, the 1100 block of Lancaster Street (twice), the 1600 block of Vines Street, the 1700 block of FM 700, the 1800 block of Gregg Street, and the 300 block of Gregg Street.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Monday:

- FORGERY was reported on Kenley Lane.
- THEFT was reported on the 4800 block of Chaparral Road.
- FIRE was reported on the 200 block of Leatherwood Road.
- ASSAULT was reported on the 100 block of Sixth Street.

Support groups

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

□ A ONE-DAY SEMINAR, "CREATION: FROM THE BEGINNING - A BIBLICAL VIEW OF THE ORIGINS OF A DEFIANT CULTURE," is set for 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday in the St. Paul Lutheran Church parish hall. The event is free and open to the public and lunch and child care will be provided at no charge.

□ RELAY RASCAL RAZZMATAZZ is 10 a.m. Feb. 19, 2005, in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium, sponsored by Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life Team. Entry forms are available at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third and KBST 608 Johnson. Entry deadline is Feb. 8, 2005. Any boy or girl between the ages of 1 day old to 11 years may participate.

□ THE FAR WEST BOYS HOME is in need of donations of household, office and recreational items to benefit boys 5-17 who are unable to live with their families due to abuse or neglect. Items needed include dressers, bunk beds, mattresses, cookware, recreational and exercise equipment, and a maintenance pickup, can or car. Cash donations to purchase these items are also appreciated. Far West is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. To arrange pick up of items or for more information, call 432-353-4464.

Bulletin board

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

- TODAY
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
  - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
  - Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
  - The annual Martin Luther King Jr. March is set to begin at 6 p.m. at the corner of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
  - Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.
  - DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
  - Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.
  - Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

- TUESDAY
- Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
  - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
  - A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
  - Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
  - Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at 1st and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.
  - Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.
  - Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-7-13-20-33. Bonus Ball: 22. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$51 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-11-13-32-36. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$38,121. Winning tickets sold in: Port Arthur. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 7-7-2

Weather

Today - Mostly sunny. Highs near 50. Southeast winds near 10 mph.  
 Tonight - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. East winds near 10 mph.  
 Tuesday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Winds becoming south near 10 mph.  
 Tuesday night - Partly cloudy. Lows near 30. South winds near 10 mph.  
 Wednesday - Partly cloudy. Highs near 60. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.  
 Wednesday night - Partly cloudy. Lows near 30.  
 Thursday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.  
 Thursday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.  
 Friday - Partly cloudy. Highs 65 to 70.  
 Friday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.  
 Saturday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.  
 Saturday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.  
 Sunday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

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Parade

By The Associated Press

Civil rights and others planned in preparation for Antonio parade expected to be one of country's largest Martin Luther holiday.

As many as 700 people are expected to join the 3-mile march down Martin Luther Drive for civil rights social issues, with activities in honor of slain leader welcomed around the city. On Sunday,

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By T.A. BADGER

Associated Press

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# Parades, services precede today's observance of MLK holiday

By The Associated Press

Civil rights activists and others painted signs in preparation for a San Antonio parade that's expected to be one of the country's largest for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

As many as 70,000 people are expected to join the 3-mile march Monday down Martin Luther King Drive for civil rights and social issues, while other activities in honor of the slain leader were scheduled around the state.

On Sunday, the Rev.

Claude Black rejoiced in the Trinity Baptist congregation's diversity during an 18th annual interfaith service in King's honor.

Black also recalled the San Antonio of the 1960s, when he entered the Majestic Theatre through its back door and avoided Alamo Heights after dark, fearing retaliation from police.

"We have these celebrations, we talk about Martin Luther's dreams, we talk about everything Martin Luther King ever

did," Black told the congregation, adding that people must still be reminded to look beyond differences to discover common goals. "We've used that dream up. It's time for us to do some of our own dreaming."

In Galveston, Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas told more than 200 people gathered to celebrate the anniversary of the Colored Branch of the Rosenberg Library that the lessons learned within the walls of the building were not only for peo-

ple with dark skin.

Thomas said she was reminded in a drive around Galveston one day of her hometown's segregated past. She passed by the library and saw the nameplate etched in stone above the building's entrance. But she said the sign is a reminder of that struggle and urged residents to fight oppression.

In Dallas, Renee Seban took her three grandchildren to a weekend parade that wound from city hall along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Fair

Park.

"They may not understand at their age what's going on here," Seban said of her grandchildren, "but every year, they'll learn a bit more."

About 6,000 people attended the parade, which included local dignitaries, high school bands, Masons, motorcycle clubs, peace groups and black cowboys on horseback.

Temple and Belton residents gathered Saturday night to remember King on what would have been

King's 76th birthday.

At the Wayman Chapel A.M.E. Church in Temple, the Rev. Roscoe Harrison urged audience members to remember King and also to realize that the fight for equality has not yet been won. He said more needed to be done to create job opportunities, health care and education.

"What I'm asking today is, would he be satisfied with the road that he has paved for us?" Harrison asked. "What would Dr. King think of us in 2005?"

# Graner verdict won't alter defense tactics for another soldier

By T.A. BADGER

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Although observers had predicted that Spc. Charles Graner's conviction in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal would trigger plea deals from the other defendants, at least one soldier still intends to go to trial.

Paul Bergrin, a Newark, N.J., lawyer representing Sgt. Javal Davis, said Sunday he still plans to argue that his client was obeying orders from higher-ranking officers and government agents to rough up detainees as a prelude to interrogation.

Lawyers for Graner offered that defense, but a military jury convicted him Friday of all five charges he faced and sentenced him Saturday to 10 years behind bars.

The panel needed less than five hours to reach its verdict in the first trial arising from the scandal at the Baghdad prison, ignited when graphic photographs were aired that showed Graner and other reservists brutalizing detainees.

"I just don't believe it was presented the way we're going to present it," said Bergrin, whose witness list includes Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, who then was in charge of Abu Ghraib. "We are taking no prisoners, we are going in there as gladiators."

But retired Army lawyer Jeffrey Addicott said the Graner verdict should send lawyers for Davis and two other soldiers awaiting court-martial in the case scrambling.

"So far everyone that's been brought into court has either pled guilty or

now has been found guilty," said Addicott, director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. "So if (Davis) raises the defense of 'I was only following orders,' I would predict he's going to get the same result."

Davis, whose trial is set to begin in early February, faces many of the same charges as Graner: conspiracy, assault and dereliction of duty for not protecting detainees. He also is charged with lying to investigators, and could get a maximum of eight years in prison if convicted on all counts.

The Roselle, N.J., man has admitted stepping on the fingers and toes of detainees, but he maintains that none of them were hurt.

Bergrin said Davis' case is far more winnable than Graner's because unlike Graner, Davis is not seen in the most shocking photos of physical mistreatment and sexual humiliation at Abu Ghraib.

"It helps me extraordinarily because it shows no connection of Davis to any of the indecent acts," Bergrin said.

Edward Sherman, a law professor at Tulane University, said that although a smart attorney would not ignore the message sent by Graner's jury, the difference in the photographic evidence means Davis may be better off.

"It seems to me those photographs were so damning and there's just no opportunity to argue ambiguity or just exactly what happened when you've got the photographs," Sherman said.

# MUSEUM

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boys has also taught pre-kindergarten classes.

Originally from Crane, Sloan and her family including husband Steve, a TXU employee, moved to Big Spring six years ago.

"I've really got experience in all aspects of children's programs. And my boys have taught me a lot," she said.

One of the programs she will initiate is Junior Membership, a campaign to allow children to become paid members of the museum.

"We want them to learn Howard County history, because this is their heritage," Raney said.

As a junior member of the museum, children will receive their own quarterly newsletter as well as receive preference and discounted fees for children's activities, Raney said.

"I will begin Story Time at the Potton House in February with a Valentine's Day theme. We'll do that the second

Saturday in the morning and after reading a book, we will have a project along the different themes each month," Sloan said.

Movie Time is another project Sloan administers. The next movie show, "Spirit," is set for the first Friday in February.

"We will have popcorn and juice for the children and tea and cookies for the parents," she said.

The museum has purchased a replica of an old-fashioned popcorn machine for use with Movie Time, she said.

The museum has a small, black box theater complete with surround sound for this program. Seating is limited, so reservations should be made in advance, Raney said.

"Parents may tour the museum or just sit and relax if they choose not to view the movie," Raney said.

A third project that is expected to open in May, after the second floor is remodeled is "In the Dark," a special area for children that will feature black lights, neon signs and a fish aquarium.

This area, organized by museum curator Tammy Schreengost, will also provide an area for theme parties, such as birthday or anniversary events, available to the public.

"We will offer different themes, such as western, retro or a girl's tea party, and provide the costumes for the children to dress up. We will do everything, the catering, the decorations, the costumes and provide crafts for the children to do. All a parent must supply are the presents and the guests," Raney said.

Adults may also enjoy the theme party atmosphere and take advantage of the costume idea, similar to the Murder Mystery event the museum had several years ago, she said.

"We have limited areas in town where we can have parties and we thought this would be a good way to utilize our building and provide a service to the community as well as raise funds for the museum," Raney said.

Donations of costumes are being sought for the "In the Dark" theme

party program. Cost of an event in the museum will be determined at a later date.

"We have such a beautiful building and a really fine museum and we still have people say to us, 'I didn't know we had a museum.' We want to provide another option for parents to have an activity with their children, especially during the winter when it's hard to get outside," Raney said.

For all of these programs, reservations are necessary so museum employees may plan for the number of people attending. To make a reservation, call the museum at 267-8255.

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

Marsha Sturdivant is the features editor for the Big Spring Herald. Contact her at 263-7331 or e-mail life@bigspringherald.com.

# CHILI

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competing in the Boss Hogg Cookoff. We got ninth place one time before and haven't won a dang thing since."

Rabbit? Rattlesnake? Maybe.

"The secret is Dr. Pepper," said Ronnie Miller, part of the Miller & Taylor team. "I'm serious. We tried it out for the first time last weekend during the Eagles Lodge cookoff and got third place. So obviously it works pretty good."

Dr. Pepper? Maybe. Even most straight answers were followed by hints of mystery and secrecy.

"Slow cooking is the secret to good chili, no

doubt about it," said Wright. "That's why we got out here so early this morning. The ingredients are the other secret. You have to use fresh ingredients. If you're going to cook chili in West Texas you have to have garlic in it. You have to get some jalapenos in there. You have to have all the finer ingredients."

With a little more pressing on the "secret ingredient" angle, Wright gave it up — sort of.

"The real secret ingredients is in that bottle right over there," said Wright, pointing to a bottle of spices. "Those spices are the secret ingredients."

Some cooks even claim they don't know the "secret," despite an unbelievably tasty aroma coming from their camps.

"We don't really know," said Todd Davis, part of TBM Chili team, with a laugh. "We're trying to figure that out. This is our fourth year in the Boss Hogg Cookoff. We're not sure if we're really changing things up this year cause we don't remember last year. We're just out here for a good time and for a good cause."

While no one seems to agree on the secret to great chili, the competitors do agree on one thing — why they brave the cold weather each year to compete in the cookoff.

"We really like the camaraderie and just sitting around and shooting the bull. This is our first time out. We've entered quite a few barbecue contests, but this is our first

chili experience," said Wright.

"It's no secret what my favorite part of these cookoffs is," said Mark Taylor, pointing to an iced-down tub of beer. "It's the beer. You gotta have beer with chili."

"The weather doesn't really bother us. We're used to working out in it everyday, so this is nothing new."

No matter who wins the cookoff, the real winner of Saturday's competition was anyone lucky enough to get a taste of what can only be deemed West Texas cuisine at its best.

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# POLL

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Bush leads a nation much changed from the one when he took office in January 2001. The Sept. 11 attacks have changed everything, from the shape of government and the health of the economy to the conduct of U.S. foreign policy.

Public perceptions of the president's personal strengths are his biggest asset today.

Nearly two-thirds of those polled described Bush as likable, strong and intelligent. A majority said he is dependable

and honest.

Bush is likely to need to draw on those personal strengths as he pursues an aggressive second-term agenda.

His domestic wish list — with its focus on allowing private accounts in Social Security for younger Americans, limiting lawsuit awards and overhauling the tax laws — could gain momentum from the increased GOP majorities in the House and Senate.

Close behind Iraq in public concerns for Bush's second term is the economy, which moved past terrorism as a top concern in AP polls.

in the past two months. Social Security was named as a top issue by only 9 percent, taxes by 2 percent.

After picking up in 2004, the economy probably will slow this year, influenced by rising interest rates, higher energy costs and the lack of a new tax cut, economists say.

People were relatively optimistic about their own personal finances in the next year. Four in 10 said they expect their own situation to improve; a similar number said they believe it will stay the same.

The poll of 1,000 adults was taken Jan. 10-12.

# SHOTS

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homes and other long-term care facilities.

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More than 500,000 doses of the vaccine have been shipped to Texas providers. Vaccines will be provided at the local TDSHS through February, Samuels said.

Also, the local office is providing pneumonia vaccinations to persons in the following categories:

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## OTHER VIEWS

## United effort key to curbing crime in rural areas

Times change. Crimes committed in order to provide a means to continue drug use have been commonplace in larger cities but not in West Texas, until the past few years. Unfortunately, those types of crimes primarily burglaries and forgeries are on the rise, especially in small rural communities.

We are seeing several cases where people are moving to the country probably for privacy and setting up methamphetamine labs. This keeps the number of citizens addicted to drugs with a readily available source.

It also provides an avenue for luring more folks into the drug world. In fact, arrests of a mother and son in New Deal last week were based on the alleged operation of a meth lab.

Lubbock's police force, along with neighborhood watch programs, has each resident keeping an eye open for illegal type activities.

Unfortunately, the case is not the same down a country road. Drug activity can be fairly obvious and yet, without reports from those living in the vicinity, nothing can happen.

Many times any possible neighbors are so far removed there is no contact at all, except from the folks purchasing illegal drugs.

As a result, in order to maintain their drug habit, crimes are occurring in communities where locking the front door is a relatively new development.

"What we're seeing more of a trend toward is that the crooks from the big cities are moving out to the small communities," said Floydada Police Chief Darrell Gooch.

He should know. During his 20 years with the Floydada Police Department he remembers the discovery of one meth lab in the first 18 years. During just the last two years a dozen have been raided. How unfortunate.

In 2004 violent crime dropped across the South Plains which is a very positive trend that we hope continues. But we cannot have 2005 show similar rising statistics with drug-related crimes.

There has to be a way to monitor our rural areas and stop what is basically free reign with the operation of meth labs. That is the only way to impact the rise in nonviolent crimes.

We need to unite in this fight. It is also the only way to help ensure our young people will have a strong opportunity to remain drug-free.

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## Did 'little green men' lead CBS astray?

There is a journalistic adage that goes: "Nobody remembers who gets it first; everybody remembers who gets it wrong."

Nobody at CBS News has ever heard this adage, apparently.

I have just finished slogging through all 224 pages of the Independent Review Panel report that investigated what went wrong with the Sept. 8, 2004, "60 Minutes Wednesday" segment on President Bush and his service in the Texas Air National Guard.

The slogging was worth it, because the best stuff comes at the end. To summarize very briefly, the explosive part of the CBS segment centered on documents, allegedly from the files of the late Lt. Col. Jerry Killian, who was Bush's commander, complaining about how Bush was seeking special treatment and ducking a physical, and how Killian had "ordered Lieutenant Bush suspended from flight status. ..."

The independent review panel investigating CBS was very lawyerly and very low-key, and says though it cannot "conclude with absolute certainty whether the Killian documents are authentic or forgeries," the panel discovered "a number of issues that raise serious questions about the authenticity of the documents and their content."

CBS defended the segment after it aired, but Dan Rather eventually went on the air on Sept. 20 and said CBS could no longer vouch for the authenticity of the documents, and he apologized for airing the segment.

But Rather didn't mean it. On page 208 of the report, the

panel says that Rather did not believe "an apology was appropriate" and that he made the apology only because CBS management wanted him to and because he is a "team player."

Rather informed the Panel that he still believes the content of the documents is true because "the facts are right on the money" and that no one has provided persuasive evidence that the documents were not authentic," the report states.

The panel — understated as always — says it "finds (Rather's) comments disavowing the apology to be troubling. ..."

No kidding. Here is the path of the documents, whose contents Rather still believes in:

1. Bill Burkett, a former lieutenant colonel in the Texas Army Guard and an outspoken critic of George W. Bush, gives photocopies of the documents to CBS producer Mary Mapes and tells her he got them from another former Texas Army guardsman, Chief Warrant Officer George Conn.

According to the panel report, "Mapes and her team of associate producers did virtually nothing to attempt to contact Chief Warrant Officer Conn to confirm this story and further trace the chain of custody of the documents."

2. After Mapes gets some of the documents on Sept. 2, she proceeds to "crash" the segment and get it on the air by Sept. 8, a very short amount of time in the world of TV. Mapes tries to get the documents authenticated, but according to the report, two of the experts who examined the documents tell Mapes they have "various concerns" about the documents and all four examiners contacted by CBS inform Mapes that "they could not authenticate the documents, primarily because they were copies." But CBS goes forward anyway.

3. After the story airs and vari-

ous individuals and media question its accuracy, Burkett admits he did not get the documents from Conn. Where did he get them? Well, he says they came from a woman named Lucy Ramirez — whom nobody can locate — who gave them to an "unidentified man," who gave them to Burkett at a livestock show in Houston.

On the way home from the show, according to USA Today, Burkett says he stopped at a Kinko's in Waco, copied the memos and then, in the Kinko's parking lot, "burned the memos he had been given and the envelope they were in."

Burkett admits that the story sounds "fantastic" and tells USA Today, "This is going to sound like some damn sci-fi movie."

Which, perhaps, is why Dan Rather, who did not even bother to watch the segment before it aired, finds the contents of the documents so believable. Perhaps little green men told him the memos were true. Rather and the fantastic seem to have a relationship. What is the frequency, Kenneth?

Maybe some tiny part of this fiasco would be understandable if CBS had been going after some deputy county sheriff in downstate Illinois. But CBS was going after the president of the United States. During the closing months of a re-election campaign!

The panel blames the CBS errors on "myopic zeal" and not on any political bias, and I accept that.

CBS accepted the resignations of three people involved and fired Mapes after the report came out — though not Rather — and announced Friday that the future of "60 Minutes Wednesday" is in doubt.

I am not sure many people care. But the little green men might be very, very angry.

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## Have no fear: Social Security will still be here

Cheez, I go to all this trouble not to call the president of the United States a liar — perhaps misinformed, did not seem to know about, no one has told him, etc. — and then he just comes flat out with a whopper.

Drolly enough, he prefaced his latest with the unlikely statement, "As a matter of fact ..." before he proceeded to do battle against truth: "... by the time today's workers who are in their mid-20s begin to retire, the system will be bankrupt. So if you're 20 years old, in your mid-20s, and you're beginning to work, I want you to think about a Social Security system that will be flat bust, bankrupt, unless the United States Congress has got the willingness to act now. And that's what we're here to talk about, a system that will be bankrupt."

Let's try this again, slowly, for those who, like the president, seem to be having difficulty with reality. Social Security will not be bankrupt, will not be flat bust in 2042 or 2052 or even, as the president has also claimed, by 2018. According to the deliberately alarmist projections of the fund's trustees, it will have exhausted the trust fund in 2042. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, Social Security will be able to rely on the trust fund until 2052 and after that will still be able to pay 81 percent of scheduled benefits.

And that's if no changes are made to the current system.

I am sorry to disillusion any young people, who according to polls do not think Social Security will be there for them, but for once the pessimists are wrong: It

will be. Even adjusted for inflation, that 81 percent of benefits will be considerably more than Social Security recipients get today. Making those benefits 100 percent secure can be accomplished quite easily by ending the regressive cut-off on Social Security payroll taxes, which are not now applied to income over \$90,000.

In other words, if you make \$90K or less a year, you are paying full fare on every nickel you earn — but people making more, no matter how much more, are not taxed beyond the first \$90K.

Now, let's step back and look at a couple of relevant points.

Investing part of Social Security in the stock market is not necessarily a terrible idea. If you want to try putting some of that money into the stock market, why not do it under one big account, the Social Security investment portfolio? Why have every citizen set up a separate account? The only people who benefit from that are people who sell stock and manage portfolios. They stand to make billions of dollars in fees off this scheme, which is the reason it is being pushed. Separate accounts make no sense and have not worked in other countries where they have been tried.

Second, although this is tangential to the current debate, perhaps we should re-think how we allocate resources more broadly. Doesn't it make sense to invest more money in children than in older people? They are, after all, our future. This is not an argument for privatizing Social Security, but it is worth thinking about.

The memo by Peter Wehner, an aide to Karl Rove, makes perfectly clear that the administration is prepared to whip up a phony crisis: The public must be convinced that the current system "is heading for an iceberg."

There's no reason to believe it is heading for an iceberg, and many good reasons to believe it is not. One of those very good reasons is the Bush administration's record on veracity. The last time the Bushies whipped up a great crisis was over weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Even the administration has finally quit pretending they are still looking for the nonexistent WMD: The inspectors were recalled before Christmas. No one in the administration was fired over the huge lie about WMD Bush just gave George Tenet, the man theoretically responsible, the Medal of Freedom. Colin Powell, the only Cabinet member who opposed the folly of Iraq, was asked to resign.

These are the same people who passed a huge tax cut for the rich on the grounds that we had a huge surplus — as in the case of the WMD, there was no such thing. And those are just the biggest lies with the most disastrous consequences.

More minor misinformation gushes forth every day.

And now comes yet another low. According to Newsweek magazine, the administration is planning the ultimate idiocy. Not enough that it has engaged in torture, it is now considering setting up as terrorists themselves. It is impossible to tell how seriously the administration is taking this proposal, but it is being discussed. It's called "the Salvador option" — backing death squads to target Sunni insurgents and their sympathizers. Newsweek quotes one military source: "The Sunni population is paying no price for the support it is giving the terrorists. ... From their point of view, it is cost-free. We have to change that equation."

Just when you thought it couldn't get worse ...

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## 'Aviator'

By DAVID GER

AP Movie Write

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# 'Aviator,' 'Sideways' gain Oscar edge after Golden Globe wins

By DAVID GERMAIN

AP Movie Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The Golden Globes set up an Academy Awards rematch between Hilary Swank and Annette Bening, while Jamie Foxx firmed up his Oscar front-runner status. And a win for "The Aviator" gave Martin Scorsese the edge for finally coming away with a best-picture win at the Oscars.

The Howard Hughes epic "The Aviator" was the big winner with three Globes, including best dramatic picture, but Sunday night's ceremony was a split decision for Scorsese, who lost the directing prize to Clint Eastwood for the boxing saga "Million Dollar Baby."

The road-trip comedy "Sideways" was named best musical or comedy film, while lead-acting honors went to Swank for "Million Dollar Baby," Bening for the theater farce "Being Julia," Foxx for the Ray Charles film biography "Ray" and Leonardo DiCaprio as Hughes in "The Aviator."

Clive Owen and Natalie Portman won supporting-acting honors for the sex drama "Closer." Their wins were a bit surprising given that Morgan Freeman for "Million Dollar Baby" and Cate Blanchett for "The Aviator" had been viewed as more likely favorites.

Foxx, considered the best-actor favorite for the Oscars Feb. 27, said backstage it was the best night of his life, winning the prize for his uncanny re-creation of singer Charles, who died last year.

"It's a beautiful thing for Ray and everything he leaves us," said Foxx, who won for best actor in a musical or comedy. Foxx had a record three Globe nominations going into Sunday but lost the other two, supporting movie actor for "Collateral" and TV movie or miniseries actor for "Redemption."

Bening won the musical or comedy actress prize for "Being

## GOLDEN GLOBES

A list of winners at the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's Golden Globe Awards:

### Motion Pictures:

**Picture, Drama:** "The Aviator."  
**Actor, Drama:** Leonardo DiCaprio, "The Aviator."  
**Actress, Drama:** Hilary Swank, "Million Dollar Baby."  
**Picture, Musical or Comedy:** "Sideways."  
**Actor, Musical or Comedy:** Jamie Foxx, "Ray."  
**Actress, Musical or Comedy:** Annette Bening, "Being Julia."  
**Supporting Actor:** Clive Owen, "Closer."  
**Supporting Actress:** Natalie Portman, "Closer."  
**Director:** Clint Eastwood, "Million Dollar Baby."  
**Screenplay:** Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor, "Sideways."  
**Original Score:** Howard Shore, "The Aviator."  
**Original Song:** "Old Habits Die Hard" from "Alfie," by Mick Jagger and David A. Stewart.  
**Foreign Language:** "The Sea Inside," Spain.

### Television:

**Drama Series:** "Nip/Tuck," FX.  
**Actor, Drama:** Ian McShane, "Deadwood."  
**Actress, Drama:** Mariska Hargitay, "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."  
**Musical or Comedy Series:** "Desperate Housewives," ABC.  
**Actor, Musical or Comedy:** Jason Bateman, "Arrested Development."  
**Actress, Musical or Comedy:** Teri Hatcher, "Desperate Housewives."  
**Miniseries or TV Movie:** "The Life and Death of Peter Sellers," HBO.  
**Actor, Miniseries or TV Movie:** Geoffrey Rush, "The Life and Death of Peter Sellers."  
**Actress, Miniseries or TV Movie:** Glenn Close, "The Lion in Winter."  
**Supporting Actor, Series, Miniseries or TV Movie:** William Shatner, "Boston Legal."  
**Supporting Actress, Series, Miniseries or TV Movie:** Anjelica Huston, "Iron Jawed Angels."

Golden Globe winner previously announced:  
**Cecil B. DeMille Award:** Robin Williams.

Julia," playing a conniving 1930s stage diva exacting vengeance on the duplicitous men in her life. It was the first awards-worthy role Bening has had since "American Beauty" five years ago, when she was the front-runner but lost the Golden Globe dramatic prize and the best-actress Oscar to underdog Swank for "Boys Don't Cry."

Not wanting to jinx her Oscar chances, Bening sidestepped a question backstage at the Globes about what she would wear to the Oscars. "Trick question," Bening quipped.

Swank, playing a fighter whose life turns tragic, won the

dramatic-actress Globe for "Million Dollar Baby." She downplayed the potential Oscar rematch with Bening.

"I don't really see it as competition," Swank said. "Annette's amazing, and she was so gracious to me five years ago when we were both nominated. She gave me good advice and she was gracious, and she's an inspiration."

"I think it's just unfortunate that things are seen as winners and losers, because in the end, the performances all speak for themselves and make everyone, I think, a winner. I'm just honored to have my name mentioned with her."

The Globes serve as the most prominent ceremony in Hollywood's pre-game show leading up to the Academy Awards. Globes are presented by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, whose small membership of about 90 people pales compared to the nearly 6,000 film professionals eligible to vote for the Oscars.

Yet the Globes historically serve as a solid forecast that helps set the odds for subsequent film honors.

Golden Globe winners gain attention that can put them on the inside track for prizes from acting, directing and other filmmaking guilds — momentum

often sticks with them right through Oscar night

"Million Dollar Baby" filmmaker Eastwood already has delivered a best-picture Oscar winner and won the academy's directing honor for "Unforgiven." But Scorsese is arguably the most-prominent contemporary director without a best-picture or directing Oscar to his credit.

DiCaprio, who also starred in Scorsese's "Gangs of New York," gushed praise for the director.

"Growing up in this business and truly wanting to be a part of the world of film, I'm a truly privileged person standing here today," DiCaprio said. "But I must say, the pinnacle, the pinnacle of all that has been to work alongside one of the greatest contributors to the world of cinema of our time, and that is the great Martin Scorsese."

"The Aviator" also earned Howard Shore the Globe for musical score. The award for best screenplay went to Alexander Payne and Jim Taylor for "Sideways."

In the TV categories, "Desperate Housewives" won for best musical or comedy series, and "Nip/Tuck" was honored as dramatic series, beating "The Sopranos," "24" and "Lost."

Teri Hatcher beat her show's co-stars Marcia Cross and Felicity Huffman for best actress in a TV musical or comedy. Hatcher thanked ABC for giving "me a second chance at a career when I couldn't have been a bigger has-been."

William Shatner won for best supporting actor in "Boston Legal" and Jason Bateman for lead comic actor in "Arrested Development."

Mariska Hargitay won lead drama actress honors for "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit."

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# All-mom bands are rocking both the house and the cradle

By LIZ AUSTIN

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — They're housewives, workaholics, PTA members and ... rock stars?

Women fighting to shatter the stay-at-home-mom stereotype and rediscover their youthful voice are forming bands, such as Housewives on Prozac in suburban New York, Frump in Dallas and Placenta in Oakland, Calif.

These moms rocking the house and the cradle sing about breast-feeding, exhaustion and making kids do their chore.

"I feel like what we do is remind people about their passion and that sense of importance and that

sense of vitality," said Joy Rose, a 47-year-old mother of four who founded Housewives on Prozac in 1997. "Life is really short and it's important to live colorfully."

Mothers have struggled for identity and fulfillment for decades, growing more exasperated with their increasing career and child-rearing demands, said University of Michigan professor Susan Douglas, who co-authored the book "The Mommy Myth."

She said those feelings may explain the enormous popularity of the television show "Desperate Housewives" and the growing number of mom rock bands. Rose

estimated there are about 50 active mom bands across the country, with 20 of them having been formed in the past year.

"In our cultural common sense, what could be more opposite from the icon of mom than a punk rocker?" Douglas said.

Suzie Riddle, who has three children ages 19, 12 and 6, started Frump in 2001 as a gag for her 40th birthday party. A punk rocker in her youth and a children's librarian as an adult, Riddle hounded other mothers at her church and her daughters' school until she found three women willing to play along.

At first, they performed five songs, including

"Suzie is a Headbanger" by The Ramones and "We're Really Beat," a song Frump guitarist Frances Peterson wrote to the tune of "We've Got the Beat" by The Go-Go's.

"See the mothers driving down the street, see their makeup melting in the heat, straight from work, the pantyhose are tight. It's take-out tonight," the song begins.

Three years later, the band has grown to five, adding new members as others have moved away. Frump now practices every Saturday night and performs about once a month at parties, churches, and community events, such as the Punky Mamas Christmas Bazaar

in Dallas. Some of their songs are covers, some are original and some are a combination.

An original song, called "Pick Up Your Socks," warns kids "I'm not going to tell you again, and then I count to three, I'm starting to lose my tenuous grip on my sanity."

The band members even encourage their daughters to get involved. The girls formed their own band called Spawn and have played "Wild Thing" at two gigs with their moms.

"It is the best feeling in the world," said Frump lead guitarist Diane Harris, whose 11-year-old daughter Anna plays drums in Spawn.

Frump is still trying to forge an identity, teetering between being a novelty and a serious band, Riddle said. She'd like to add a second weekly practice and focus on cultivating a unique sound.

But, she admits, any group that bills itself as an all-mom garage band is going to get a few chuckles.

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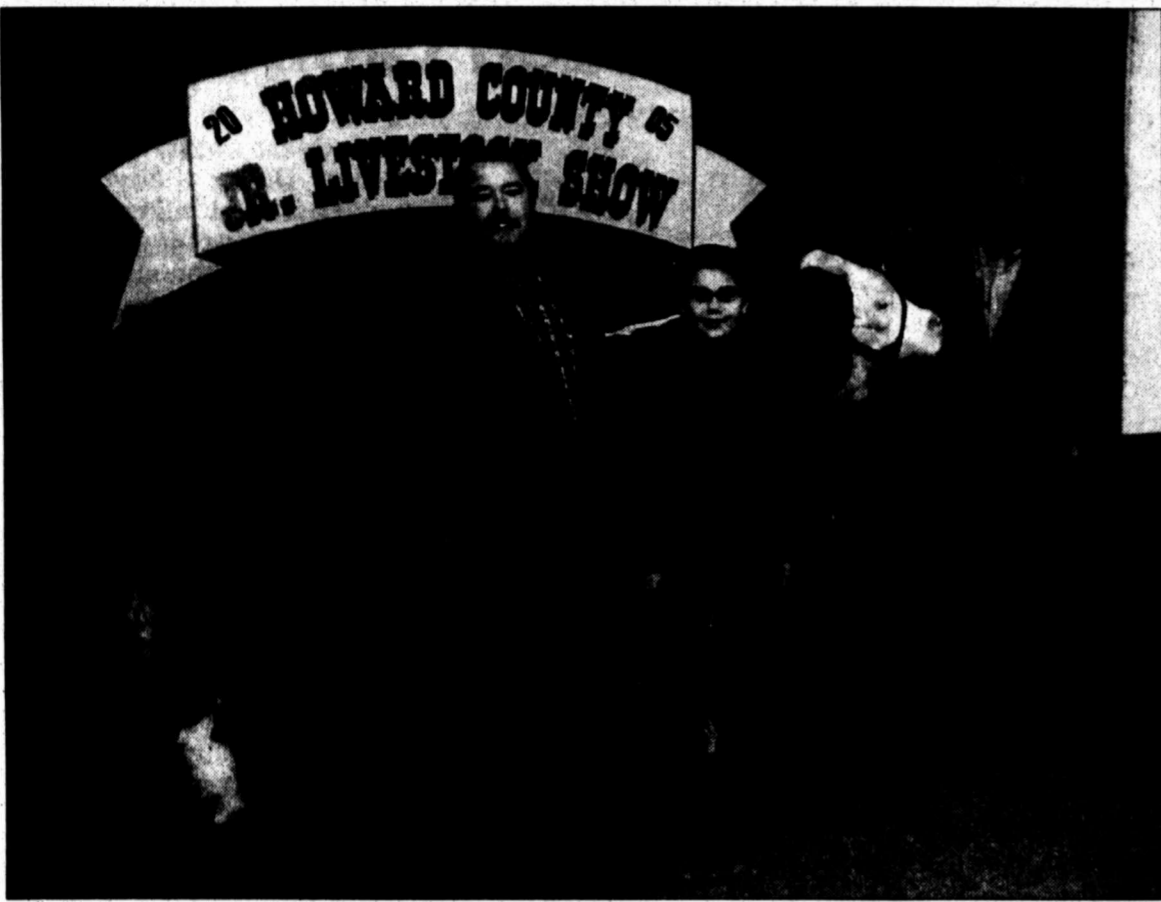
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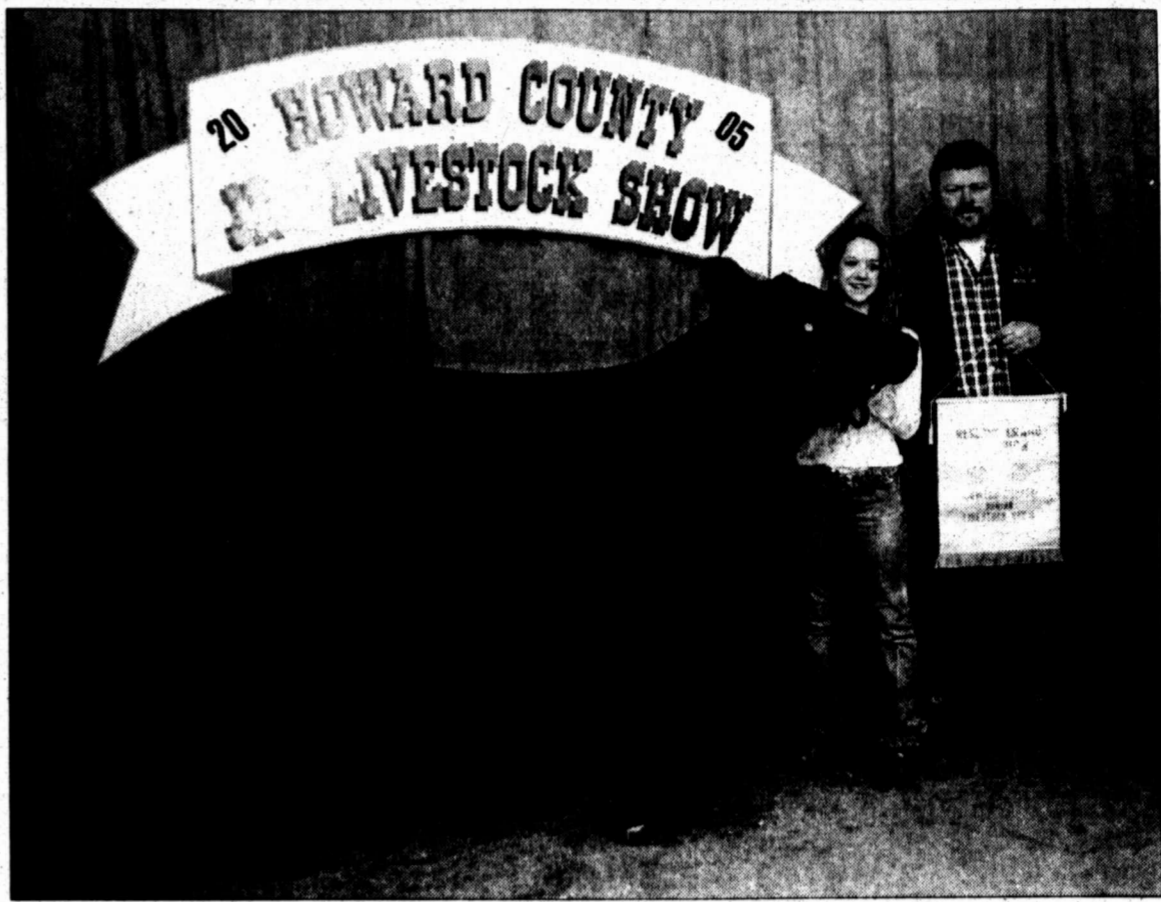
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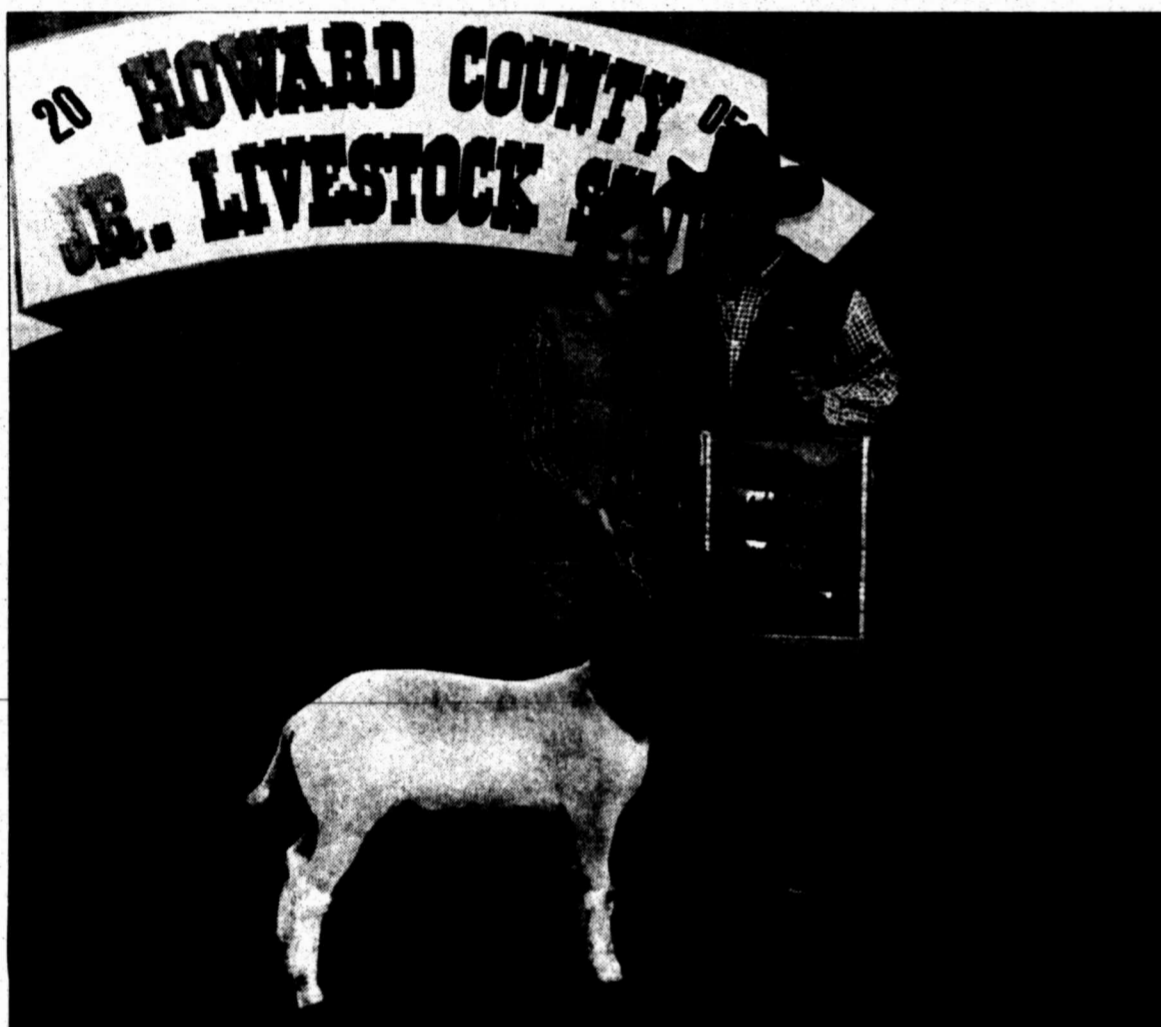
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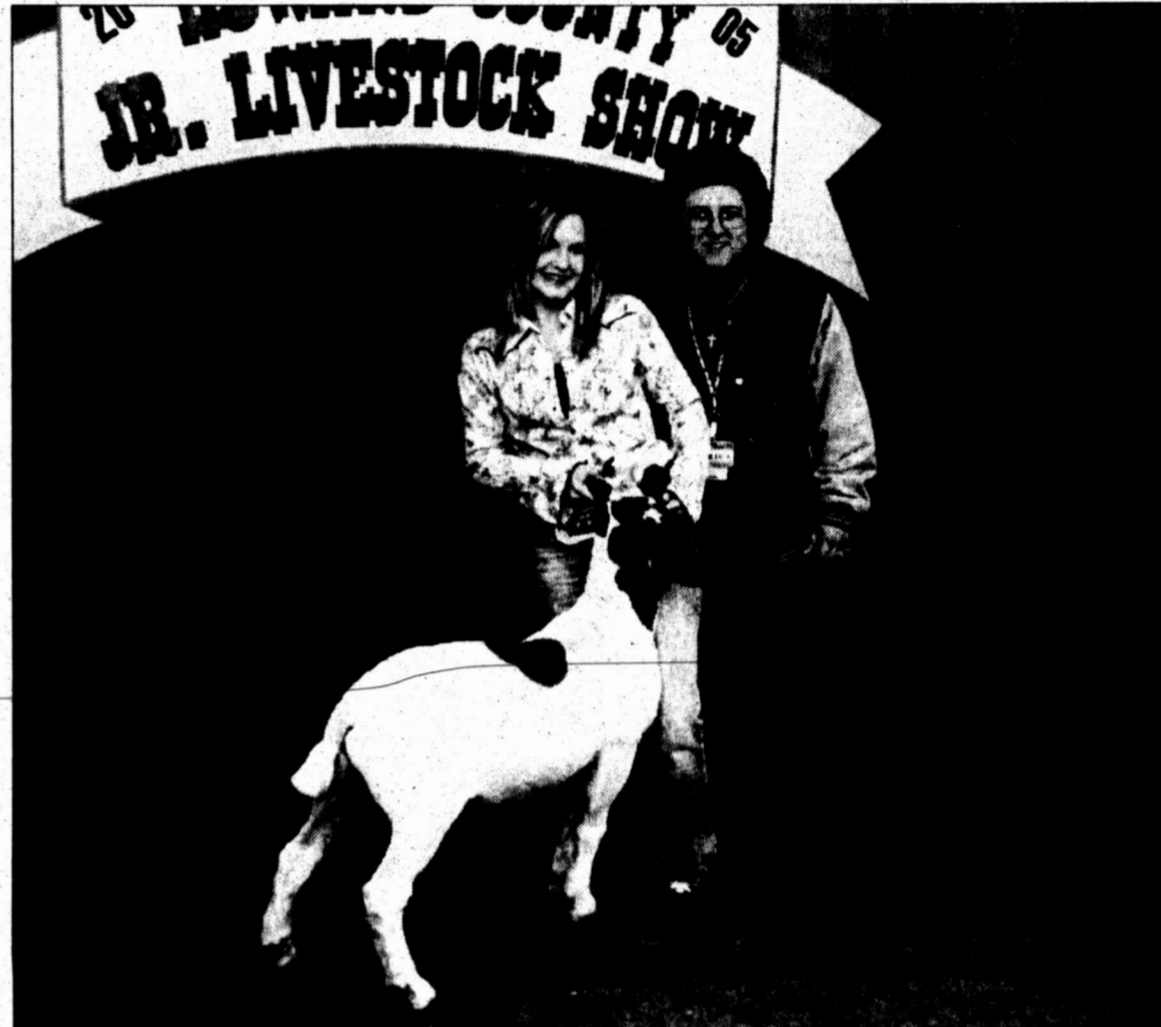
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Kenny Breazeale, manager of the Big Spring H-E-B, left, poses with Jess Brooks shortly after purchasing the youngster's Grand Champion steer Saturday. Also pictured is Brook's father, Ron Brooks.



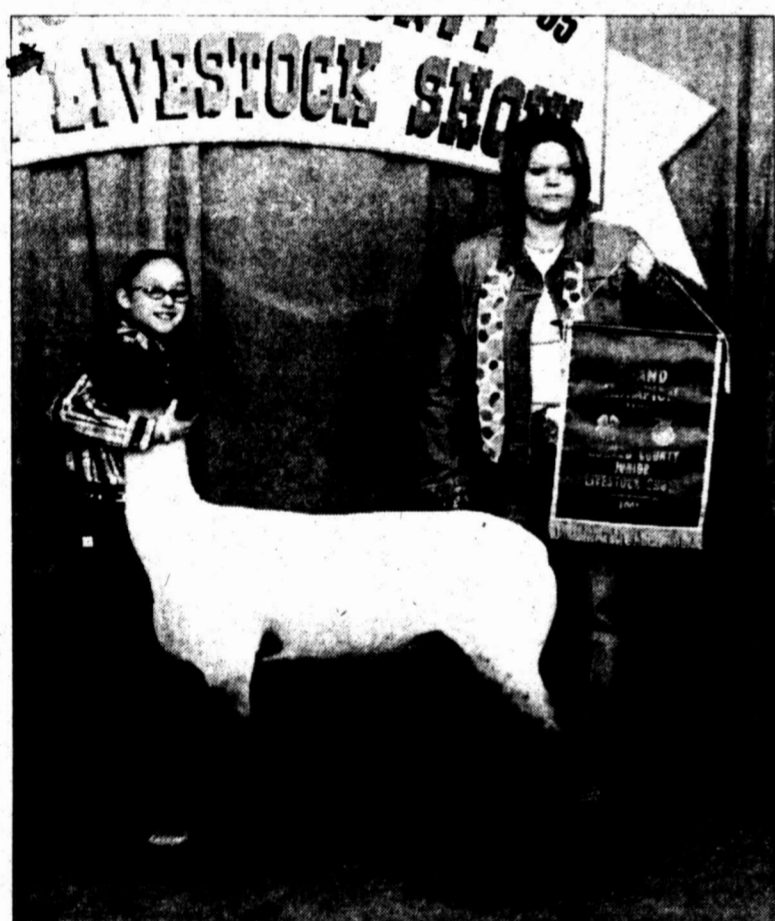
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Brittnee Nix shows off her Reserve Grand Champion steer along with Walter Brumley, who purchased the steer for Brumley Group Electrical.



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Reggie Hamrick, representing Farmer's Co-Op of Ackerly, purchases the Howard County Junior Livestock Show Grand Champion goat from Meagan Kothman.



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Local Wal-Mart Supercenter Manager Karla Grimes, right, checks out the Reserve Grand Champion goat she purchased for her company from Reagan Rupard Saturday.



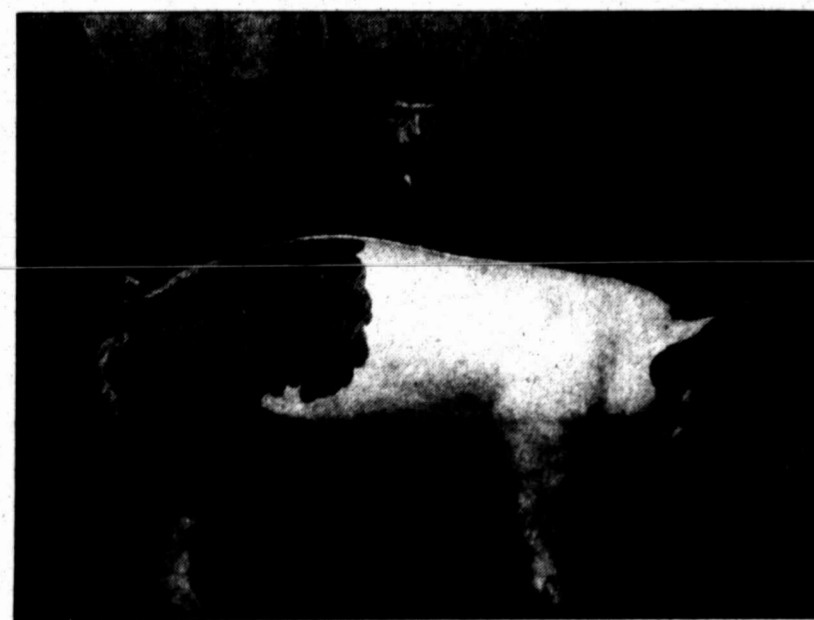
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Kylee Borchardt, left, poses with her Howard County Junior Livestock Show Grand Champion lamb.



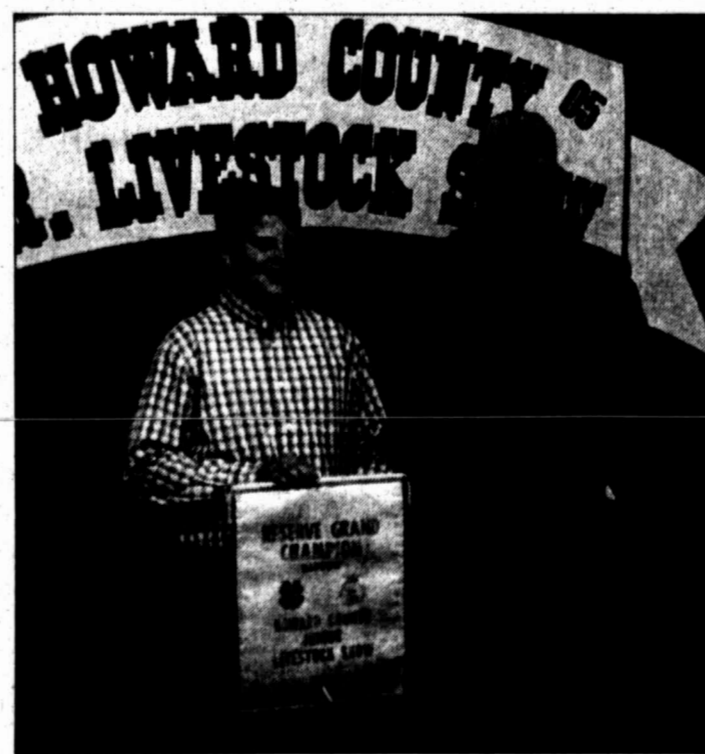
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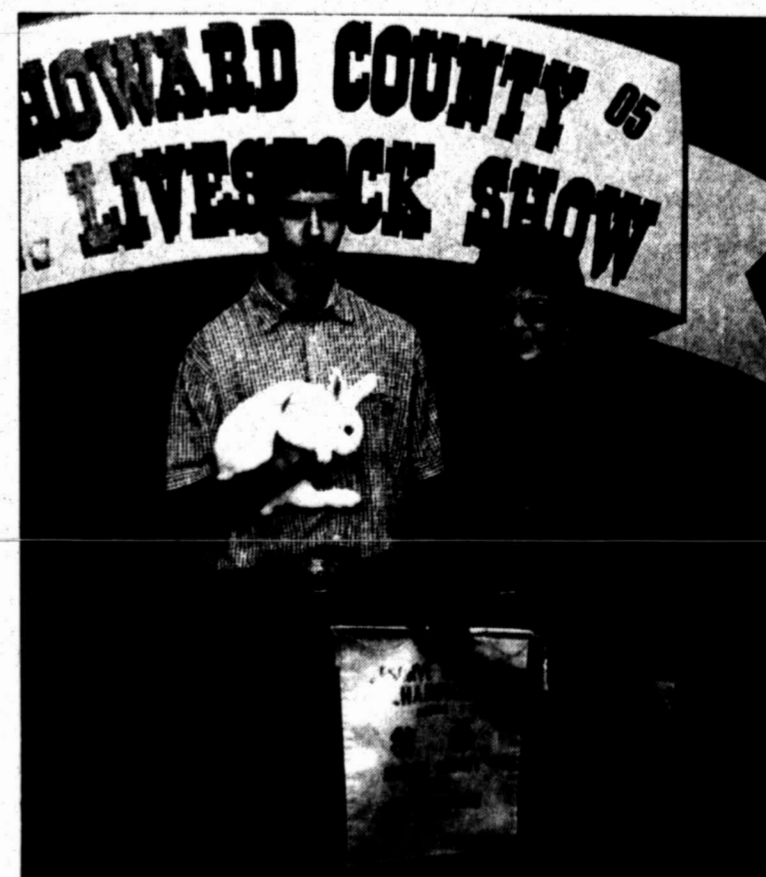
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Lari and Scott Tidwell, left and right, pose with Sarah Macik and her Grand Champion rabbit shortly after purchasing the animal during the annual livestock auction.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Collin McMillan poses with his Grand Champion barrow following the auction that signified the end of the annual Howard County Junior Livestock Show.



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Howard County Farm Bureau representative Brandon Luce, right, poses with Logan Gaskins, whose pig managed to garner the Reserve Grand Champion barrow title.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Sherry Wegner poses with Reserve Grand Champion rabbit winner Tad White during the Howard County Junior Livestock Show. Wegner won the extraordinary rabbit during the show's auction, which was held Saturday.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Lady Steers Booster Club meetings set

The Lady Steers Booster Club will be meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday at the ATC, which is a change from its original date.

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

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 264-0023 or Kerry Rodriguez at 263-6100.

The Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will also meet Thursday. This meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at the ATC.

All parents of girls involved in softball are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Abner at 264-0023 or Veronda Vassar at 267-4657.

#### Ambassadors to play at Dorothy Garrett

The Harlem Ambassadors basketball team will play an exhibition game in Big Spring at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College Friday beginning at 7 p.m.

The cost will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and \$1 for youth accompanied by an adult and youth under the age of five are free when accompanied by an adult. Tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring YMCA, KBST, the B.S. Herald and at the coliseum during the night of the game.

The game is a fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Big Spring.

#### Chicano Golf sets group meeting

The Chicano Golf Association has scheduled an organizational meeting for 6:45 p.m. today.

The meeting will take place at the Jimmy Marin Exxon.

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

#### Baseball Booster Club meeting set

The Big Spring Baseball Booster Club has set up a meeting for Tuesday at the ATC.

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and it is open for anyone who has a child in high school baseball.

For more information, call John Sparks at 263-8527.

#### Longhorns bounce back after road loss

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Freshman Daniel Gibson scored all 12 of his points over the final 14:32 as No. 10 Texas defeated Nebraska, 63-53 and bounced back from a road loss to Texas A&M.

Joe McCray was 5-of-12 from 3-point range and had 21 points and 11 rebounds for Nebraska, which had its four-game winning streak stopped.

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# Vick, Dunn too much for Rams to handle

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — There's more to the Atlanta Falcons than Michael Vick.

Sure, the Falcons' one-of-a-kind quarterback put on quite a show in the NFC playoffs, throwing two touchdown passes and running for 119 yards. But his teammates managed to escape Vick's considerable shadow, putting Atlanta within one win of the Super Bowl.

Warriek Dunn ran for a 62-yard touchdown, Allen Rossum set an NFL playoff record for punt returns and Atlanta routed the St. Louis Rams 17-17 Saturday night.

The Falcons advanced to the NFL championship game for only the second time in the franchise's 39-year history.

They will now travel to Philadelphia next weekend for a spot in the Super Bowl. "You saw a team that plays together," rookie coach Jim Mora said. "You saw a team that's pretty complete. We like to say in the locker room that the best player on our team is our team. We proved that tonight with the way we played."

On Atlanta's third offensive play, Vick got loose on a 47-yard run, which set up an 81-yard touchdown pass to Alge Crumpler just three minutes into the game.

The tone was set for the first half. It resembled a track meet more than a football game.

The Falcons led 28-17, the teams combining on the second-highest scoring half for a divisional-round game in league history.

Rossum did more running than anyone. The 5-foot-8 return specialist returned a punt 68 yards for a touchdown with less than a minute to go in the first half.

He wasn't done, setting an NFL playoff record with 152 yards on three punt returns — a staggering 50.7-yard average.

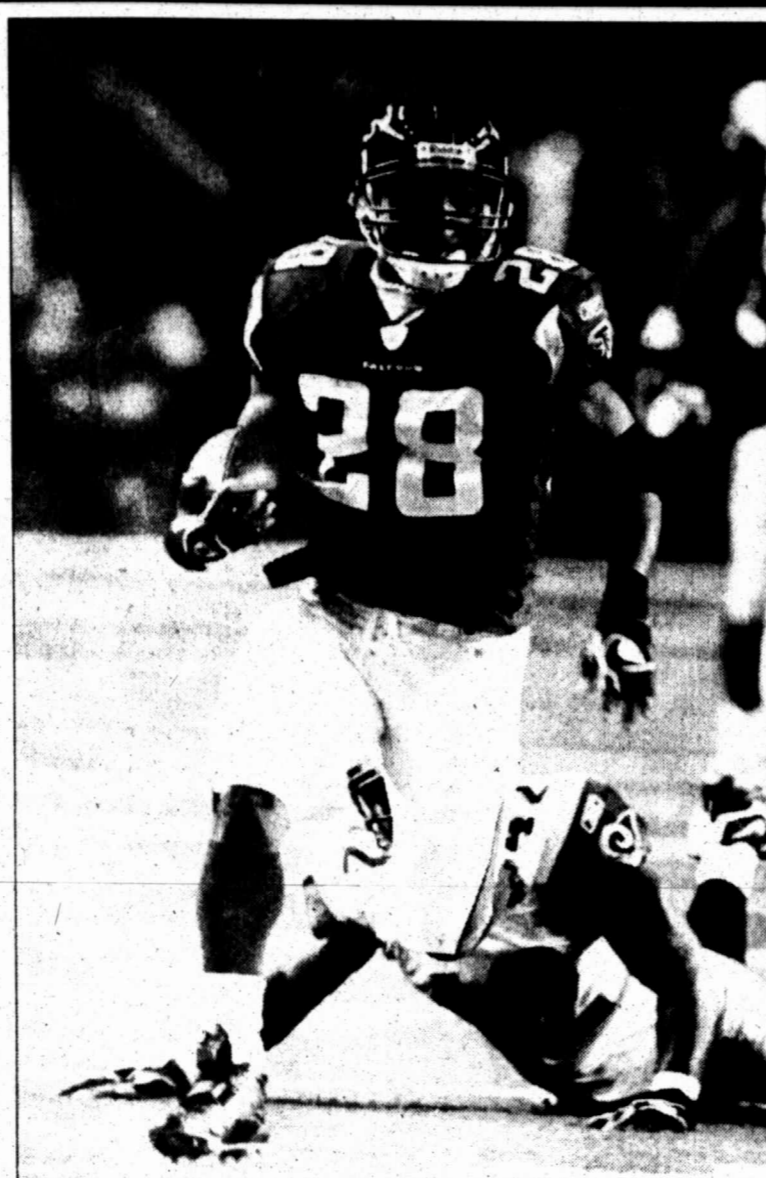
He had returns of 39 and 45 yards in the third quarter, setting up Vick's 6-yard touchdown pass to Peerless Price and Jay Feely's 38-yard field goal to give the Falcons a comfortable 38-17 lead.

Rossum broke the mark set by Minnesota's Anthony Carter, who had 143 yards in punt returns against the Saints during the 1987 season.

In a fitting bit of symmetry, that was the first playoff loss for Mora's father.

Dunn rushed for 142 yards on just 17 carries, including the 62-yard touchdown that quickly eclipsed Vick's scamper for the longest run in Falcons' playoff history. By the time he was done, Dunn had eclipsed Jamal Anderson's franchise record of 113 yards in a playoff game.

The Falcons looked every bit like the league's top running team, finishing with 327 of their 397 yards on the ground — one of the greatest rushing games in playoff his-



KRT photo/Bob Snow, Macon Telegraph  
Atlanta Falcons running back Warwick Dunn (28) evades the St. Louis Rams defense on the way to his second touchdown in the first half. The Falcons advanced to the NFC title game next Sunday after defeating the Rams at the Georgia Dome, 47-17, Saturday.

tory. Vick passed for only 82 yards but was an efficient 12-of-16.

"This is a very exciting time for us," he said.

Vick's only blemish was a fumble at the end of a run, and the Rams' defense had nothing to do with it. He simply lost the ball after stumbling to the turf without being touched.

The Atlanta defense made life miserable for Rams quarterback Marc Bulger in the second half.

Brady Smith crushed Bulger in the end zone for a safety, Jason Webster had an interception, and Keith Brooking forced Bulger into a fumble that was recovered by Travis Hall.

Even though fill-in Kevin Curtis managed seven catches for 128 yards, including a 57-yard touchdown, it was pretty much downhill from there for St. Louis.

Bulger was 23 of 35 for 299 yards and one touchdown to Torry Holt.

## PATRIOTS

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degree warmth of the RCA Dome. It was the second year in a row the Colts were embarrassed in the Foxboro elements: In last year's AFC game, Manning threw four interceptions in a 24-14 loss.

Dillon rushed for 144 yards in his first NFL playoff game in his eight seasons. Brady threw for one touchdown, ran for another and completed 18 passes in 27 attempts for 144 yards.

New England (15-2) led 6-0 on Adam Vinatieri's field goals of 24 and 31 yards in the second quarter with the first one capping a 16-play, 78-yard march that lasted 9 minutes, 7 seconds.

The only points Indianapolis (13-5) scored came on Mike Vanderjagt's 23-yard field goal on the last play of the first half.

When Brady threw a 5-yard scoring pass to David Givens to cap a third-quarter drive that

lasted 8:16, Manning had to make his remaining possessions count against the hard-hitting defense.

He didn't — and Brady followed with a drive 94-yard drive that ended with his 1-yard touchdown run.

Facing a 20-3 deficit with 7:10 left, even Manning couldn't do much.

The Patriots proved once again they could win without their best defenders. Pro Bowl defensive end Richard Seymour was sidelined with a knee injury and starting cornerbacks Ty Law and Tyrone Poole are on injured reserve.

They did it against a team that had the fifth highest scoring season in NFL history then led Denver 35-3 at halftime of a 49-24 divisional playoff win a week earlier in Indianapolis.

And the season ended for the Colts where it started. They lost the season opener there 27-24 when Vanderjagt missed a 48-yard field goal attempt in the final minute.

### NFL Football Playoffs

**Saturday's Results**  
Pittsburgh 20, New York Jets 17 (OT)  
Atlanta 47, St. Louis 17

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## STEELERS

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Joe's guaranteed win over the Colts in the January 1969 Super Bowl.

Brien's 47-yarder with 1:58 remaining hit the goal post, but Roethlisberger gave the Jets the ball right back when his off-line throw was intercepted by David

Barrett. The Jets then drove cautiously from the Steelers 37 to the 25, giving Brien a 43-yarder to win it on the final play of regulation.

But the kick sailed far to the left, not even close, and the given-a-reprieve Steelers danced joyously on their sidelines.

The Steelers won their team-record 16th in a row to advance to the AFC title game for the

fifth time since the 1994 season.

The Jets turned two long touchdown returns, Santana Moss' 75-yard punt return and Reggie Tongue's 86-yard interception, into 17 consecutive points and a 17-10 lead in the fourth quarter.

Bettis outgained the Jets' Curtis Martin 101-77 in a matchup of two of the NFL's top five career rushers.

## EAGLES

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od, then did his reverse moon. Greg Lewis' graceful catch of a 52-yard throw set up Brian Westbrook's 7-yard TD reception, Westbrook's first post-season score; he was injured for last year's playoffs.

Moss, who was fined \$10,000 by the NFL for his simulated mooning of the Green Bay crowd last weekend, was held to three catches for 51 yards. Culpepper was sacked three times and befuddled nearly the entire game.

The Vikings gained more on the second quarter play, a 40-yard pass to Marcus Robinson, than they managed in total before that. It sparked a drive that culminated in Culpepper's 7-yard scramble to make it 14-7.

But Minnesota immediately messed up again. J.R. Reed returned the kickoff to the Vikings' 46, then Minnesota was hit for two pass interference calls. From the 14, McNabb found Smith over the middle, and Smith fumbled at the 4 when hit by Antoine Winfield. The ball shot directly to Mitchell, who

caught it in the end zone for his second score.

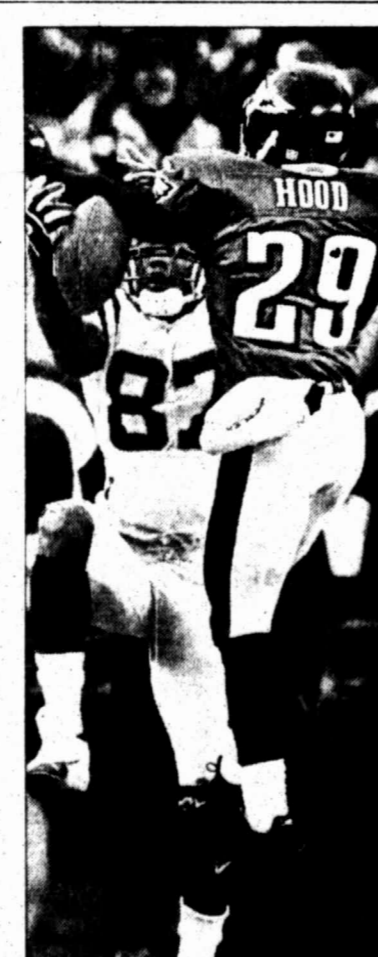
"Freddie was hustling to the play and had the opportunity to make a block," Reid said. "It put him in great position and then, there was the ball."

"We always emphasize on offense and defense to make sure you finish the play and that's what Freddie did."

Only Mitchell's fourth-and-26 reception in the playoffs against Green Bay last January was more meaningful. That catch pretty much got the Eagles to the NFC title game, where they lost to Carolina.

On Minnesota's opening drive of the second half, third-string linebacker Ike Reese tipped Culpepper's pass to himself for a brilliant interception. That was the way it went nearly all day: stars, supporting cast members and backups made plays for the NFC East champions.

David Akers kicked two field goals, Westbrook had 117 total yards, Kearse and Trotter made stops all over the field.



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The Eagles' Roderick Hood breaks up a pass intended for the Vikings' Marcus Robinson during their NFL playoff game in Philadelphia, Penn., Sunday.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The moon in Taurus spurs a need for luxurious indulgence. Whether it's caviar or Egyptian sheets with a crazy thread count, what was once optional now seems like a must-have.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Quality is king, but appetites are stimulated to such a degree that we want quantity, too. Don't buy on credit — by the end of the week, there's nothing to show for it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What you've been striving for will reach its culmination very soon — so don't stop now! If you're waiting for an answer from someone, go ahead and call. It's no time to be a wallflower. Love sparkles anew.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are focused on transformation. But choose your role model

very carefully. Attractive but selfish people have little to teach you and will waste your time. Hold out for true-blue loyalists.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be teased and enticed into oddball situations, and thank goodness, you've got such persuasive people around you. At the end of the day, you'll look back and realize you wouldn't have missed it for the world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The stars check in to be sure you've really learned a past lesson. Family dynamics still affect how you think of yourself, but the story is different from what it used to be. Get it down on paper so you can examine it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You come across intimidating people — and it takes a lot to intimidate you! When you get that feeling that you want to run five miles and read books to make yourself smarter, you'll know this is someone worth getting to know.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). The opportunity to risk is featured. Business gets to the point where you simply must decide to be bold or withdraw completely. Anything done halfway will stunt your profit margin.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You feel you've got a secret superhero identity quietly working behind the scenes, and yes, you save the day. Humble, you won't fess up to your amazing feats, either. Private victory is no less sweet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What someone said to you long ago still rings in your ears. Test it out now once and for all. If it's true, keep it. If not, toss it out like the garbage it is. Tonight, someone new sparkles in your eyes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Move over, there are new folks coming into your world. It's probably a co-worker or someone who just moved into town. It takes seeing someone truly green to realize how far you've come in your arena.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). You're ready to meet the challenge, especially if it's bigger than you are. Some call you crazy, but time will show that you're the sane one. Crazy is when you don't rise to the occasion while the minutes of your life tick away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It makes you feel warm and happy when others notice subtle improvements you've made to your appearance through diet and/or exercise. Each compliment fans the flames, inspiring you to reach your goal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your creative project is taking shape. The prize is within your reach! Just don't neglect your day job while you're dreaming big, or your finances get ugly. Advertising and self-promotion work magic on your bank account.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "You might think I'm a flake with this question, but I kind of am. My birthday is Feb. 23, 1959. I've finally worked through 40 years of

depression and 10 years of anxiety caused by childhood abuse. I'm now happy with the present and optimistic about the future. Here's the flaky part. I've always aspired to become Christ-like, able to either heal others or teach love and peace to many. Is this unrealistic?"

Absolutely not! As a Pisces, you came to the realization that we are "spirits in a material world" at a very young age. Problems in the body have a spiritual root, and the spirit can heal the body. Your life of suffering and learning how to heal yourself has prepared you for this kind of work. The tricky part will be finding the right mentors and teachers for this unconventional area of study. First, you will need to develop friendships with open-minded individuals who are aware of the healing arts and won't be threatened by far-out ideas. The next two months are exceptionally good for entering into new social circles. Start

at your local yoga studio. You'll find that there are many people who follow Christ's teachings who do not go to your same church.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jim Carrey is a success-driven Capricorn with a mischievous Gemini moon. His planet of communication, Mercury, is in abstract Aquarius, signifying eccentric manners of expressing himself — which has paid off handsomely for Carrey. This year, his personal life gets more attention than he'd like, but the buzz is quickly overshadowed by an award-winning performance before year-end.

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Annie's Mailbox®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Last night, my life was turned upside down. My 14-year-old daughter, "Cindy," woke me up and said her stepdad, "Chuck," had touched her. There was no actual sex involved, thank God. I confronted Chuck immediately. He said he knew it was inappropriate and stopped right away.

Chuck was molested during his childhood, as was I, so we know how wrong this is. Chuck and I put all the blame on him, which is where it belongs. Before this happened, I never thought I would allow any man to get away with something like this, but now I'm not so sure what to do.

The three of us have a wonderful life. However, Cindy recently has been paying a lot of attention to Chuck. She is home-schooled and doesn't see many other children her age. After Cindy told me what Chuck did, I said I would kick him out, but she asked me not to. She said she loves both of us and that she is fine. Annie, I know my daughter, and she really is fine. Chuck and I are the ones struggling to come to terms with this.

All of this behavior is odd to me. Is it possible that Cindy is really OK? Do you think she may have encouraged Chuck without realizing it? I know girls can be curious. Don't misunderstand. I am not blaming my daughter. Chuck was wrong.

So do I kick him out, like I said I would? Or, do we find a way to work through this? I'm so confused. — Wishing in California

Dear Wishing: It's understandable that you are searching for a way to make this less serious, so your life can continue as it was, but it's not that simple. Chuck's family history makes it more likely that he could do this again, and Cindy may feel obligated to submit to his advances in order not to break up her family.

We strongly urge you to get family counseling, so you understand the risks and can work out the best solution. It may be best to separate until you do. Also, find activities for Cindy in the afternoon so she can meet other teenagers and won't EVER be left alone with Chuck. Good luck.

Dear Annie: With the cold and flu season here, I



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

was wondering about the appropriateness of nose blowing in public, especially in my office. There are a few people who feel comfortable blowing their nose while standing at my desk, and I feel quite disgusted by it.

Is there a rule of etiquette in reference to this situation? — Tampa, Fla.

Dear Tampa: You bet. A sneeze cannot be helped, but deliberately blowing one's nose should be done as privately as possible. Tell these oblivious co-workers sweetly, "I hope you will understand if I ask you not to blow your nose near my desk. I'm absolutely phobic about getting sick."

Dear Annie: I clean the

homes of elderly people for a living. For the holidays, they each gave me a cash gift. Was I supposed to give them a gift as well? I am 72 years old and on a fixed income. Buying gifts is difficult. What is the proper thing to do? Does an employee give a gift to an employer? Please tell me so I will be prepared for the next holiday season. — Perplexed

Dear Perplexed: No, you do not have to give your employers a gift for the holidays unless you really want to. You are receiving a cash bonus as an employee, not as a friend. You are under no obligation to reciprocate.

Dear Annie: I have been friends with "Carla" and "Roxanne" for over 17 years. Now Carla and I both have heard rumors that Roxanne's husband has been messing around.

We feel, as good friends, that we should tell Roxanne what we've heard, but we are afraid her husband will lie his way out of it and she will hate us. Our husbands tell us to keep quiet, but, Annie, we both agreed if the tables were turned, we would want to know the truth.

Roxanne and her husband have two small chil-

dren and are talking about having another. She also has talked about quitting her job. We would hate for that to happen and then have her discover the affairs later — when she has no income of her own to fall back on.

How do we get solid proof that he's cheating? Should we confront him? What do we do? — Wanting To Do the Right Thing

Dear Wanting: You have heard rumors, nothing more. Unless you stumble upon more compelling evidence, you don't really know what's going on. Your heart is in the right place, but usually it's better not to interfere in someone else's marital problems. If Roxanne asks you a direct question about her husband's extra-curricular activities, you may tell her what you've heard, but please don't go looking for trouble.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Child-Free by Choice." I am 50 years old and never had the slightest desire to have children. My aunt once told me that I was selfish not to provide my mother with grandchildren. Here's what I consider selfish:

1. Women who have children they can't afford and expect the rest of us to pay for them.
  2. Women who have children while married to, or involved with, men who abuse them. These men are highly likely to abuse the children, too.
  3. People who have children hoping to save a failing relationship.
  4. People who keep having children because they are trying for a particular sex.
  5. Alcoholics and drug addicts who continue to drink and do drugs while pregnant, knowing the effects it could have on the child.
- I'm glad some of us realize we are not parent material. — Child-Free and Happy
- Dear Child-Free: You aren't the only one who thought so. Read on:
- From Connecticut: I'm 38, my husband is 43, and we've been married five years. Neither of us has a burning need to reproduce. Two years before our wedding, my husband noticed a couple in their mid-40s, enjoying themselves on a docked boat. The name of the boat? "Instead of Kids." That did it for us.
- East Coast: I was mar-

ried at 18, had my first child at 19, and my third at 25. When I asked to have a tubal ligation, I was told, "You're too young. Wait until you're 30." On my 30th birthday, I asked again to have the surgery and was told to wait three more years. All this time, I've been taking either birth control pills or injections that put me at risk for blood clots and stroke, and have kept my weight and blood pressure up, just to keep me from having that extra kid I don't want. I love the children I have, I just don't want any more.

Midwest: I'm 41 years old, married 11 years. I have no urge to put on excess weight, throw up in the morning, have swollen ankles and go through hours of labor. I believe people are jealous that I have a higher standard of living and a more carefree lifestyle. I come and go as I please. I buy whatever I want or need. They, on the other hand, have to plan their life around the needs and wants of their children.

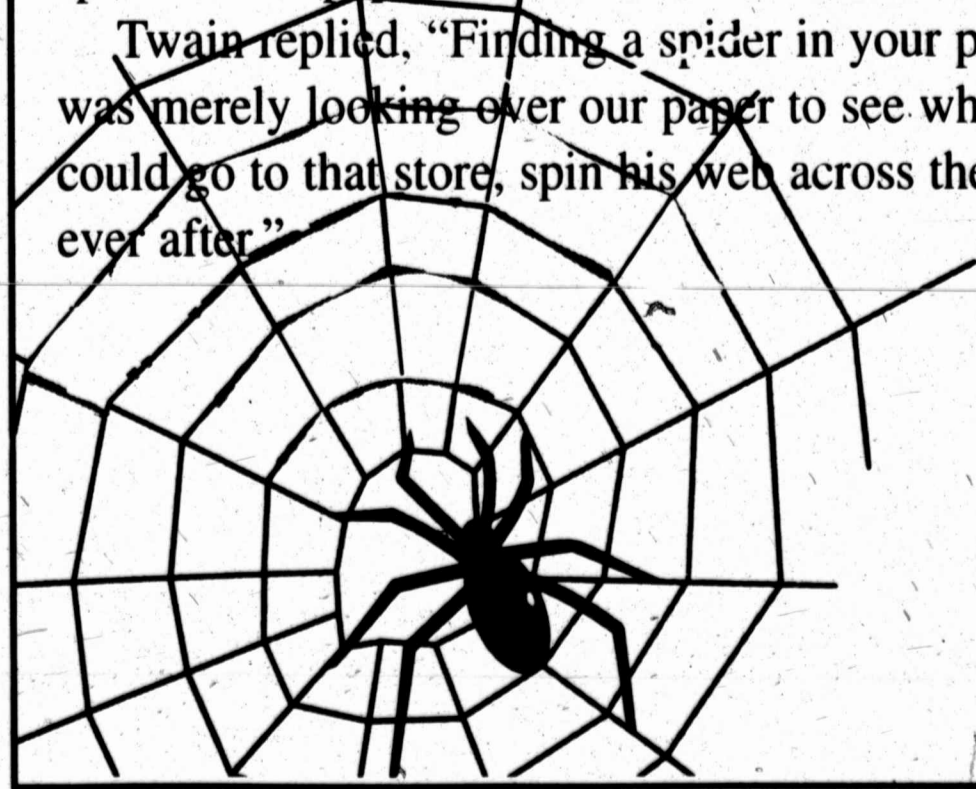
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The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



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6:PM	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	La Mujer de Madera	Malcolm-Mid Raymond	News Ent. Tonight	Anita No Te Rajes	News Seinfeld (CC)	Raymond Raymond	Joseph Good John Hagee	News-Lehrer	Biker Built-Up		(CC)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Live BET.com	Proud Family Proud Family	NFL Live NFL Films	College Basketball: Connecticut at Seton Hall	Learning Curves (CC)
7:PM	How'd They Do That?	How'd They Do That?	Rubi	Trading Spouses	Still Standing Listen Up	La Mujer en el Espejo	Fear Factor (CC)	Friends (CC) Friends (CC)	Update/Israel Schner	Antique Roadshow	Monster House (CC)	Movie: The Blues Brothers	CSI: Crime Scene Investigator	NBA Basketball: Color of	Movie: The Color of	Movie: Remember the Titans (CC)	PBA Bowling: El Paso	Connecticut at Seton Hall	Movie: Swingers
8:PM	The Bachelorette	The Bachelorette	Amor Real	24 (CC)	Raymond Two-Half Men	Gitanas	Las Vegas (CC)	Friends (CC) Friends (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Unforgivable Blackness	Monster Garage (CC)		WWE Raw (CC)	Rockets at Grizzlies	Courage	Titans (CC)	College Basketball: Oklahoma State at Texas	A Guy Thing (CC)	
9:PM	Supernanny (CC)	Supernanny (CC)	Cristina	Malcolm-Mid 70s Show	CSI: Miami (CC)	Te Voy a Enseñar a Querer	Medium (CC)	Family Guy Family Guy		Jack Johnson	American Chopper	40 Movie:		NBA	Club Comic View	Lizzie McGuire Sister, Sister	Tennis:	Oklahoma State at Texas	A Guy Thing (CC)
10:PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show	Movie: Arachnophobia (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Monster House (CC)	The Getaway	The Ultimate Fighter	Basketball: Nuggets at Warriors	Nightly News Grown Folks	Even Stevens Boy World	Australian Open - Early	SportsCenter (CC)	Movie: Dark Blue (CC)
11:PM	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Extra (CC) Jimmy Kimmel	Becker (CC) Becker (CC)	Letterman Late Late	Al Rojo Vivo-Maria Celeste	Late Night-Conan O'Brien	Movie: Batman Forever (CC)	How Can I Update/Israel	Sign Off	Monster Garage (CC)			Widest Police Videos	Midnight Love	Proud Family That's-Flaven	Round - Day 2 (CC)	College Basketball: BYU at Wyoming	Movie:
12:AM	Live (CC) News (CC)	Live (CC) Paid Program	Alma Rebelde	Spin City Dharma-Greg	Show The Insider						American Chopper	12-10 Movie: The Blues	Blind Date Shipmates	Inside the NBA (CC)	Club Comic View	Lizzie McGuire NFL Live			

**DENNIS THE MENACE**

"It's JINGLE BELLS IN DECEMBER, AND JUGGLE BILLS IN JANUARY."

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

"I like writing on the computer. If you make a mistake, you can just back up over it."

**HAGAR**

"I LOVE THE PITTER-PATTER OF RAINDROPS ON A METAL ROOF, DON'T YOU?"

"YES IT HAS A RATHER SOOTHING EFFECT"

"I'LL SAY ONE THING FOR THE ENGLISH..."

"...THEY'VE LEARNED TO LIVE WITH THE WEATHER!"

**BLONDIE**

"WHY IS THAT CAGE COVERED?"

"I'LL SHOW YOU"

"HE'S STILL UPSET ABOUT THE ELECTION"

**BC**

"MY WEIGHT PROBLEM COMES FROM MY FEAR OF DARKNESS."

"I DON'T SEE THE CONNECTION."

"MY NIGHT LIGHT BURNED OUT."

"SO?"

"SO I HAVE TO LEAVE MY REFRIGERATOR DOOR OPEN."

**WIZARD OF ID**

"WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE KING?"

"\*!#!#!#!"

"THE LAUNDRY LADY WAS HERE THIS MORNING"

"SO?"

"SHE ALWAYS OVER-STARCHES HIS PANTALOONS"

**This Date In History**

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 2005. There are 348 days left in the year. This is Martin Luther King Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Jan. 17, 1955, the submarine USS Nautilus made its first nuclear-powered test run from its berth in Groton, Conn.

On this date:

In 1706, Benjamin Franklin was born in Boston.

In 1893, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 70.

In 1893, Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Liliuokalani to abdicate.

In 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II.

In 1945, Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody.

In 1961, in his farewell address, President Eisenhower warned against the rise of "the military-industrial complex."

In 1977, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execution in a decade.

In 1984, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, that the private use of home video cassette recorders did not violate federal copyright laws.

In 1991, in the first day of Operation Desert Storm, U.S.-led forces hammered Iraqi targets in an effort to drive Iraq out of Kuwait; a defiant Iraqi President Saddam Hussein declared that the "mother of all battles" had begun.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Betty White is 83. Ballerina-actress Moira Shearer is 79. Singer-actress Eartha Kitt is 78. Actor James Earl Jones is 74. Actress Sheree North is 72. Talk show host Maury Povich is 66. Former heavy-weight boxing champion Muhammad Ali is 63. R&B singer William Hart (The Delfonics) is 60. Rock musician Mick Taylor is 57. R&B singer Sheila Hutchinson (The Emotions) is 52. Singer Steve Earle is 50. Singer Paul Young is 49. Actor-comedian Steve Harvey is 48. Singer Susanna Hoffs (The Bangles) is 46. Actor-comedian Jim Carrey is 43.

**AGNES**

"I DON'T THINK I WILL USE MY FACE ANYMORE."

"HUH?"

"IF YOU KEEP JERKING YOUR FACE AROUND, IT STARTS TO WEAR OUT AND GET WRINKLY."

"SO THERE WILL BE NO MORE GRINS OR GRIMACES OR CUTE LITTLE QUIZZICAL LOOKS OF CURIOSITY FROM THIS GIRL."

"NAH... I CAN WHINE WITHOUT MOVING ANYTHING."

**HI AND LOIS**

"WE'RE GOING TO START A MEN'S BOOK GROUP!"

"GREAT. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO READ FIRST?"

"HOW TO CURE YOUR SLICE"

"OR 'THE SECRET TO PRECISION PUTTING'"

**THE OTHER COAST**

"HEY, I HAVE TO GO. SOME CLOWN JUST RAN INTO THE BACK OF ME!"

"SAME HERE. THE MORON IN FRONT OF ME JUST SLAMMED ON HIS BRAKES UNEXPECTEDLY!"

**SNUFFY SMITH**

"THAT STUBBORN OL' GAL OF MINE THREW A SHOE AN' PLUGGED ME PLUM IN TH' NOGGIN'!!"

"ELVINEY?!"

"OH, HESH, DOC!! HE'S TALKIN' 'BOUT TH' MULE AND YOU KNOW IT!!"

**BEEBLE BAILEY**

"BEEBLE! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE DIGGING A FOXHOLE!"

"I'M OUTSOURCING"

"YOU HAVE TO GO TO INDIA TO SEE IT"

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**Newsday Crossword**

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**ACROSS**

- Kid around
- Iowa city
- Hidden supply
- World's fair, for short
- Burrowing mammal
- Comic Hardy's nickname
- Dalmatian marking
- Maui or Tahiti
- Sharp part of a knife
- Song heard in *Funny Girl*
- Moose relative
- Language suffix
- Pied Piper's followers
- Seattle clock setting; Abbr.
- G-man's employer
- Location
- Parts of ears
- Greek-salad ingredient
- Crow sound
- Making an appearance
- for *Alibi* (Grafton novel)
- Coins in France and Spain
- Young horses
- Easy throw
- Tomato color
- Metallic rock
- Makes public
- Fuss
- Commercials, for example
- Taking part in a campaign
- Snapshot
- Sign on the dotted

**DOWN**

- Reverend Jackson
- Kick out
- Baby and Child Care* author
- Dorothy's dog
- In the center of
- Dayan of Israel
- Singer Fitzgerald
- Observed
- Snake charmer's snake
- Parcels out
- Like Mozart's music
- Keep a low profile
- Wide shoe size
- Legendary Scottish monster, affectionately
- Be behind the wheel
- Cathedral bench
- Inundate
- Storage containers
- Diplomacy
- Rams' mates
- Exam for an atty.-to-be
- Where Dayton is
- Latin American dance
- Folklore meanie
- Real-estate bank account
- Clinic professional
- Enemy
- Job for a teen
- Most peculiar
- Half of RI
- Building addition
- Nimble
- Evade
- Move quietly
- "Yikes!"
- Ink stain
- Assistant
- On the apex of
- Salaried athlete

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