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Tonight:



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JURY CALL CANCELED

Monday's jury selection for 118th District Court has been canceled due to pre-trial motions. Court officials said jury selection will be rescheduled soon.

AMES SHOW SET TONIGHT

Hypnotist Rich Ames brings his show to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum this evening. The public is invited.

Admission is free to anyone with a Howard College student ID and \$1 for everyone else.

Ames and his wife and stage partner, Marielle Ames, are board certified hypnotists with the National Board of Hypnosis Education and Certification. As a student of hypnosis, Rich Ames studied in California and Florida, and has been featured on three major U.S. networks and Japanese television. The show is humorous in nature, and is family-oriented entertainment.

The show will begin at 7 p.m.

COMING SUNDAY



The Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor has little sisters in towns across America. Placed between 1949 and 1951 as gifts from the Boy Scouts, many of these nearly forgotten statues are today being renovated and restored as Americans take a closer look at this symbol of freedom and democracy.

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Reception to chime in symphony's 21st season in Big Spring

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Symphony Guild will celebrate the new season by holding a season ticket kick-off party Saturday.

"It's unique for a city our size to have a symphony," said Nicole Gibson, a member of the guild. "This is something people work hard for and it's hard to sustain. We need all the help we can from the community to keep it running."

What: Big Spring Symphony season ticket kick-off reception.

Where: Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry.

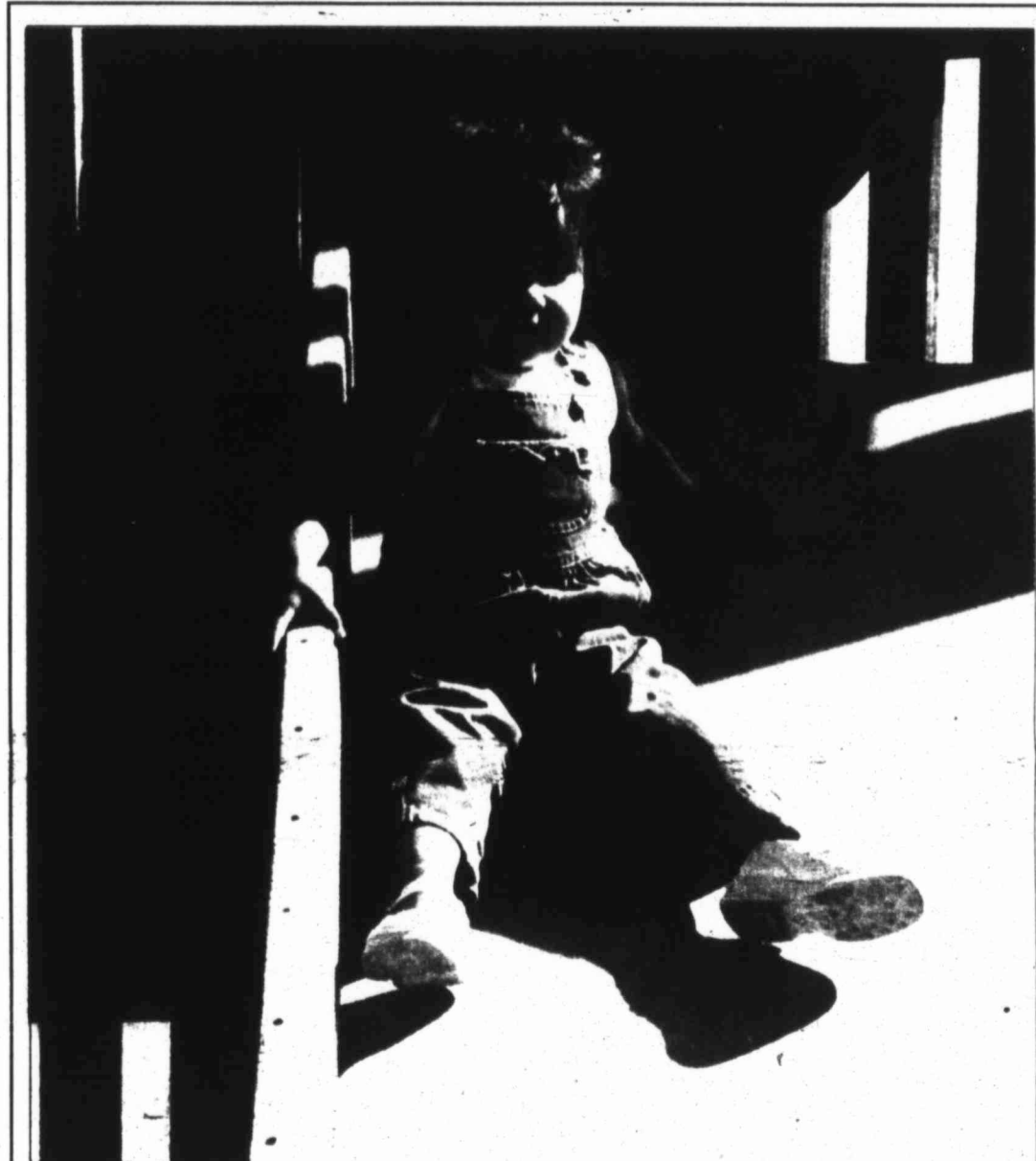
When: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The event will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, and is sponsored by the guild.

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The Big Spring Symphony performs during this year's Pops in the Park celebration. The symphony is set to embark on its 21st season Saturday with a kick-off reception at the heritage Museum.



One-year-old Dalalia Garza enjoys a trip down one of the Comanche Trail Park Kid Zone slides Tuesday afternoon.

Herald, sponsors reach out to school students through NIE initiative

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

As teachers and students in the Crossroads area settle into their normal school routines, the Big Spring Herald is gearing up for another year of the Newspapers In Education program.

"The program has been running in some form since I came to the Herald 10 years ago," said Herald Publisher Chuck Williams. "It's a well-established, long lasting program."

"This is really our contribution to the education system. We hope that through Newspapers In Education we can promote reading to kids, and keep them reading in the future."

Newspapers In Education, through local sponsorships, provides newspapers once a week to area elementary and middle schools for use as a teaching aid. According to Herald Managing

"We hope that through Newspapers In Education we can promote reading to kids, and keep them reading in the future."



Chuck Williams, Herald publisher

Editor John A. Moseley, the program is beneficial on two different fronts.

"The thing to remember is that NIE is basically a two-fold project," said Moseley. "We're definitely interested in creating readership in the newspaper business, but also the newspaper is a living, breathing history book. There's obviously nothing that discusses current events that you can put in

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Early balloting numbers picking up in constitutional amendment election

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Early voting has increased considerably this week as the state constitutional amendment election looms on the electoral horizon.

"We had 83 people come in to vote Tuesday, and 63 so far today," Howard County Deputy Clerk Pat Underwood said late Wednesday afternoon. Underwood speculated the increase in voters could be due to the sudden increase in Proposition 12 advertising.

"There's been a lot out there all of a sudden concerning the new health care proposition," said

Early voting continues weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Sept. 9 at the Howard County Courthouse.

Underwood. "I'm sure that's had a positive impact on voter turnout. Also, the article the Herald ran recently that

explained each of the propositions may have people feeling more confident on the issues.

"Either way, we're glad to see more people coming out to cast their ballots."

Wednesday's ballots, in addition to the past several days of early voting, total 248 votes cast. In the last constitutional amendment election, Howard County Clerk Donna Wright reported a total turnout of 325 during early voting.

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Election Clerks Debbie Liles, left, and Delna Harvell prepare voters to cast their ballots during early voting in the Constitutional Amendment Election. Early voting continues through Tuesday at the Howard County Courthouse from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Election day is Sept. 13.

Mayor McEwen to testify during CARES hearing

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen has a large burden to bear.

He is currently the only person listed to testify for the Big Spring VA Medical Center at the Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Realignment Services (CARES) Commission's hearing set for Sept. 18 in El Paso.

Released Wednesday,

what the invited witness list does not include are representatives from the Texas Land Board Commission and the Texas Tech Ophthalmology program.

The Big Spring facility had requested those representatives be added to the list after the release of the CARES commission national draft plan.

"These individuals can still attend and submit

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Who to contact

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Obituaries

Katie Brown

Katie Brown, 90, formerly of Ackerly and Seminole, died on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2003, in a Claremore, Okla., hospital. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Gene Hawkins officiating. Interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Nov. 17, 1912, in Jacksboro and married Melvin Brown on Aug. 27, 1940, in Ackerly. He preceded her in death on March 15, 1994.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Seminole.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Lissa Brown of Claremore, Okla.; three grandchildren; three sisters, Gracie Martin of Weatherford, Cordie Oaks of Ackerly and Inez Bearden of Big Spring; and one brother, M.E. Dyer Jr. of Ackerly.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, M.E. and Callie Mae Dyer, and one sister, Beatrice Horne.

The family suggests memorials to the Katie Brown Memorial Fund in care of the Rogers State University Foundation, 1701 W. Will Rogers Blvd., Claremore, Okla. 74017.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Support groups

THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

□ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

□ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 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 to 6 p.m.

□ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

MONDAY

□ The Military Support Group meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, or wish to support our troops, please join us. For more information, call Treva Hall at 263-8574 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

□ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

□ New Voice Club support group for laryngectomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-21-29-34. Bonus Ball: 7. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$11 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 3-5-14-17-33. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$42,369. Winning ticket sold in: Belton.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night: 5-4-8

Weather

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. East winds around 10 mph.

Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Sunday through Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.



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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Wednesday until 8 a.m. today:

• **STEPHEN GAY**, 19, 410 Martin Luther King Boulevard, was arrested Wednesday on four local traffic warrants.

• **CHAD SMALL**, 32, of Midland was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 39, of Big Spring was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **CHRISTY RAINS**, 25, 3613 Calvin, was arrested Wednesday and held for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **SONYA BIDDLE**, 34, 5203 Sterling Road, was arrested Wednesday and held for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **PATRICIA RODRIQUEZ**, 24, 409 W. Fourth Street, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants for assault.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1000 block of Wood.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
- in the 200 block of W. FM 700. Damages to a vehicle estimated at \$400 reported.

• **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 900 block of Willia.
- in the 900 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- in the 300 block of Owens.
- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- in the 400 block of Birdwell.
- in the 300 block of S. Owens.

• **DEADLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 1700 block of Johnson.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported:
- in the 4200 block of Hamilton.
- in the 1300 block of Wood.
- in the 3200 block of Auburn.
- in the 1000 block of Second Street.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 700 block of Anna.

• **ASSAULT** was reported:
- in the 1500 block of Lincoln.
- in the 400 block of Gregg.

• **BURGLARY OF A COIN OPERATED MACHINE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

Sheriff's report

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

• **RECKLESS DRIVER** was reported:
- near the 174 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20.

• near the 167 mile marker, of eastbound Interstate Highway 20.

• **LOUD MUSIC** was reported in the 200 block of Denton Road.

• **DOMESTIC DISPUTE** was reported:
- in the 5200 block of Sterling Road.
- in the 1400 block of Highway 176.

Take note

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN** established at Wells Fargo bank to help defray medical costs of Carl Newell of Big Spring. While undergoing neck surgery, it was discovered that Newell has Hepatitis C. Funds are needed for tests and treatment. Newell has no insurance and is unable to work.

□ **A SIX-WEEK "STREET Self-defense"** Course for women age 14 through 18 will be held at St. Paul Education Annex starting Wednesday, Sept. 10. The cost is \$25 and class is limited to 25. Pat Buske will teach the course. For more information call St. Paul Lutheran Church at 267-7163.

□ **A CANCER FUND HAS** been set up at First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, in Big Spring for long-time Forsan resident Clarence Williams.

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TODAY

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Hypsterically Funny Hypnosis by Rich Ames, 7 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Admission is \$1 or free for Howard College students with their college I.D.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster St.

FRIDAY

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

AMBUCS, noon, La Posada, 206 NW Fourth St.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center Country & Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., 1901 Simler. All area seniors or invited.

SATURDAY

Canterbury Senior Health Fair, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., 1700 Lancaster. Free health screenings of bone density, vision, hearing, glucose and cholesterol will be given and diabetes, pharmacy security counseling will be available.

The women of the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring will host the annual Church Women United Get Acquainted Tea from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the church parlor, Eighth and Runnels.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305.

SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

MONDAY

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. People age 50 and older are invited to participate, 268-4721.

Coahoma's Lions Club, 6 p.m., Coahoma Community Center on North Avenue.

Encourager's Support Group (All widows and widowers are invited), 6 p.m., Spanish Inn, 203 NW Third. For more information call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522.

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 NW Fourth Street.

Big Spring Band Boosters, 6:30 p.m.,

Concerned Citizens, 7 p.m., 610 Main Street.

Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 6:30 p.m. for dinner, 7:30 p.m. for meeting, Masonic Temple, 221 Main.

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What's new at the library

The Friends of the Library are asking for donations for the annual book sale. Please look at your shelves for books in good condition, both hardback and paperback, and bring them down to the library. Please — no magazines, National Geographic or condensed books. The book sale will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20; and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21.



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For all of you science fiction fans, the library has received some new books for you to check out. You will recognize the tried and true authors, but do check out newer ones that we have received. "Blind Lake," (SF WIL R) by Robert Charles Wilson; "Courtship Rite," (SF KIN D) by Donald Kingsbury; Elizabeth Haydon's "Prophecy" (SF HAY E); "Oryx and Crake," (SF ATW M) by Margaret Atwood; "The Magic Cottage," (SF HER F) by Frank Herbert; "The Wreck of the River of Stars," by Michael Flynn; "Darwin's Children," (SF BEA G) by Greg Bear; and one from the premier SF writer — Marion Zimmer Bradley (co-written with Deborah J. Ross) — Book 2 of The Clingfi re Trilogy, "Zandru's Forge." The library does have Book 1 — "The Fall of Neskaya."

Others are Kevin J. Anderson's second volume in The Saga of Seven Seas "A Forest of Stars" (SF AND K); "The Raven Warrior," (SF BOR A) by Alice Borchardt; Book 1 of The Tears of Artamon "Lord of Snow and Shadows," (SF ASH S) by Sarah Ash; "Redemption Ark," (SF REY A) by Alistair

Sands/Ackerly plans big fete for homecoming

Reservations are being accepted for the Sands/Ackerly homecoming, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 27.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. that day, followed by a business meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium. A catered lunch will be served at noon in the cafeteria. Visitation will take place in the afternoon.

To make reservations for the meal, notify Sissy Jones at 432 267-7732 or sjones@apex2000.net. The deadline is Sept. 18.

Sands Mustangs will be playing Westbrook on Friday night, Sept. 26, at Mustang Field.

Reynolds; "Red Thunder," (SF VAR J) by John Varley; Neal Asher's "Gridlinked" (SF ASH N); "Altered Carbon," (SF MOR R) by Richard K. Morgan; and "General Practice," (SF WHI J) by James White. This should keep you for awhile!

Just a few westerns have trickled in: "Black Hats," edited by Robert J. Randisi — these are all stories about outlaws. "Trailback," by Robert Vaughn — story of a rancher in Texas who introduces Herefords to the ranching world. "Warrior of the Plains," by Karl Lassiter — which takes place on the Arkansas River at Bent's Fort. "Spark on the Prairie," by Johnny D. Boggs is the story of General Sherman's decision to put Kiowa chief Satanta and Big Tree on trial for murdering seven cowboys.

Some great biographies have come in! Colonel Tom Parker controlled Elvis Aaron Presley's life from before he made it big to after his death. Alanna Nash has written a meticulously researched biography of Parker that reads just like a mystery novel. "The Colonel: The Extraordinary Story of Colonel Tom Parker and Elvis Presley," (B PAR T) is absolutely riveting.

Was Benjamin Franklin a celebrity like Elvis? He was America's best scientist, inventor, diplomat, writer and one of its most practical (if not profound) political thinkers. In "Benjamin Franklin: An American Life," (B FRA B) Walter Isaacson brings a founding father

to life in every sense of the word.

Look for these new mysteries on the Mystery shelves: "Grand Jury," by Philip Friedman; Colin Dexter's "The Daughters of Cain"; "Monkeewrench," by P.J. Tracy; "The Dogs of Babel," by Carolyn Parkhurst; "Hard Eight," by Janet Evanovich (this is a Stephanie Plum novel); "Fear Itself," by Jonathan Nasaw; Marcia Muller's "Cyanide Wells;" and "The Marshal and Madwoman," by Magdalen Nabb.

How about new fiction? Patricia MacDonald writes suspense novels and her newest is "Suspicious Origin." Britt Andersen is estranged from her sister Greta. When the news of Greta's death in a house fire arrives, Britt decides to spend time with Greta's family. When the news comes out that the fire was deliberately set and that Greta may have been murdered, Britt is determined to find the truth. Drusilla Campbell's book "Wildwood" is about three friends and their needs. Something happened 30 years ago and now Hannah, Jeanne and Liz must deal with it and move on.

This is not a new book, but have you read the sequel to "Gone With the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell? Rhett, Scarlett, Mammy — all come to life in Alexandra Ripley's book "Scarlett." How about a new "lawyer" book in the style of Turow and Grisham? "A Question of Proof," by Joseph Amiel, is the

story of a burned out criminal defense lawyer, Dan Laza. Reluctantly taking Susan Boelter's bitter divorce action, Dan is forced to defend Susan when her husband is murdered and she is the prime suspect.

Another "lawyer" book is "The Price" by Joan Johnston. Like Dan, Luke Creed is determined to win at any price. When he meets his childhood sweetheart Amy Nash in court in a wrongful death suit, will he crush her as he has others? Or will he find out that winning at any cost isn't really worth it?

The library has many, many more new books that I just don't have the space to write about. At the circulation desk is a binder with lists of the new books that we have. Feel free to make a copy or just look and see what we have.

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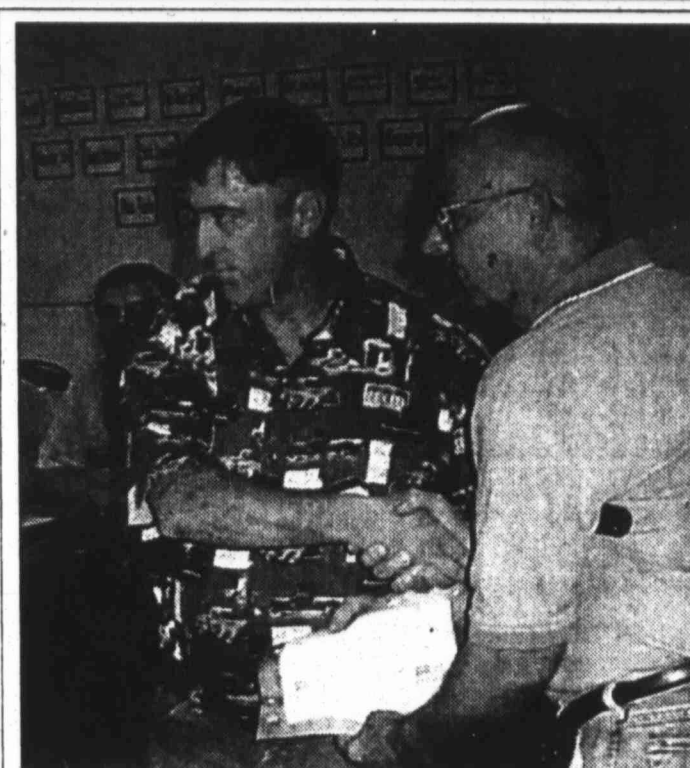
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Big Spring city employee Russel Butts accepts his 15-year certificate from Big Spring City Councilman Woody Jumper during a picnic Friday at Dora Roberts Community Center. The event recognized a number of employees during the annual event.

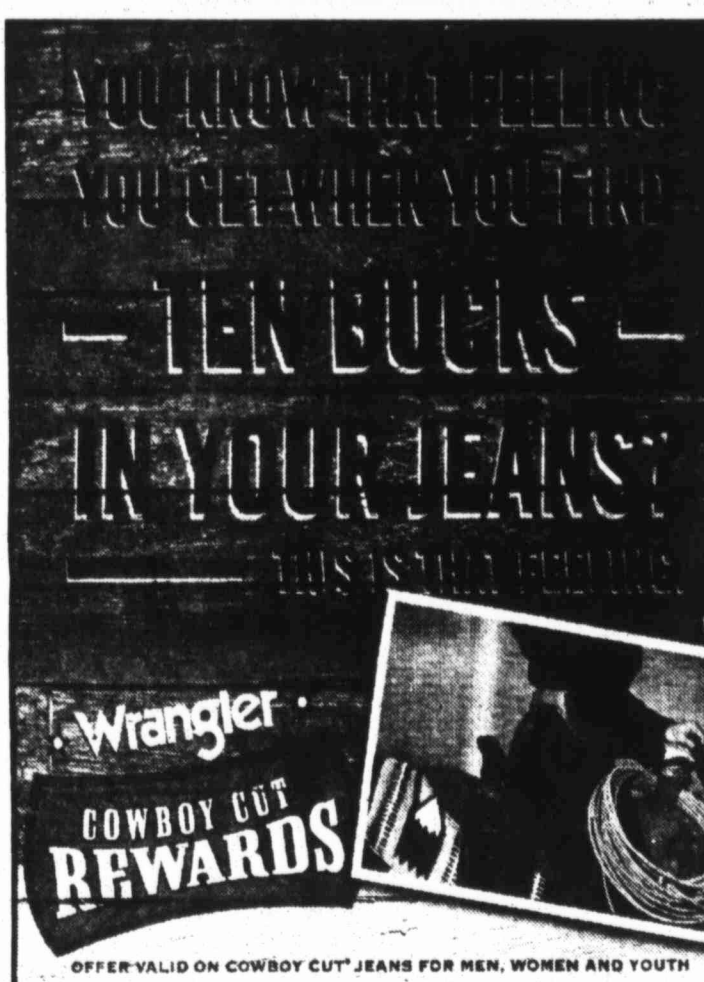
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OUR VIEWS

Let's get behind our symphony again this year

For 20 years now, Big Spring has been the host for some of the best musical talent ever to appear in West Texas — rivaling that of the state's largest cities.

The concerts are the creations of the Big Spring Symphony Association, which will be holding a special season ticket reception on Saturday. The event will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry.

The upcoming symphony season is a special one.

It will begin on Oct. 4 with "The Symphony is Tchaikovsky," featuring guest conductor John Giordano and pianist Maxim Philippov, 2002 Van Cliburn silver medalist from Moscow.

On Dec. 20, the fare will be "The Symphony is Christmas," and will feature an appearance by the Bauer Elementary Fourth Grade Choir under the direction of Susan Dawes.

The season will continue Feb. 28 with "The Symphony is Love, with guests soloists and duets in a special romantic performance." The fourth concert will be "The Symphony is Song," on April 24, and will feature the popular Big Spring Symphony Chorus.

The season wraps up on July 3 with "The Symphony is Pops in the Park," the annual patriotic festival at Comanche Trail Park with the symphony, chorus and fireworks show.

It's clear that the association has planned a wonderful variety of quality performances for the year. It's truly remarkable that a community our size can put together this array of artistic talent — and that it has for the past 20 years.

Imagine then, that the price of a season ticket is just \$35 for adults, \$30 for senior citizens and a mere \$15 for students. It's a wonderful bargain.

As the Big Spring Symphony Association begins 21st season, we hope you'll consider purchasing tickets, or making a donation. Remember, the symphony is a non-profit organization and all gifts are tax deductible. The association is operated by volunteers.

Come on out to the museum on Saturday between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and meet members of the symphony and guild. Once you've done that, we feel confident you'll purchase tickets and perhaps decide to make a donation as well.

Of course, you don't have to attend the reception Saturday to purchase tickets or make a donation. Tickets can be bought at Blum's Jewelers, Dunlaps, Faye's Flowers, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce or the Heritage Museum. Reservations can be made online at www.bigspringsymphony.com

Donations can be mailed to the Big Spring Symphony Association Inc., P.O. Box 682, Big Spring, 79721, or dropped off at the symphony office, 808 Scurry.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may your love and our faith be seen through the fiery trials of life. Amen

Bustamante's budget has mixed message

So who is riding to rescue the Dems from the dreaded recall? The party's new masked man is www.no-on-recall-yes-on-bustamante.com.

Republicans scoff at Lt. Gov.

Cruz Bustamante's mixed message — vote against the recall, but in case it passes, vote for me. I don't see the problem: Democratic voters understand a hedge. It takes 51 percent of the vote to lose the governor's seat, but far fewer voters can keep the office in Dem hands.

Bustamante probably would like to change the fact that, not long ago, he went before rows of cameras and told the world that he "absolutely, absolutely, absolutely" would not run for governor in a recall election. As a professional observer of politics, I'm jaded, so I can forgive that he went back on his word. But in this sick-of-politics climate, recall voters aren't likely to be so generous.

If Bustamante is lucky though, voters will concentrate on his pulled promise and forget about his silly budget proposal, "Tough Love for California."

Tough? As in hard to digest? There's nothing tough about promising taxpayers that other people — rich people, commercial property owners, smokers and drinkers — will be paying \$8 billion in higher taxes.

Especially when Bustamante is promising to reduce the slated

increase in the car tax — except for cars valued over \$20,000. Yes, it takes a tough Democrat to tell voters that they can have bigger and bigger government, and not have to pay for it.

As Bustamante's political adviser Richie Ross says, "The greatest political slogan is 'free food and beer.'"

Problem is, there was a \$38 billion shortfall because state revenues dropped dramatically. And here's Bustamante saying he can stabilize spending by raising the taxes most likely to drop in hard times.

As GOP hopeful Peter Ueberroth told The San Francisco Chronicle, the number of top income earners fell from 40,000 — actually, 44,000 — California taxpayers reporting seven-figure incomes in 2001 to only 29,000 a year later. In 2000, millionaires paid \$15 billion (37 percent) of the money collected in personal income taxes; but either because they left the state or their incomes declined, a year later they paid \$8 billion (25 percent).

Rich people are thinking about packing up and leaving — and Bustamante wants to give them another reason to buy real estate in Nevada.

Richie Ross crowed, "No one else has been willing to say they are going to raise taxes on people who are not paying their fair share."

Maybe that's because all but the most craven liberals know that when the state chases away business and rich people, social services suffer because there is less money to pay for them.

Readers who like the idea of taxing the rich should be asking

themselves if they are the rich without realizing it. Bustamante's budget plan promises to raise \$2.9 billion for the state by changing Proposition 13 rules for commercial property. As Jon Coupal of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association noted, Plan B wouldn't just squeeze skyscrapers, "He's talking about J&B Auto Shop, too."

Few Sacramento solons believe that Bustamante could muster the two-thirds vote needed to get his Plan B through the Legislature. No problem, says Team Bustamante. In fact, failure has been anticipated. If Sacramento won't approve the Bustamante budget, he'll turn it into an initiative and bring it to the voters.

"Then the argument will have been settled," Ross explained. For three years, Sacramento hasn't settled the question of whether to cap spending or raise taxes. Voters are tired of the tussle.

By bringing Plan B before the voters, Ross explained, the debate would be settled "one way or the other."

"Somebody needs to be brave," Ross concluded.

Well, if saying you want to raise taxes on rich people and smokers is "tough," I guess, proposing that the people get to vote on whether to tax rich people and smokers qualifies for "brave."

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Sounds more like Kennedy's senate

A fastidiously crafted bill to authorize foreign aid and other State Department programs has been ready for Senate floor action since July. It has not yet been brought up, and there are no plans to do so when Congress reconvenes after Labor Day. The reason is Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who as the Senate's liberal lion dominates that nominally Republican-controlled body.

Kennedy has pushed his hate crimes and minimum wage proposals as amendments to the State Department authorization, the first such bill approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 18 years. While opposing Kennedy's measures, the Republican leadership does not command the votes to defeat them and does not even want these issues debated. Thus, while the State Department bill is a high priority for President Bush that would give him more flexibility in foreign affairs, Kennedy holds the Senate's Republican majority at bay.

This standoff tells much about the Senate today. Except for retiring Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia, Senate Democrats tend to vote in lockstep. Up to a half-dozen Republicans break party lines on key votes. Senate "debates" on sensitive issues are usually one-sided, with Democrats verbose and Republicans tongue-tied.

Orchestrating this Democratic dominance, sometimes behind the scenes and sometimes on the Senate floor, is Teddy Kennedy.

It has been 23 years since Kennedy ran for president and much longer than that since he was written off as his famous family's wastrel. He has held no party leadership post since Sen. Robert Byrd deposed him as Democratic whip after the 1970 elections. Yet today, he sets the tone of the Senate, perhaps more so since Republicans regained a majority in the 2002 elections. At age 71, Teddy is at the peak of his power.

Kennedy's power was most dramatically demonstrated during the prescription drug debate when his mere act of setting up an easel with charts, in preparation for a filibuster, impelled Republicans to immediately drop demands for means-testing. He is the strategic and operational force behind the Democratic assault on President Bush's judicial nominations. He is behind incessant browbeating of Bush on education. He pursues a wide-ranging agenda of liberal issues — including hate crimes and minimum wage legislation.

That collided with plans of Sen. Richard Lugar, taking over as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to pass a foreign aid authorization for the first time since 1985. Instead of letting appropriators continue to dole out the money without guidelines, Lugar wanted the committee most familiar with foreign policy to set the parameters for aid. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist totally agreed. With Bush calling for more foreign aid authorization in fighting the war against terrorism, the bill became a Republican priority.

It was until Kennedy stepped in. High on his legislative list is the bill to extend federal jurisdiction to crimes committed because of

the victim's gender, sexual orientation or physical disability — hate crimes. Vigorously pushed by the homosexual lobby, the measure has become a pillar of Democratic orthodoxy.

Philosophically, Republicans oppose it as an unnecessary new category of crime that extends the grasp of the federal government. But many GOP senators were unwilling to appear to be voting against outlawing hate crimes, much less to speak out against it. Frist cannot find a majority against the Kennedy bill. Indeed, it is now the Kennedy-Smith bill, co-sponsored by Republican Sen. Gordon Smith of Oregon.

Following his caucus's wishes, Frist would not bring the Kennedy-Smith bill to the floor. Counter-move by Kennedy: attach hate crimes to the foreign aid bill. Counter-move by Frist: take the bill off the Senate floor.

Kennedy's minimum wage increase is another measure Republicans think unwise. Although they believe it will lose jobs, they fear the political consequences of voting against it or debating it. So, it too is in limbo.

The problem with the Senate Republicans is that they seem embarrassed to stand up for their principles, to say hate crimes legislation is political demagoguery and another minimum wage increase is bad economics. That's why they are having such difficulty in the majority, and that's why it seems more like Ted Kennedy's Senate than Bill Frist's.

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ROBERT NOVAK

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the hands of a student that's better than a newspaper. That gives teachers a tool that they normally wouldn't have.

"We hope to make readers out of young people because obviously we live in a day and time where we have the Internet and television, and there are all sorts of flashy things that grab kids' eyes, but hopefully they develop a love for reading the newspaper and what's contained in it."

The Newspapers In Education program is expected to deliver more than 1,000 copies of the Big Spring Herald to area schools each week. Herald Circulation Manager Angie Worley said the students enjoy the program immensely, and this year teachers

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will get some extra help with ideas on how to use the newspapers in class.

"We're probably looking at 1,500 total newspapers every week, on Tuesdays," said Worley. "As of right now, Goliad Middle School, Washington Elementary, Bauer, Moss and Kentwood are set to receive papers, and we're waiting on a call back from Marcy."

"From what I've seen, the students really enjoy

it. This year we're going to have a teacher's guide that goes with them each month to kind of give them ideas of some different things they can do with the papers as well."

Those uses can go a lot farther than just current events.

"I've known some teachers to use it in math class where they would have their students calculate what the cost of something was from the ads, so it's not just the editorial

content, but also the advertising," said Williams.

While the Herald provides the newspapers, Moseley said it's important to realize the community's part in the program and the importance of its sponsors.

"It (sponsorships) allows businesses in the community to support the project," said Moseley. "The newspaper can't do it alone, obviously, but through sponsorships we can put newspapers in the classrooms of teachers that want to use them as teaching aids. In the process, we not only give teachers a new tool and kids something they are familiar with that's not a textbook. It's interesting and fun to do."

While NIE stresses the importance of current events and newspapers in school, Williams said there's another very

important classroom outside of school that is often forgotten.

"All education starts with the parents," said Williams. "Parents can have a great influence, probably greater than most realize, by just having their children see them read the newspaper."

"One well used slogan of one of the lesser distinguished papers is 'inquiring minds want to know.' There's really something

to that. If your children see you do it, they will at some point weigh that as being valuable. So if they see their parents regularly use and read newspapers, then there will be something there that will set an example for later, if not now."

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which is the fund-raising arm for the symphony.

Season tickets can be purchased at the event and are priced at \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors and \$15 for students.

"This brings in new members as well as new money to pay for the upcoming performances," said Gibson. "This is also a time to learn about the upcoming season and purchase season tickets."

The first symphony performance is set for Oct. 4 with guest conductor John Giordano and pianist Maxim Philippov, a Van Cliburn silver medalist, returning for the evening.

Bauer Magnet Elementary's fourth grade choir will make an appearance in the symphony's second performance, "The Symphony is Christmas" on Dec. 20.

In February, "The Symphony is Love" will feature guest soloists and duets performing romantic favorites. The concert

will be held on Feb. 28.

The Big Spring Symphony Chorus will take center stage on April 24 for "The Symphony is Song."

On July 3, the symphony will return for the annual Pops in the Park festival featuring patriotic music set to fireworks.

Season and individual tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring Symphony office, 808 Scurry; Blum's Jewelers, located inside the Big Spring Mall; Dunlaps, 111 East Marcy; Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry; Big

Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third; and Fay's Flowers, 1013 Gregg St.

Individual performance tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students.

Tickets can be reserved at the symphony's Website www.bigspringsymphony.com where a preview of the upcoming season is available.

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VOTE

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Underwood said they expected to pick up an additional 50 to 60 votes earlier today, as the clerk's office held early voting at the Spring City Senior Citizen Center.

"In the past we've picked an additional 50 or more votes by going to the Senior Center," she said. "We're hoping the turnout this time will be that good or better."

Early voting will continue at the Howard County Courthouse between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. through Tuesday.

Election day is set for

Sept. 13, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following polling locations:

• Precincts 101-115 will vote at the North Side Fire Station, 100 N.E. Eighth Street.

• Precincts 202-205 and 208 will vote at Washington School, 1201

S. Birdwell.

• Precincts 207, 405 and 407-409 will vote at the Coahoma Community Center.

• Precincts 302-305 will vote at the Goliad School Middle School Library, 2000 Goliad Street.

• Precincts 401-404, 406

and 410 will vote at the 11th Place and Birdwell Fire Station.

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written testimony at the hearing," said VAMC Community Relations Coordinator Iva Jo Hanslik. "I've been told most likely the list will be revised."

The hearing, set for a 9 a.m. start in Soldier's Hall at Fort Bliss, will discuss the CARES national draft plan to revamp the Department of Veterans Affairs' health services.

Among the recommendations, the plan calls for closing inpatient surgical care at the Big Spring facility and a study on developing a critical access hospital in the Midland/Odessa area.

The public can view the CARES draft plan in its entirety, as well as make comments, at the commission's Web site. Comments can also be sent to the CARES Commission e-mail address at commission@mail.va.gov or send by mail to the Department of Veterans Affairs (00CARES), 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20420.

The CARES commission will continue to take public comment until Oct. 7.

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"I said to myself, 'Man, I hope one of us wins it,' because we appreciate this place maybe more than some of these young guys do."

—Southern 500 winner Terry Labonte, on how he felt running near Bill Elliott during Sunday's race.



RIDING ON THE FAST TRACK

After a win at Darlington, Vickers heads to Winston Cup

By JIM UTTER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

A year ago, Brian Vickers was a little-known 18-year-old driver trying to compete in as many NASCAR Grand National Series races as possible with his family-owned team.

He isn't likely to have problems getting rides any longer.

Fresh off his second Grand National Series win of the season last weekend at Darlington, S.C., Vickers received news this week he is taking another giant step in his NASCAR career — this time to Winston Cup.

Hendrick Motorsports named Vickers the driver of its No. 25 Chevrolet beginning in 2004. He will replace Joe Nemechek, who has been with the team since the middle of last season and will finish out the year.

Since joining Hendrick Motorsports in December of last year, Vickers, who turns 20 on Oct. 24, has planted himself on the fast track to success.

"Bringing this young man on board has been truly exciting," said team owner Rick Hendrick, who also fields Cup teams for Jeff Gordon, Terry Labonte and Jimmie Johnson.

"Brian has proven that he has the tools to be successful, not only through on-track performance, but with his maturity and ability to handle himself in a way that represents our sponsors, our teams and our sport in a positive light."

Vickers, a three-time World Karting Association national champion and former Hooters ProCup rookie of the year, said he looks forward to the difficult challenges ahead.

"The opportunity that Rick Hendrick has offered me is tremendous," Vickers said. "My goal in coming to Hendrick Motorsports was to be competitive each week and race for championships."

In just eight short months, Vickers — whose best finish in 25 starts prior to this season was seventh — has transformed into a weekly contender for race wins and a legitimate candidate for the Grand National championship.

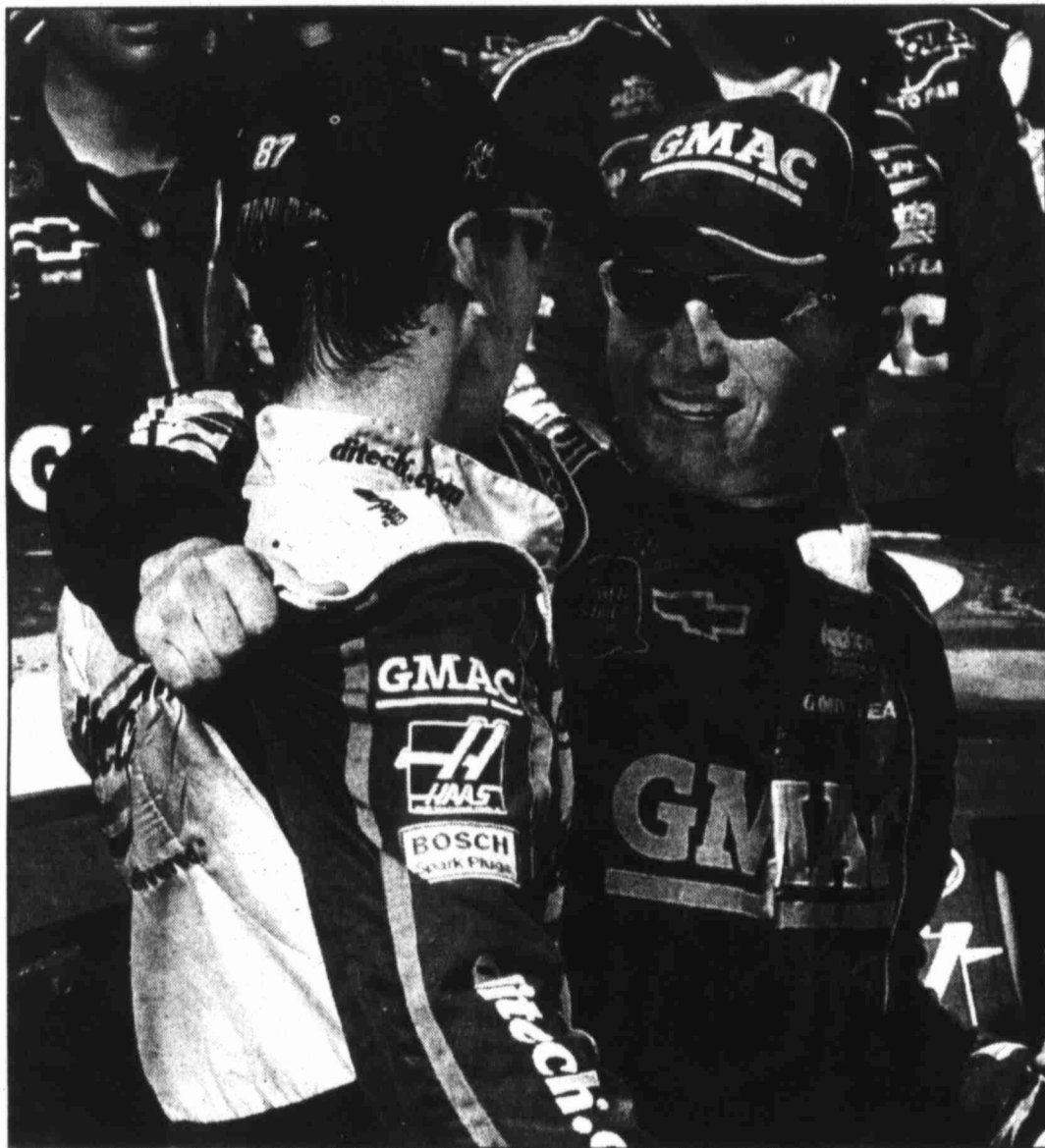
He is third in points, 67 behind leader Scott Riggs. He has won two of the past four races — Indianapolis and Darlington — and has eight top-five and 15 top-10 finishes in 25 starts.

Vickers said he didn't allow his quick success to cloud his mind with plans to move up in NASCAR anytime soon.

"I always said what happens next year or the year after, I'm not worried about it. I have an opportunity because I'm with Hendrick Motorsports," Vickers said.

"I don't have to be anxious or worry about it. I knew when the time was right, it would happen."

Vickers moved into Hendrick's No. 5 Chevrolet Grand National team — his first full-time ride in the series — this season full of potential.



Brian Vickers, above-right, gets a victory hug from his teammate, Kyle Busch, who finished second at the Grand National Winn-Dixie 200 race at Darlington Raceway in South Carolina on Saturday. Busch, below left, took a victory lap with Vickers after the race.



Although he statistically was in the championship hunt, it wasn't until he won his first series race Aug. 2 that Vickers began to receive credit for his accomplishments.

"Until my first win, the highest we'd been was third. At the same time, we had been so close so many times. Our biggest thing was we couldn't let that be a distraction," Vickers said.

"We just needed to continue to do what got us to that point — being consistent, finishing races, staying out of trouble, and striving for those top-five finishes. We knew if we did that the wins would fall into place."

They did, and much more.

Vickers, however, said it is difficult for a young driver to wait for success to develop.

"I tore a lot of stuff up in my first year. ... We had some blown tires, we had some tough breaks and I made a lot of mistakes," he said.

"Being within the Hendrick organization makes a huge difference. Rick Hendrick has so much advice to give a young driver to keep from making mistakes."

Although his future in Cup will weigh on his mind, Vickers said he remains focused on his goal for this season — winning the Grand National title.

"Right now, I'm celebrating Darlington and we'll look at the point sheet and see how many points back we are," Vickers said. "But then it's on to preparing for the next race. That's the deal with me."

THIS WEEK'S RACE

MONTE CARLO 400

Where: Richmond International Raceway, a 3/4-mile slightly banked paved oval located in Richmond, Va.

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday (all times ET). Qualifying is 3:05 p.m. Friday.

TV: TNT

Radio: Motor Racing Network

Purse: \$4,450,856

Last year's winner: Matt Kenseth

Also this week: The NASCAR Busch Series, which returns to action Friday night at Richmond, features the tightest points race in the history of the series. Scott Riggs leads the way, but the top five drivers are separated by just 79 points. David Green is second, 19 behind Riggs. The NASCAR Truck series runs Thursday night at Richmond. Travis Kvapil, coming off his first series win, holds a slim lead in points over Brendan Gaughan.

Worth mentioning: Since 1972, a driver has swept both Richmond drivers five times. Rusty Wallace (1989) is the most recent driver to win both races in the same year.

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Terry Labonte's victory at Darlington was wildly popular with fans. What other veteran driver would you most like to see win this season?

Cast your vote at:

www.thatstracin.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Which Winston Cup driver do you most love to hate?

Number of votes: 18,623

Driver	No. of votes	percent
Kurt Busch	6,388	34.3%
Jeff Gordon	6,082	32.7%
Kevin Harvick	3,153	16.9%
Jimmy Spencer	1,842	9.9%
Tony Stewart	613	3.3%
Someone else	545	2.9%

STOP 'N' GO

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Richmond strengths

■ Jeff Gordon has eight front-row starts in 21 races.

■ Bobby Labonte has nine top-10 starts in his past 10 races.

■ Mark Martin has finished sixth or better in his past three races.

Richmond weaknesses

■ Jeff Gordon, who has two victories and nine top-five finishes in 21 races, has finished outside the top 10 in seven of his past 11 races.

■ Kyle Petty has finished 15th or worse in his past seven races.

■ Bill Elliott has not finished in the top 10 in his past six races.

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

WINSTON CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top 40 drivers as of Aug. 31:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. M. Kenseth (17)	3718	21. J. McMurray (42)	2579
2. D. Earnhardt Jr. (8)	3329	22. W. Burton (22)	2576
3. K. Harvick (29)	3303	23. J. Nemechek (25)	2420
4. J. Johnson (48)	3233	24. J. Benson (10)	2416
5. J. Gordon (24)	3127	25. D. Jarrett (88)	2370
6. K. Busch (97)	3114	26. R. Rudd (1)	2355
7. R. Newman (12)	3075	27. J. Mayfield (19)	2351
8. B. Labonte (18)	3053	28. D. Blaney (77)	2325
9. M. Waltrip (15)	3012	29. J. Spencer (7)	2234
10. T. Stewart (20)	2936	30. S. Park (30)	2155
11. T. Labonte (5)	2935	31. K. Wallace (23)	2150
12. R. Gordon (31)	2914	32. T. Bodine (54)	2141
13. J. Burton (99)	2844	33. J. Green (1)	1976
14. B. Elliott (9)	2735	34. C. Mears (41)	1877
15. M. Martin (6)	2732	35. K. Petty (45)	1775
16. S. Martin (40)	2666	36. K. Schrader (49)	1749
17. R. Wallace (2)	2657	37. T. Raines (74)	1746
18. G. Biffle (16)	2605	38. J. Andretti (43)	1381
19. E. Sadler (38)	2583	39. M. Skinner (4)	1354
20. R. Craven (32)	2580	40. J. Sprague (0)	1284

GRAND NATIONAL POINTS LEADERS

The top 20 drivers as of Aug. 30:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. S. Riggs	3442	11. S. Compton	2915
2. D. Green	3423	12. M. Bliss	2846
3. B. Vickers	3375	13. A. Lewis	2811
4. J. Keller	3372	14. M. Wallace	2518
5. R. Hornaday	3363	15. T. Bodine	2467
6. B. Hamilton Jr.	3121	16. C. Gibbs	2422
7. S. Hmiel	3026	17. K. Grubb	2171
8. J. Sauter	2993	18. M. Waltrip	2027
9. S. Wimmer	2964	19. J. McMurray	1891
10. K. Kahne	2962	20. K. Harvick	1857

NEXT RACE: Friday, Funai 250, Richmond, Va.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top 10 drivers as of Aug. 20:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. T. Kvapil	2488	6. J. Wood	2324
2. B. Gaughan	2480	7. B. Hamilton	2290
3. T. Musgrave	2417	8. J. Leffler	2209
4. D. Setzer	2365	9. C. Edwards	2187
5. R. Crawford	2341	10. T. Cook	2100

NEXT RACE: Thursday, Virginia is for Lovers 200, Richmond, Va.

RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): If you're expecting this spot to change anytime soon, you're going to be disappointed. Last week: 1.

2. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29): Streaking — three straight second-place finishes and six top-fives in the past six races. Last week: 3.

3. Ryan Newman (car No. 12): Did himself in at Darlington by accidentally hitting kill switch. Hard way to lose one. Last week: 2.

4. Kurt Busch (car No. 97): Darrell Waltrip says Busch took his record for hearing most boos at once at Bristol. Last week: 4.

5. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): Hendrick team — Joe Nemechek's — won at Richmond in the spring. Is it the 48's turn? Last week: 6.

6. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): Holding onto second in the points race, but all the momentum's in the wrong direction. Last week: 5.

7. Terry Labonte (car No. 5): Hey, Richmond's the track where it seemed possible he could win again. Two in a row? Last week: 12.

8. Robby Gordon (car No. 31): Lost a little bit of ground last week in his fight for top-10 finish in the points standings. Last week: 7.

9. Bill Elliott (car No. 9): Questions about when he'll retire are starting to bug him — and maybe fire him up. Last week: 11.

10. Michael Waltrip (car No. 15): Wrecks are suddenly starting to appear right in his windshield over the past two weeks. Last week: 9.

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

Labonte's victory is a fitting end to a tradition

There was a distinct retro feel to Sunday's Southern 500 in Darlington, S.C.

It's quite remarkable that none of NASCAR's marketers thought to put "throwback" paint schemes on some of the cars running at Darlington.

One of those could have been Terry Labonte's car. He could have used similar colors to the ones he had on the No. 92 car he drove in his first career start in this race in 1978, or the car in which he got his first victory in the 1980 Southern 500.

Actually, the day got off to that kind of start. Cale Yarborough, a five-time winner of "The Granddaddy of Them All" was honored before Sunday's race.

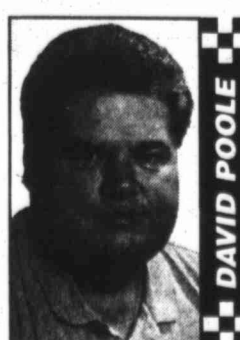
The 64-year-old Yarborough, a three-time Winston Cup champion, had a link to the 46-year-old veteran who at the end of Sunday would be celebrating one of the most satisfying outcomes in recent NASCAR memory.

"When I was a rookie and came here the first time, you had to pass a rookie test," Labonte said, looking back on that 1978 race. "There was a rookie meeting and all this. I never will forget it; I went in this little room there and Cale Yarborough was in there along with four or five of us that were rookies."

"They had made a video of the previous Southern 500, the highlights of all the things not to do. The car I was driving was in about 90 percent of the 'highlights' in the video. I decided the biggest goal was not to make the next year's video."

Labonte did better than that, finishing fourth the first time he'd ever run in a race longer than 200 laps on a track as big as the 1.366-mile Darlington track.

Two years later on Sept. 1, 1980,



DAVID POOLE

Labonte put his car number at the top of the scoreboard at Darlington.

Labonte was 23 when he won his first race and 27 when he won the 1984 championship title. He has also shown a remarkable resilience in his career. He went from July 1989 until April 1994 without winning a race, but came back to win the 1996

championship. He'd been winless since 1999, though, and suffered through a frustrating season in 2002.

Crew chief Jim Long joined the No. 5 Hendrick Motorsports team before the 2002 season, and through the struggles he and Labonte found reason for optimism. The improvement they sensed late last year started showing better results this season, and Labonte felt a win might be all that was lacking to complete the rebuild. He figured

Richmond, the site of Saturday's next race on the schedule, would offer a better chance for that to happen.

His car was third fastest in qualifying Friday and stayed around the front all day on Sunday. When Long's crew snapped off a four-tire change in just over 13 seconds with less than 35 laps to go Sunday, Labonte had the lead and a shot at his 22nd career win. He didn't let it get away, winning for the first time since Texas more than four seasons ago.

It had been 156 races since he'd had a victory, and someone asked if this one would make it easier to walk away from the sport happy whenever he decides to do that.

Labonte took a moment before answering. Finally, a wry smile crept across his face.

"I'm not saying anything," he said. "But I will tell you I won't have a losing streak that long again."

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IRVING (AP) — Once Bill Parcells decided to come back to the NFL, he could've had almost any coaching job. He wanted the one running the Dallas Cowboys because, well, it's the Cowboys.

Intrigued by the chance to restore the glory of "America's Team," Parcells took up Jerry Jones on his offer and immediately began doing things his way.

Starting with a new staff and mostly new players, Parcells demanded discipline and conditioning. They responded because, well, he's Bill Parcells.

That was the easy part. Turning them into winners is the ultimate objective and it'll likely take another year, if not two.

"I sure hope we're closer to being a playoff team than going backwards," Parcells said. "But a year from now I might be saying, 'Hey, we're starting over.'"

But make no mistake: Parcells is confident it will happen, and he's just as certain there won't be any ego clashes between himself and Jones along the way.

"I think the situation here is healthy, the climate is healthy, or I wouldn't be here," he said. "If this was 15 or 20 other teams in the league, I wouldn't be here. I know that for a fact."

What he isn't sure of is the Cowboys as a team. Dallas goes into the opener Sunday against the Michael Vick-less Atlanta Falcons with plenty of questions.

Can Quincy Carter run the offense? Can Troy Hambrick replace Emmitt Smith? Will the line be good enough to give the quarterback and running back a fair chance?

The defense isn't as strong as expected, either.

Dallas has been one of the worst teams the past three years, winning just five games each season. Part of the problem has been late-game collapses.

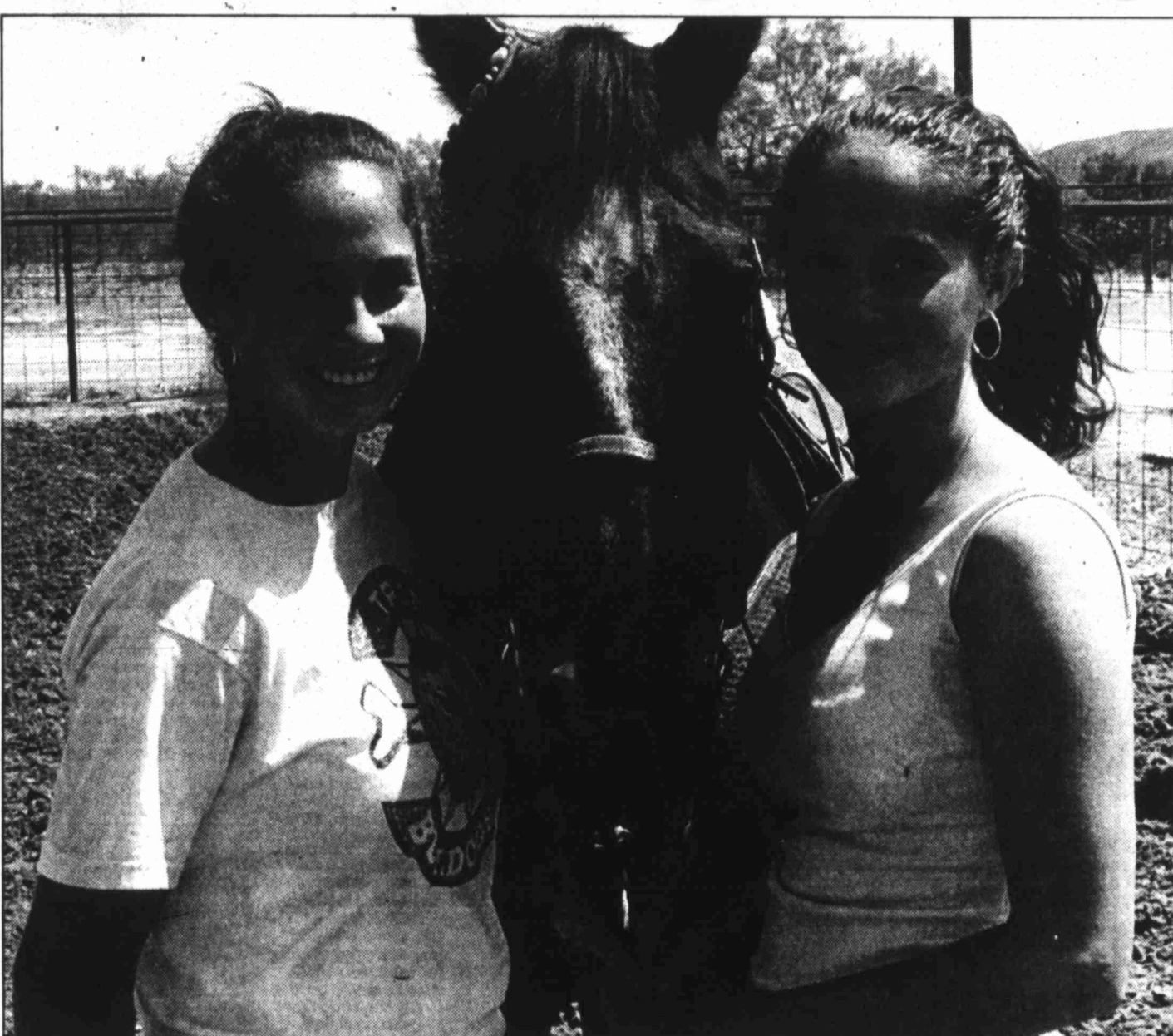
Last season, the Cowboys lost seven times after being tied or leading in the fourth quarter. They finished within nine points in all of those games.

Parcells' track record is amazingly consistent. He spends his first season laying a foundation and then makes the playoff in his second season.

The New York Giants went from three wins his first season to 9-7 the next, eventually winning two Super Bowls.

New England went 2-14 before he arrived to 5-11, then 9-7. The Patriots made the Super Bowl two seasons later.

SOUTHERN CHARMS



Former Georgia High School Rodeo Association state champions Kathi Duke (left) and Kacee Duke will be trying to help the Howard College women's rodeo team make a run at the NCRA regional crown. The Summerville, Geo., twins are among a six newcomers that will join HC veterans Brittany Scisson, Sheri Dubard and Deldra Harris this fall.

Georgia twins help raise expectations for Howard's women's rodeo program

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

When it comes to Texas, Kacee and Kathi Duke know two things for sure. It ain't Georgia and, aside from the boys, it really looks like rodeo country.

The latter is the reason the two former Georgia High School standouts packed their bags and headed east to West Texas. The chance to prove themselves on the college rodeo circuit in Texas was more than enough to lure the twins from their home in northern Georgia to Big Spring.

Their decision to sign on with the Howard College rodeo program is a key reason many feel the college's women's program is about to rise faster than Gen. Sherman marched through Atlanta.

"It's a little different here," said Kacee, the older of the two by a minute. "There's not really any grass and not a lot of trees, but it's kind of nice."

"It's just what we wanted to see," said Kathi, a two-time Georgia state champion. "It's more of a rodeo atmosphere here. This is what we wanted to come here and see."

What Howard College rodeo coach Greg Kernick is hoping to see is the twins — along with the seven other members of the HC women's program — help the Lady Hawks' program turn into a real peach.

"They (each member) are going to help make us a threat," said Kernick, adding that this season's women's team could be among the best recruiting classes ever. "Everyone one of the girls we have here can contribute."

Especially the Dukes, who could make life for opposing teams hazardous when the 2003 fall season gets under way Sept. 18 in Portales, N.M.

If all goes well, Kacee Duke may well emerge as one of the top performers in the National College Rodeo Association's Southwestern region in goat tying. As a senior in high school, she was the Georgia state champion in the event and also competed in bar-

12th overall in the final standings. Also returning this season are Sheri Dubard, who made the short-round last year in barrels and breakaway roping at the Tarleton State University Rodeo, and Deldra Harris.

Harris enjoyed a solid fall effort before horse troubles curtailed her season.

Kernick welcomes in a solid class of newcomers that features Anna Carr of Ellensburg, Wash., Sarah Proctor of Kennawick, Wash., Sierra Stoney of DeWinton, Alberta, and college transfer student Neelly Riley, who will become eligible in the fall.

"As a team, we haven't done anything compared to what we should have in the past," Kernick said. "I think that is going to change this year. This group has a lot of talent."

"Of all the classes I've recruited before, this potentially could be one of the best we've ever had."

A few members of the Howard College past are very familiar to a big part of Kernick's 2003 class. The Dukes' older brother (J.O. Knowles) and sister (Traci Knowles) both rode at Howard a few years ago.

"They rode here about 10 years ago," said Kacee Duke. "We just wanted to come here and see it for ourselves."

As for how Texas stacks up, the Duke twins aren't quite as sure.

"The boys aren't quite as cute," she said with a wink as freshman teammates Brent Walden and Max Graham approached.

"You can't say that," said Kathi. "They know I'm joking. Maybe it'll help us get a date," she laughed.

“It's more of a rodeo atmosphere here. This is what we wanted to come here and see.”

Kathi Duke
HC women's rodeo team

While Kacee was among the state's best in goats, Kathi could be the team's biggest scoring threat. She dominated the All-Around standings in her home state by competing in five events, including the barrels, goat tying, breakaway roping, team roping and pole bending.

Duke earned a pair of state titles, netting gold in the barrels and goat-tying.

The Dukes are far from the only talented riders Kernick has returning this fall. Howard College returns three standouts from a year ago, including Brittany Scisson.

Scisson was among the region's top barrel racers last fall, riding to

Jets-Redskins: a grudge match between teams that rarely play

The New York Jets and Washington Redskins have met only seven times. Yet their season-opener tonight has all the makings of a grudge match.

That's because of the Redskins' free-agent raid on New York: Laveranues Coles, Randy Thomas, Chad Morton and John Hall were snatched away from the Jets' training base at Hofstra University and deposited in Ashburn, Va., courtesy of Dan

"The Fan" Snyder's wallet.

"That's how Washington wanted to do their business," Jets coach Herman Edwards said. "They were going out to get good players and they did."

Washington is favored by three points, the home-field advantage.

That doesn't seem like much, especially with Jets quarterback Chad Pennington out for much of the season with a broken wrist. Pennington and Coles were a lot

of the offense last year as New York rallied to win seven of its last nine games, win the AFC East.

Now Vinny Testaverde is back at quarterback, 39 years old in a West Coast offense that never seemed to fit him.

But the Skins have problems, too.

Second-year quarterback Patrick Ramsey is very promising but still a work in progress.

Their running back is Trung Canidate, whose best (only?) career game for the Rams came against the Jets in 2001.

And who's the coach?

Steve Spurrier is supposed to be. But he wanted to keep Danny Wuerffel as Ramsey's backup and was overruled by Snyder.

Snyder, the NFL's most intrusive owner since Jerry Jones backed off, is the difference in a game between the two teams.

IN BRIEF

Softball boosters to meet Sept. 8 at ATC

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet Sept. 8 in the ATC beginning at 7:30 p.m.

All parents are urged to attend and meet new head coach Lea Daggett.

HC cheerleading camp set for Sept. 6

The Howard College cheerleading squad will host its annual mini cheer camp on Sept. 6, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and cost is \$25. The camp is open to first through eighth graders.

Cheer/dance class run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a lunch, tennis shoes, a water bottle and place their name on all their belongings.

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

BSHS cheerleaders to hold cheer camp

The Big Spring High School cheerleaders will be holding a mini-cheer camp for youths ages 5-13 on Sept. 27.

Registration for the camp will be at the Steer Gym on today from 6 to 8 p.m.

The cost for the camp is \$20 per child. Participants will have the opportunity to perform at the varsity football game on Oct. 3.

Youth bowling league sign-up to be Sept. 6

The YABA-sanctioned Youth Bowling League will begin registering bowlers for this season at 10 a.m. of Sept. 6 at the Bowl-A-Rama.

A parent's meeting will be held at 9 a.m.

CGA to hold final event of season

The Chicano Golf Association will be hosting its Grand Champions Tournament on Sept. 6.

For more information or to get a tee time call, Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

HCHS to host golf tournament Sept. 13

The Howard County Humane Society will be hosting the first Dorothy Garrett-Margaret Lloyd Memorial Golf Tournament on Sept. 13 at Big Spring Country Club.

The 4-person scramble is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

For more information call 267-5354.

Football officials needed for '03

Football officials are needed for the upcoming 2003 season. For more information call Delvin Guinn at (432) 267-9729.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Event	Time	Station
Permian at Big Spring	6:05 p.m.	95.7/1490
Sept. 5		
Event	Time	Station
Foran at Garden City	7:30 p.m.	94.3
Sept. 6		
Event	Time	Station
Rangers vs. Minnesota	10:30 a.m.	1490
Sept. 6		
Event	Time	Station
Texas Tech vs. New Mexico	5:15 p.m.	95.7
Sept. 6		
Event	Time	Station
Texas A&M vs. Utah	6 p.m.	1490
Sept. 7		
Event	Time	Station
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GARAGE SALES

3 Family Garage Sale, 2807 Navajo Dr. Fri & Sat. 8-2. Dryer, dining set, sofa, girls clothes, lots more.

3 Family Huge Sale: 2610 E. 24th, Sat. 8-7. Too much to list.

Garage Sale: 5612 Midway Rd., Fri. - Sat. 7-7. 2 Table w/chairs, china cabinet, chest of drawers, TV, 2 recliners, air nailer & nails, dishes, pans, glassware, pressure cooker, lawn mower, blower, gas BBQ, 2" pipe, lots misc.

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Garage Sale: 2002 Morrison, Sat. & Sun. 8-7. Too much good stuff to list.

Garage Sale, 4309 Gail Hwy, one mile & 3/10 north from blinking light. Fri & Sat. 8-5. Toys, lots of misc.

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FURNITURE

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MISCELLANEOUS

14x55 2 bed single ready to move. Chevy engine w/performance accessories. Please 264-6420

Jazzy Power C Gray in color. C condition. \$1500. 263-1888 to see.

WEDDING CAKE Silk florals, arch, candelabras The Grishams 267-6191.

Weight Bench Weights. G condition. \$100. 394-4106 after 5:00

WANT TO BUY

Looking for Dire satellite receiver. 432-616-3927.

BUILDINGS FOR SALE

For Sale: 2 story, 3 sq. ft. down town building. Would be for Doctor's Office. 267-3126

BUILDINGS FOR RENT

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7 PM	NFL Kickoff Special	Stupid Behavior	Presidential Debate (CC)	Movie: Drive Me Crazy	CSI: Crime Scene	NFL Kickoff Special	NFL Kickoff Special	Friends (CC)	Movie: Bad Boys (CC)	Star Trek: Next	15 Movie: Lara Croft	15 Movie: Lara Croft	Faking It (CC)	Club (CC)	Update/Israel	Biography: Kim Jong Il	Critical Rescue	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Movie: The Cheaters
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11 PM	News Nightline	Sudden	Soundstage (CC)	Growing Pains	Tennis: Open	News Nightline	News Nightline	Movie: Bad Boys (CC)	En las Mejoras	Blind Date	40 Movie: Jay-Z In	Kostya Tsyguyev	Faking It (CC)	10:55 Movie: Blood Work	Sam Peak	Biography: Kim Jong Il	Science of the	X-Files (CC)	Boy World
12 AM	Jimmy Kimmel	Blind Date	Soundstage (CC)	Guthrie Renker	Late Show (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Movie: Bad Boys (CC)	En las Mejoras	Blind Date	40 Movie: Jay-Z In	Kostya Tsyguyev	Faking It (CC)	10:55 Movie: Blood Work	Sam Peak	Biography: Kim Jong Il	Science of the	X-Files (CC)	Boy World

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This Date
In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 4, the 247th day of 2003. There are 118 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 4, 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers.

On this date:
In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film camera and registered his trademark: Kodak.
In 1893, English author Beatrix Potter first told the story of Peter Rabbit in a "picture letter" to Noel Moore, the son of Potter's former governess.

In 1917, the American expeditionary force in France suffered its first fatalities in World War I.

In 1944, during World War II, British troops entered Antwerp, Belgium.

In 1948, Queen

Wilhelmina abdicated the Dutch throne for health reasons.

In 1951, President Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco in the first live coast-to-coast television broadcast.

In 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus called out the National Guard to prevent nine black students from entering Central High School in Little Rock.

In 1957, Ford Motor Co. began selling its ill-fated Edsel.

In 1967, Michigan Gov. George Romney told a TV interviewer he'd undergone a "brainwashing" by U.S. officials during a 1965 visit to Vietnam — a comment that apparently damaged Romney's bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

In 1971, an Alaska Airlines jet crashed near Juneau, killing 111 people.

Ten years ago: The Fatah faction of the PLO endorsed a peace accord with Israel. Pope John Paul II launched the first papal visit to the former Soviet Union as he

began a tour of the Baltic republics. Actor Herve Villechaze died in Los Angeles at age 50.

Today's Birthdays: ABC Radio commentator Paul Harvey is 85. Actor-comedian Howard Morris is 84. Actress Mitzi Gaynor is 72. Singer Merald "Bubba" Knight (Gladys Knight & the Pips) is 61. Actress Jennifer Salt is 59. Golfer Tom Watson is 54. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald LaPreau (The Commodores) is 53. Actress Judith Ivey is 52. Rock musician Martin Chambers (The Pretenders) is 52. Actress Khandi Alexander is 46. Actor-comedian Damon Wayans is 43. Rock musician Kim Thayil is 43.

Answer to previous puzzle

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I LOVE A 45 DOWN by Merle Baker
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16 Casa room
17 NBC's parent company
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21 Get on a soapbox
22 Pieces for four hands
25 Pool variety
27 Up to one's neck
29 Swiftly passes
30 200 C-notes
32 Santa's perch
35 Jacks beat them
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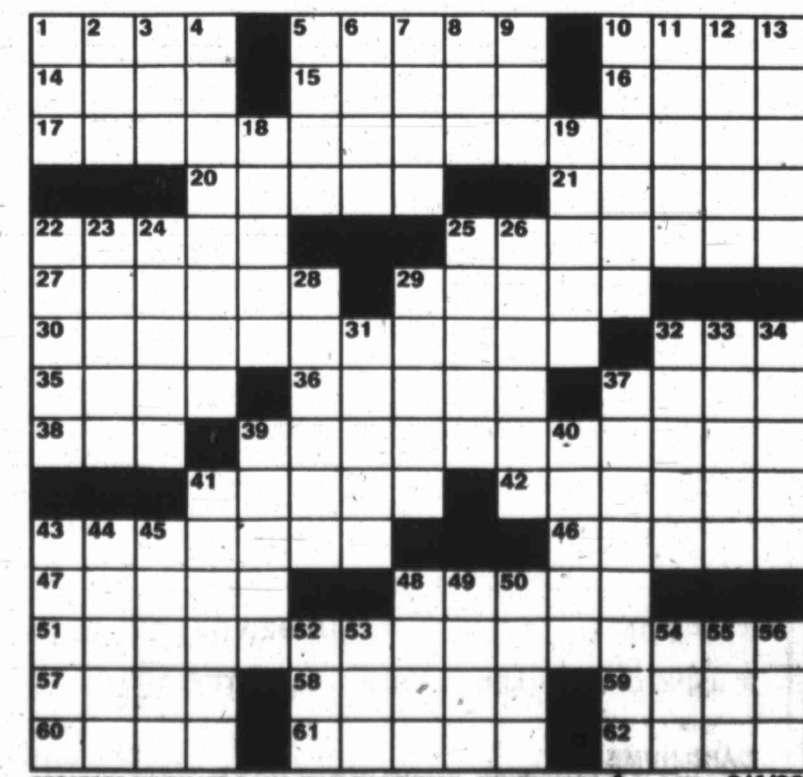
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8 Hair conditioner
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10 Texas team
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18 Turn back
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24 Perfect places
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26 Prime-time time
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