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**TUESDAY**

January 13, 2004

## WEATHER

**Tonight:**



**PARTLY CLOUDY**

**TONIGHT TOMORROW**  
44°-46° 64°-66°

## BRIEFLY

### Eyeglasses

The Evening Lions Club will be offering free recycled eyeglasses for any adults who cannot afford to purchase glasses. The eyeglass clinic will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 E. Third.

### HC registration

Howard College will hold open registration today from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Horace Garrett Building. Students may come anytime during those hours to sign up for spring semester classes.

The college will begin late registration Monday, Jan. 19, and continue through Friday, Jan. 23. Students can sign up for classes at the Student Assistance Center located in the administration building from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday.

### Moving Wall

The Moving Wall Committee will meet today and every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Sparenberg Building, located at 309 South Main St.

Those interested in volunteering during the Moving Wall's visit are asked to call 267-7828 for more information.

### Main Street meeting

The annual meeting of Big Spring Main Street Inc. is set for noon Wednesday in the Doc Hardy Railroad Museum, 123 Main Street.

For more information, call Sandra Waggoner at 264-3620.

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## Voter registration cards are in the mail now

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Area voters may begin receiving their new voter registration cards as early as today, as the Howard County Voter Registrar's Office began mailing out cards late yesterday afternoon.

Howard County Voter Registrar Kathy Sayles said persistent quibbling in Austin over redistricting has forced her office to postpone sending out the new cards for quite some time now.



SAYLES

"The state didn't want any of the cards mailed out until the districting situation had been taken care of," said Sayles. "So they asked everyone statewide not to mail out the cards until they gave us a date, which will be Jan. 11, 2004."

Sayles said her office began mailing cards to voters on Monday, with many of them expected to come right back undelivered.

"We began mailing out the cards on

Monday," she said. "Once they have had time to process through the post office, we'll receive the cards back from the people that have moved or changed their post office box. The cards cannot be forwarded to another address, even if the post office has a new address for that person."

"So if you don't receive your card within about a week from today, then you need to contact us. You'll have to come in and fill out

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring firefighters Lt. Shawn Grandi and Michael Tully and Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan knock through the wall of a residence in the 1100 block of Jeffrey Road to quell a structure fire that began in the home's fireplace. According to Sullivan, the blaze began when the wood framing the fireplace caught on fire and then began to move into the rest of the residence. The fire caused minor damage to the home, Sullivan said.

## Stenholm to announce he'll run for 19th District

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

A familiar face will be making a bid to represent Howard County once again as its United States Congressman.

Seventeenth District Congressman Charlie Stenholm, D-Abilene, was expected to officially announce his candidacy today for the 19th District at scheduled appearances in Abilene and Lubbock, according to a press release from his Stamford office.



STENHOLM

The announcement comes after a federal panel's decision last Tuesday to approve the Republican-backed redistricting map which places Abilene and Taylor County in the 19th Congressional District. The district includes Howard County.

Stenholm, the top-ranking Democrat of the House Agriculture Committee, had the option of filing to run for District 13, currently held by Mac Thornberry, R-Clarendon, or the 19th District, represented by freshman Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock.

If elected, Stenholm is familiar with the Crossroads area, serving as its representative for a lengthy period of time before Howard County was placed into the 19th District in the 2000 redistricting plan.

The long-time Congressional Democrat's decision today could force Howard County residents in November to choose between their former congressman and Neugebauer, whose support from Howard County voters gave him the votes to win the seat in a runoff election last year.

The supplemental filing period for

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## Soon, you can pay county fines with credit card

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Paying fees and fines to the county will soon be as easy as the swipe of a plastic card.

Howard County commissioners agreed Monday to sign a letter of understanding with Official Payments. The company will provide the county with a system to accept credit card payments.

"It's such a demand," said Howard County Clerk Donna Wright. "Nearly statewide all counties are going toward taking credit cards."

Wright added the new system is in great demand, especially for out-of-town requests for records

such as birth certificates.

"For birth records, things like that, we have to have the money upfront," she said. "They have to wire us the money before we can issue the records."

According to a representative of Official Payments who attended the commissioners' morning meeting, the new system should be up and ready to run within 30 days.

County Auditor Jackie Olson said the County Clerk's office will be used for a trial period first to test out how the new payment system works and then eventually branch out to other offices.

The county will not be charged for the service, Olson said. Instead, the credit card user will face a surcharge from Official Payments for the transaction.

In other business, Terry Chamness, Howard County Emergency Management System deputy coordinator, provided commissioners a list of equipment that will soon be purchased from the money provided through the Homeland Security Act in 2003.

The equipment includes an \$11,000 decontamination system that will be housed at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

"If we have anyone who

becomes contaminated by chemical or biological agents we can carry them there," he said.

Other equipment includes multiple gas meters, a portable weather station, goggles and respirators, a 24-foot trailer to help store the equipment, generators and breathing apparatus.

Chamness also told commissioners the Emergency Management System plans to purchase a foam truck specialized for fighting aircraft and petroleum fires. Funds from that purchase will come from 2004 money which has already been

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## Special to the HERALD

The deadline to sign up for the Big Spring Leadership program is drawing near, as the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce prepares to start classes on Feb. 12.

January 23 is the last day to sign up for the program, which will feature classes on leadership skills and tours throughout the next nine months.

"This program is designed to increase leadership skills and help people learn more

about the community," said Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the local chamber of commerce. "We are anticipating another successful year."

ValVerde said applicants must be willing to commit to one full day (the second Thursday) each month for nine months. Those persons that have demonstrated management and/or leadership ability, have shown an interest in community affairs and have time and talent to offer the community are encouraged to apply.

"We're certain that someone in your organization or in your acquaintance will be able to profit from this excellent opportunity," said ValVerde.

Tuition for the program is \$300, which includes transportation, meals and leadership skills information.

There is still space available in the program.

Applications are available at the chamber office, located at 215 W. Third Street, or by calling 263-7641.

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## Obituaries

## Lerla Johnson



Lerla Johnson, 80, of Big Spring, died at 11:02 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, at Heart Place Hospital in Midland. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14 at Trinity Memorial Park with Scott Sheppard, officiating.

Mr. Johnson was born Dec. 11, 1923, at Richland Community in Howard County. He was the son of Leonard and Myrtie Johnson. He lived most of his life in Howard County, growing up at Knott and on the Guitar Ranch.

He served in the Civilian Conservation Corps and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army. Mr. Johnson was employed in civil service at the Rattle-nake Bomber Base at Pyote, and then at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, retiring in 1976. He was a member of the Gideon City Church of Christ. He married Sarah Edwards on July 28, 1945, in Champaign, Ill. She preceded him in death Jan. 6, 2003.

Mr. Johnson is survived by three sons, Elmer Johnson and his wife Loretta of Wichita Falls, Sam Johnson of Brady and Ellis Johnson and his wife Linda of Columbus, and two daughters, Judy Bingham and her husband Lloyd of Forsan, and Leah Johnson of Big Spring. 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews, including George W. Vinson and Vicki Vinson who were raised by Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Four brothers, Royce Johnson, Hershel Johnson, Billy Fred Johnson, and Wayne Johnson.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Joann Johnson and Georgie Kaye Edwards; and one sister, Verna Mauldin.

Honorary pallbearers include "The Ponderosa Bunch".

Funeral arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

## Ingeborg H. "Inge" Bennett



Ingeborg H. "Inge" Bennett, 79, of Big Spring died Sunday morning, Jan. 11, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Bennett was born Dec. 31, 1924, in Pfungstadt, Germany. She graduated from the Girls School of Pfungstadt, Germany in 1939. She attended trade school in fashion for three years, receiving her degree in 1943. She operated a designer dress shop in Germany for five years. She married W. C. "Bill" Bennett on Jan. 24, 1951, at Birkenfeld, Germany. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1960. Mrs. Bennett was a homemaker, but also had worked at the Webb Air Force Base Exchange. She was a member of the Lutheran Church and the Wally Bynum Caravan Club, International.

She is survived by her husband, W. C. "Bill" Bennett; two daughters, Trish Gabbard of Sand Springs and Joyce Maya of Stafford, Va.; one sister, Annie Keinedinst of Philadelphia; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Funeral home*

## Emelio "Chito" Rodriguez



Emelio "Chito" Rodriguez, 93, of Big Spring, died at 3:50 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, in Odessa at the home of his niece, Rosario Modeno. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Interment will be held at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Rodriguez was born Oct. 7, 1910, in Chihuahua, Mexico. He moved to Texas in age two. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He had worked many jobs including the railroad and general maintenance. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and four sisters.

Funeral arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

*Funeral home*

## Roberto O. Moralez

Roberto O. Moralez, 68, of Big Spring, died Monday night, Jan. 12, 2004, at his home following a long illness. Funeral services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Janie Yvonne Ivy Smith

Janie Yvonne Ivy Smith, 79, of Stanton, died Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, in a Stanton nursing home. Funeral services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

## Police blotter

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

- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
  - in the 900 block of Willia.
  - in the 400 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
  - in the 1800 block of FM 700.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 200 block of Johnson.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
  - in the 200 block of Johnson.
  - in the 1500 block of Oriole.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **RANDY ALAN CYPERT**, 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended.
- **NATHAN ALAN RITZ**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of possession of cocaine, unauthorized use of a vehicle, speeding and violation of a promise to appear.
- **JAMES DOUGLAS CHAPMAN**, 28, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated-second offense.
- **VIRGINIA GRANADOS**, 40, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated-third or more offense.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of N. Midway Road. Citation was issued.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2600 block of S. Anderson Road. Contact was made.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 1100 block of Jeffery Road. Fire was extinguished.

## Take note

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN** established at the First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, to help with the medical expenses of 30-year-old Misty McCullum Wilson, who was diagnosed with cancer more than two months ago. Wilson, who went to Coahoma High School before moving to Lubbock, requires radiation treatments expected to cost \$10,000 per visit.

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ **ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

□ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

## Support groups

## TUESDAY

□ Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday.

The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospice at (432) 264-7599.

This group is open to the public and funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

## Bulletin board

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

## Today

Intermediate line dance classes meet at 9 a.m. in the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in Howard College Cactus Room.

## Wednesday

Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 for more information.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at Big Spring Country Club.

The Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for stretch and tone.

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

## Thursday

Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard County Cactus Room. Call 267-6479 for more information.

Gideon International, Big Spring Camp UH2060, meets at 7 a.m. at Herman's Restaurant.

The Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's.

American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80. Call 263-2404 for more information.

## Friday

Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance is held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited to attend.

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Signal Mt. Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 6-8-11-16-31.  
Number matching five of five: None.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-6-0

## Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds around 10 mph. Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the upper 40s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 50s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. A 40 percent chance of rain. Lows in the lower 40s.

Friday...Mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 50s. Friday night...Cloudy. A 30 percent chance of rain. Lows in the upper 30s.

Saturday...Cloudy. A 30 percent chance of rain. Highs in the lower 50s. Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the lower 30s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 50s. Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day...Mostly sunny. Highs around 60.

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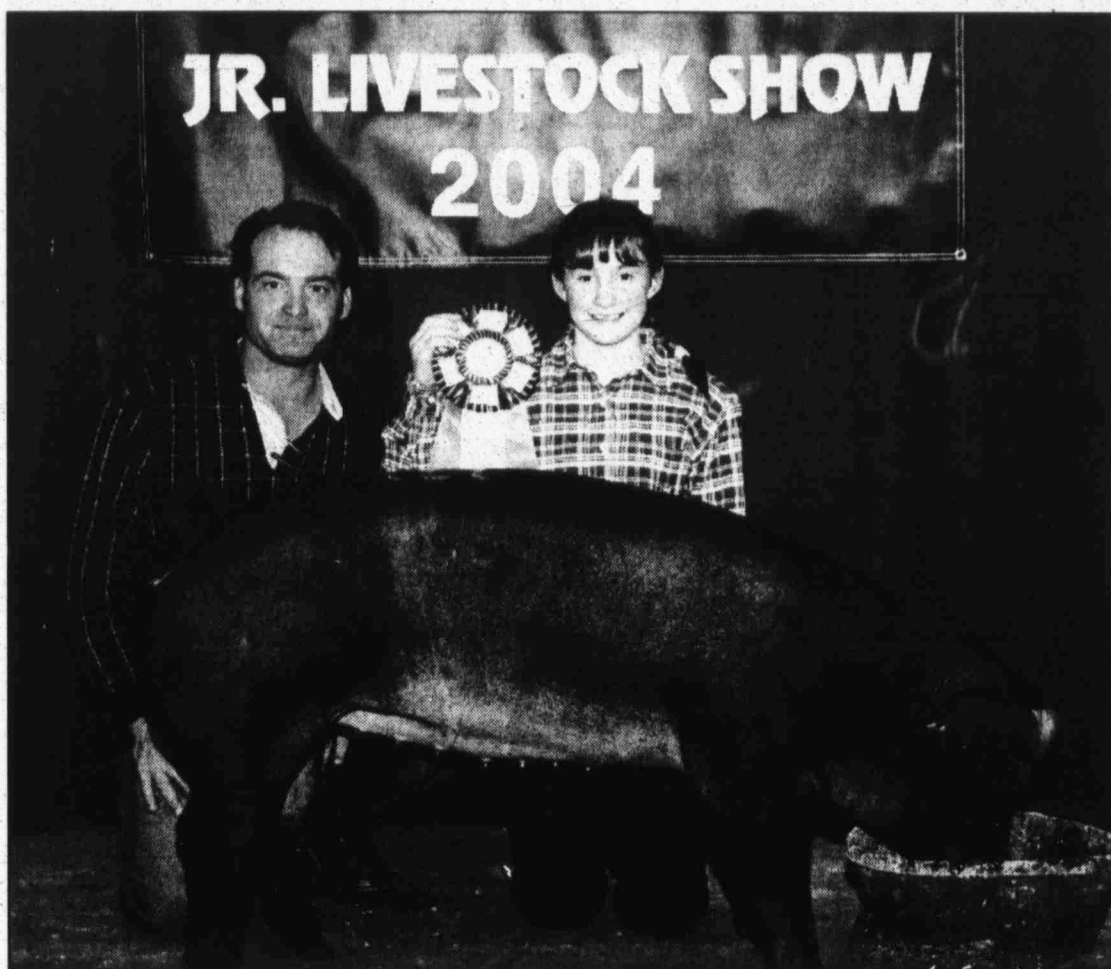
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2004 SHEEP SHC



# Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show results



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

Tom Green County Extension Agent Steve Sturtz kneels with Macy Schwartz, 12, of Garden City as she shows her Grand Champion Hog at the Glasscock County Junior Livestock Show. The show ran from Thursday through Saturday in Garden City.

**2004 GOAT SHOW**  
**NANNIES - CLASS 1**  
**PLACING**  
1 Lane Halfmann  
2 Alex Halfmann  
3 Reggie Halfmann  
4 Blayne Batla

**NANNIES - CLASS 2**  
BCH Brody Halfmann  
BCH Brody Halfmann  
3 Alex Halfmann  
4 Amber Halfmann  
5 Sydney Halfmann  
**CHAMPION NANNY:** Brody Halfmann  
**RESERVE CHAMPION NANNY:** Reggie Halfmann

**LIGHT WEIGHT - WETHERS**  
**WETHERS - CLASS 1**  
RGCH Amber Halfmann  
2 Paige Sturtz  
3 Reggie Halfmann  
4 Jordan Jost  
5 Paige Sturtz  
6 Blayne Batla

**WETHERS - CLASS 2**  
1 Alex Halfmann  
2 Amber Halfmann  
3 Sydney Halfmann  
4 Reggie Halfmann  
5 Reggie Halfmann  
6 Mikela Barton.

**WETHERS - CLASS 3**  
RBCH Cade Halfmann  
2 Brody Halfmann  
3 Lane Halfmann  
4 Alex Halfmann  
5 Jordan Jost  
6 Blayne Batla  
**CHAMPION LIGHT WEIGHT:** Amber Halfmann  
**RESERVE CHAMPION LIGHT WEIGHT:** Cade Halfmann

**MEDIUM WEIGHT - WETHERS**  
**WETHERS - CLASS 4**  
RBCH Cade Halfmann  
2 Mikela Barton  
3 Dusty Walker  
4 Paige Sturtz  
5 Blayne Batla

**WETHERS - CLASS 5**  
GCH Cade Halfmann  
2 Alex Halfmann  
3 Blaine Walker  
4 Marcus Cook  
5 Blayne Batla

**WETHERS - CLASS 6**  
1 Alex Halfmann  
2 Colton Belew  
3 Dusty Walker  
4 Lane Halfmann  
5 Blaine Walker  
6 Cotton Belew  
**CHAMPION MEDIUM WEIGHT:** Cade Halfmann  
**RESERVE CHAMPION MEDIUM WEIGHT:** Cade Halfmann

**HEAVY - WETHERS**  
**WETHERS - CLASS 7**  
BCH Cade Halfmann  
2 Blaine Walker  
3 Alex Halfmann  
4 Brody Halfmann  
5 Dusty Walker  
6 Marcus Cook

**WETHERS - CLASS 8**  
1 Blaine Walker  
2 Sydney Halfmann  
3 Alex Halfmann  
4 Reggie Halfmann  
5 Dusty Walker  
6 Alex Halfmann

**WETHERS - CLASS 9**  
2 Amber Halfmann  
3 Dusty Walker  
4 Cade Halfmann  
5 Colton Belew  
**CHAMPION HEAVY WEIGHT:** Cade Halfmann  
**RESERVE CHAMPION HEAVY WEIGHT:** Cade Halfmann  
**GRAND CHAMPION GOAT:** Cade Halfmann  
**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION GOAT:** Amber Halfmann

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP:** Brody Halfmann  
**INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP:** Amber Halfmann  
**SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP:** Cade Halfmann

**2004 SHEEP SHOW**

**FINEWool**  
BCH Jared Bradford  
RBCH Blayne Batla  
3 Halie Schaefer  
4 Levi Schaefer  
5 Morgan Schwartz  
6 Erin Hirt  
**CHAMPION FINEWool:** Jared Bradford  
**RESERVE FINEWool:** Blayne Batla

**LIGHT WT FW X**  
RGCH Jordan Jost  
2 Jordan Jost  
3 Cassie Hirt  
4 Anna Flores  
5 Morgan Schwartz  
6 Reggie Halfmann

**MEDIUM WT FW X**  
1 Colby Hirt  
2 Erin Hirt  
3 Halie Schaefer  
4 Cassie Hirt  
5 Halie Schaefer  
6 Erin Hirt

**HEAVY WT FW X**  
GCH Colby Hirt  
2 Amber Halfmann  
3 Jared Bradford  
4 Dusty Walker  
5 Halie Schaefer  
6 Colby Hirt  
**CHAMPION FINEWool X:** Colby Hirt  
**RESERVE FINEWool X:** Jordan Jost

**SOUTHDOWN**  
BCH Ian Schaefer

**MEDIUM WOOLS**  
RBCH Colby Hirt  
2 Blayne Batla  
**CHAMPION MEDIUM WOOL:** Ian Schaefer  
**RESERVE MEDIUM WOOL:** Colby Hirt

**GRAND CHAMPION LAMB:** Colby Hirt  
**RESERVE GRAND LAMB:** Jordan Jost

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP:** Jordan Jost  
**INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP:** Levi Schaefer  
**SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP:** Colby Hirt

**2004 STEER SHOW**  
English  
RBCH Lauren Plagens RGCH  
Spencer Plagens  
3 Samantha Kellermeier  
Exotics- Light  
1 Whitney Kellermeier

**Exotics- Medium**  
GCH Garrett Kellermeier  
2 Shaun Maxie

**Exotics- Heavy**  
RBCH Samantha Kellermeier  
2 Garrett Kellermeier  
**CHAMPION ENGLISH BREED:** Spencer Plagens  
**RESERVE ENGLISH BREED:** Lauren Plagens

**CHAMPION EXOTIC BREED:** Garrett Kellermeier  
**RESERVE EXOTIC BREED:** Samantha Kellermeier

**GRAND CHAMPION STEER:**

**Garrett Kellermeier**  
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**2004 SWINE SHOW**  
**LIGHT WT CHESTER**  
RBCH Macy Schwartz  
2 Shelby Schwartz  
3 Cole Schwartz  
6 Todd Weishuhn  
4 Cole Schwartz  
5 Shelby Schwartz

**HEAVY WT CHESTER**  
BCH Macy Schwartz  
2 Erin Hirt  
3 Lauren Schwartz  
4 Peyton Schaefer  
5 M'Call Schaefer  
6 Ian Schaefer  
**CHAMPION CHESTER:** Macy Schwartz  
**RESERVE CHESTER:** Macy Schwartz

**LIGHT WT DUROC**  
RBCH Macy Schwartz  
2 Jessica Jones  
3 Colton Schwartz  
4 Lauren Schwartz  
5 Macy Schwartz  
6 Blayne Batla

**MEDIUM WT DUROC**  
1 Marissa Schwartz  
2 Jessica Jones  
3 Halie Schaefer  
4 Ian Schaefer  
5 Peyton Schaefer  
6 Blayne Batla

**HEAVY WT DUROC**  
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2 M'Call Schaefer  
3 Marissa Schwartz  
4 Chloe Grig  
5 Trey Hillger  
6 Colby Hirt  
**CHAMPION DUROC:** Macy Schwartz  
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**LIGHT WT HAMPSHIRE**  
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2 Aaron Long  
3 M'Call Schaefer  
4 Cassie Hirt  
5 Marissa Schwartz  
6 Jake Schwartz

**MEDIUM WT HAMPSHIRE**  
1 Marissa Schwartz  
2 Colton Schwartz  
3 Peyton Schaefer  
4 Kayla Medrano  
5 Cole Schwartz  
6 Levi Schaefer

**HEAVY WT HAMPSHIRE**  
RGCH Colby Hirt  
2 Sam Long  
3 Halie Schaefer  
4 Trey Hillger  
5 Trey Hillger  
6 Kayla Medrano  
**CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE:** Colby Hirt  
**RESERVE HAMPSHIRE:** Macy Schwartz

**OPB**  
BCH Lauren Schwartz  
RBCH Lauren Schwartz

3 Cassie Hirt  
4 Cole Schwartz  
5 Lane Halfmann  
6 Shelby Schwartz  
**CHAMPION OPB:** Lauren Schwartz  
**RESERVE OPB:** Lauren Schwartz

**LIGHT WT CROSS**  
RBCH Kelsey Jones  
2 Tracy Eggemeyer  
3 Peyton Schaefer  
4 Colby Hirt  
5 Lane Halfmann  
6 Morgan Schwartz

**MEDIUM WT CROSS**  
BCH Blayne Batla  
2 Jake Schwartz  
3 Colton Schwartz  
4 Marcus Cook  
5 Todd Weishuhn  
6 Jessica Jones

**HEAVY WT CROSS**  
1 Colby Hirt  
2 Jessica Jones  
3 Todd Weishuhn  
4 Trey Hillger  
5 Chloe Grigg  
6 Lauren Schwartz  
**CHAMPION CROSS:** Blayne Batla  
**RESERVE CROSS:** Kelsey Jones

**LIGHT WT YORK**  
BCH Blaine Walker

**RBCH Marissa Schwartz**  
3 Cassie Hirt  
4 Shelby Schwartz  
5 Landon Hoelscher  
6 Jake Schwartz

**MEDIUM WT YORK**  
1 Erin Hirt  
2 Colton Walker  
3 Cole Schwartz  
4 M'Call Schaefer  
5 Levi Schaefer  
6 Tracy Eggemeyer

**HEAVY WT YORK**  
1 Marcus Cook  
2 Colby Hirt  
3 Dusty Walker  
4 Macy Schwartz  
5 Marcus Cook  
6 Aaron Long  
**CHAMPION YORK:** Blaine Walker  
**RESERVE YORK:** Marissa Schwartz

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**RESERVE GRAND SWINE:** Colby Hirt  
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**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP:**

Cassie Hirt  
**INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP:** Jake Schwartz  
**SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP:** Marissa Schwartz

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**Commercial**  
**LIGHT WEIGHT CALIFORNIA**  
1 Britni Cook  
2 Wade Machicek  
3 Britni Cook  
4 Rebecca Cmereck  
5 Wade Machicek  
6 Rebecca Cmereck

**MEDIUM WEIGHT CALIFORNIA**  
1 Ian Schaefer  
2 Laura Halfmann  
3 Shanna Halfmann  
4 M'Call Schaefer  
5 Britni Cook  
6 Laura Halfmann

**HEAVY WEIGHT CALIFORNIA**  
GCH Marcus Cook  
2 Laura Halfmann  
3 Britni Cook  
4 Shanna Halfmann  
5 Shanna Halfmann  
6 Laura Halfmann

**LIGHT WEIGHT NEW ZEALAND**  
1 Laura Halfmann  
2 Shanna Halfmann  
3 Rebecca Cmereck  
4 Ian Schaefer  
5 Britni Cook  
6 Blayne Batla

**HEAVY WEIGHT NEW ZEALAND**  
RBCH Britni Cook  
2 Aaron Long  
3 Britni Cook  
4 Rebecca Cmereck  
5 Rebecca Cmereck  
**CHAMPION COMMERCIAL RABBIT:** Marcus Cook  
**RESERVE COMMERCIAL RABBIT:** Britni Cook

**FANCY RABBITS**  
OPB Under 6  
RBCH Blayne Batla  
2 Britton Avery  
3 Sarah Avery

**OPB Over 6**  
RGCH Britni Cook  
2 Wade Machicek  
3 Ian Schaefer  
4 Wade Machicek  
5 M'Call Schaefer  
6 Britni Cook  
**CHAMPION FANCY RABBIT:** Britni Cook  
**RESERVE FANCY RABBIT:** Blayne Batla

**GRAND CHAMPION RABBIT:** Marcus Cook

**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION RABBIT:** Britni Cook

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP:** Laura Halfmann  
**SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP:** Wade Machicek

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## OUR VIEWS

## Time runs short to participate in early voting period

Early voting in the State Senate District 31 special election is under way and we want to continue to encourage readers to cast their ballots as quickly as possible. Polls are open at the Howard County Courthouse from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekdays. The early period ends Friday. Election day is Tuesday, Jan. 20.

As we've stressed before, there are many of reasons for voting early, not the least of which is the unpredictability of our West Texas weather — particularly during this warm-one-day, cold-the-next winter season.

Another reason to cast your ballot now is because the longer we put things off, the more difficult they are to get accomplished. If we wait until next Tuesday, too many things can happen to prevent us from getting the the polls.

There is just one race in this special election, but it is a very important one for Big Spring and the Crossroads area.

This election is being held to fill the vacancy left by Sen. Teel Bivins, who announced in December that he will be resigning on Jan. 12. On the ballot are seven candidates. The lone Democratic candidate is Elaine King Miller of Amarillo. Republican candidates are Bob Barnes and Kirk Edwards of Odessa, Lee Gibson of Dumas, Kel Seliger and Jesse Quackenbush of Amarillo and Don Sparks of Midland.

We hope you will take time to study the candidates, then make your choice at the polls.

But don't put it off. Your voice needs to be heard.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we not be afraid, Lord, but trust in you.  
Amen

## Americans less protected by labor laws

In Texas, where the border is a constant presence in our lives, no one is mistaking President Bush's immigration proposal for a brilliant new departure in immigration policy, or even for a ploy to get Hispanic political support. What we have here is the old *bracero* program, a guest worker program, and it primarily benefits one group and one group only — big business. And that would be OK, if other parts of the program totaled up to a net improvement in the current situation. That's what we need to look at and weigh.

Even by normal standards of partisan journalism, there has been an awful lot of knee-jerk commentary on this proposal by people who don't seem to know how the underground economy works. Some liberals are dismissing the Bush proposal as nothing but politics, a way to get brownie points with Hispanics when it has no chance of going anywhere in Congress. Seems to me we owe Bush the benefit of the doubt on this, and it may not even be smart politically: The program would grant temporary legal status to about 8 million immigrants, but it's not going to make the 9 million Americans who are out of work happy, and some of them vote.

The proposal has merit as a way to deal with future immigrants, said Eliseo Medina, executive vice president of the Service Employees International Union. "If I'm sitting in Mexico thinking about coming north for a job, this makes sense to me. But if I'm already here, it makes no sense. This is a way to deal with future flows of immigration, but it means the (8 million to) 11 million already here are never going to be legalized. These are peo-

ple who have been here 15, 20 years, paying taxes, having children part of the community. They're talking about apples and oranges."

Longtime workers would not automatically be put on the path to obtaining citizenship or even permanent resident status. They would further logjam a system that already takes up to 10 years. Bush, who proposes to cut domestic spending again this year, made no mention of how to pay for the new program.

Realistically, the bureaucratic hassles of getting 8 million to 11 million people biometric cards and then reviewing them in three years makes the whole idea silly. Try a cost estimate on that. From the undocumented worker's point of view, the proposal actually makes things worse by making their legal status dependent on their employers: If the temporary worker quits or gets fired, he is subject to deportation. This makes the workers incredibly vulnerable to exploitation, effectively indentured servants, as Susan Martin, an immigration expert at Georgetown University, put it. The possibilities for abuse in that situation are horrifying. Plus, the temporary cards offer no way to a more regular status.

But a positive initiative in the proposal would allow guest workers to take the payments they have made to Social Security and IRAs back to Mexico with them. This would fix, at least for the guest workers, the ugly situation we have now where undocumented workers pay into Social Security but never get any benefits from it. That really is just theft, since Social Security payments are taken from pay they have earned. That situation could also be fixed by a totalization agreement, which we have with other countries around the world and need with Mexico. If a Mexican citizen has earned

enough here to qualify for Social Security benefits, they should be sent to him in Mexico.

Another obvious flaw in the program is that companies seeking guest workers have to "prove" that the jobs they offer will not be taken by American citizens. Think about what that would actually take. The Bush proposal is that the jobs be put on a government website — if there are no takers here, you get to import a Mexican worker. You really have to wonder who Bush thinks is on the Internet.

The most moving part of Bush's speech was this passage: "We see millions of hardworking men and women condemned to fear and insecurity in a massive undocumented economy. Decent, hard-working people will now be protected by labor laws with the right to change jobs, earn fair wages and enjoy the same working conditions that the law requires for American workers."

It's always hard to know if Bush doesn't know or he doesn't care, but under his administration, Americans themselves are less and less protected by labor laws, including fair wage laws and working conditions, because Bush keeps cutting the enforcement staff at the Department of Labor and OSHA.

Bush also said in the future enforcement would be stepped up against companies that hire illegal workers. This old song has played too many times. The way it works, as in the recent case with Wal-Mart, is the feds sweep in, arrest the minimum wage workers, put them in jail and threaten them with deportation. Executives of Wal-Mart do not get arrested.

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## Dean warns not to question his beliefs

When six opponents gathered at public broadcasting studios outside Des Moines last Sunday for yet another debate, they searched frantically for some way to slow Howard Dean's presidential express. Two candidates blistered the Democratic front-runner for advocating across-the-board tax increases, but no adversary dared bring up Dean's mixture of religion and politics.

However, one of the three news media questioners, National Public Radio's Michele Norris, raised Dean's new promise to talk about God and Jesus in the South. "In the Northeast," Dean replied, "we do not talk openly about religion." However, "in the South, people do integrate religion openly" and so he would talk about it there. Dean then warned: "I think any columnist who questions my belief is over the line." In short, don't delve into something I brought up. Nobody during the two-hour national television presentation probed what Dean really thinks about God.

That may be why commentators Sunday night declared the former Vermont governor was "unscathed" by the debate. Disagreeing, the adviser to another candidate told me: "I thought he was seriously scathed." Scathing Dean, he said, was his own decision to play the Jesus card during coming intra-party tests in South Carolina and Oklahoma. This critic and like-minded Democrats are unwilling to permit use of their

names, only privately criticizing the front-runner about his religious perambulations.

Brought up in his father's Episcopal faith (his mother was Catholic), he married a fellow physician who is Jewish. His children were raised Jewish though they and their mother hardly ever attend services now. Dean himself moved from Episcopalian to Congregationalist "because I had a big fight with a local Episcopal church about 25 years ago over the bike path." He does not hesitate to reveal this information or to declare that he seldom goes to church.

This fits the highly secular profile of Democrats and particularly Democrats who vote in primary elections. One reason for the surprisingly poor standing of Sen. Joseph Lieberman is that, in the words of critics inside the party, "he wears his religion on his sleeve." In contrast, reporters who followed Dean on the campaign trail recently observed that they never had seen so secular a presidential candidate, one who never mentioned God and certainly not Christ.

At that point, Dean declared he was about to change and would bare his religious thoughts as primary campaigns moved to the South and Southwest. He now professed to pray daily and declared he had read the Bible from cover-to-cover. When reporters asked his favorite book of the New Testament, he named Job, which in fact is in the Old Testament and portrays an unforgiving Old Testament deity. Dean returned to reporters, confessing a slight error. When they persisted in asking his favorite part of the New Testament, he prudently answered: "Anything

in the Gospels."

Just how to handle this latest Dean peculiarity has puzzled Democrats, friends as well as foes. One veteran political operative who had softened his opposition to Dean and was on the verge of embracing him told me he thinks the doctor "is playing with fire." For secular Democrats, assuming a false facade may be more damaging than genuine religiosity. Nevertheless, any damage to Dean probably will be self-inflicted because even his presidential opponents are wary about wandering onto this dangerous ground.

However, Lieberman and Sen. John Kerry showed no hesitation Sunday attacking Dean's proposal to roll back the entire Bush tax cut, which would increase rates for everyone who pays federal income taxes. "There was no middle-class tax cut," Dean insisted in the Iowa debate. The normally soft-spoken Lieberman jumped in like an avenging angel: "I don't know which is worse — that he wants to repeal the tax cuts, or that he won't admit that they ever existed."

The Heritage Foundation's analysts show the Dean repeal would mean a 74.2 percent tax increase for families with adjusted gross income between \$10,000 and \$20,000 and a 44.9 percent boost for \$20,000 to \$30,000. Incomes over \$500,000 would face a 4.4 percent tax increase. It is dangerous for Democrats to follow Howard Dean here, but perhaps less so than where he may be heading on religion.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Valve on old dam continues to leak

NATALIA (AP) — Despite repairs, a valve in the Medina Dam is still leaking, again posing problems in the 93-year-old structure, officials say.

The agency that owns the dam voted Monday night to hire a consultant to inspect the newly re-installed 48-inch valve. Board members of the Bexar-Medina-Atascosa Counties Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 were told that the valve is leaking more than 1,500 gallons a minute.

The valve, one of two that control flows from the lake for irrigation, was re-installed in mid-December after being sent back to its manufacturer for refurbishing following an apparently botched initial installation.

Bill Hope, a BMA board member, said the leak is not acceptable. The board authorized spending up to \$3,000 to bring in an expert from Colorado to inspect the valve. The Bexar Metropolitan Water District has paid almost \$1 million to replace the two valves and gates as part of their contract with BMA to obtain water for their municipal water treatment plant.

"We agree that it's unacceptable as it is," Bexar Met spokesman Chuck Ahrens told the San Antonio Express-News in Tuesday's editions. He said final adjustments have not yet been made to seat the 48-inch valve.

### Iraqis: U.S. troops kill child, driver

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. soldiers opened fire at a car in Baghdad, killing the driver and a 10-year-old boy, moments after an Army vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb, relatives said Tuesday.

One soldier was killed in Monday's bombing, the U.S. military said. The slaying increased the American death toll in Iraq to 495, with most of those deaths occurring after President Bush declared an end to major hostilities May 1.

Monday's shooting is the latest in a growing number of cases of civilians being shot by U.S. soldiers nearing the end of their tour before a massive rotation begins next month.

Coalition forces also "likely" shot to death four Iraqi civilians, including a 7-year-old boy, in a taxi near Tikrit earlier this month, a senior U.S. Army officer said Tuesday.

A preliminary inquiry into the Jan. 3 shooting indicated that a heavy-caliber machine gun was used, local commander Lt. Col. Steve Russell said. The report has been sent to military headquarters in Baghdad.

### Clark says war unjustified

DALLAS (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Wesley Clark said Monday that he believes President Bush took the United States to war in Iraq without adequate reason or justification.

Clark, a former NATO commander, also said statements he made regarding his belief that Saddam Hussein was not involved in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks stemmed from a question about a New York Times article.

Clark, 59, said he made the statement when he was asked about a front page article in which there was a statement made about low level contact between

Saddam Hussein and al-Qaida.

He said his comments were meant to say that it was a normal thing to expect that there would be contact between the two. Clark then misspoke saying that he didn't believe that al-Qaida was involved in Sept. 11, but he quickly returned to the microphone to point out his error and say that he didn't believe Saddam Hussein was involved.

"I think George W. Bush took us to war based on a preconception, a party ideology and without adequate reason or justification to do so," Clark said.

Clark made the original statements during a 2002 news conference in which he endorsed a New Hampshire Democrat for Congress.

### 'Reasonable cause' in allegations

LUBBOCK (AP) — A newly released report from the Catholic Diocese of Lubbock showed sexual abuse allegations against six clergy — five priests and a deacon — were found to have "reasonable cause," according to a letter read to parishioners in 25 West Texas counties.

Two of the accused priests have died and the three others were removed from active ministry, Bishop Placido Rodriguez said in a letter read during Mass at 62 churches Sunday. A deacon accused of sexual abuse of a minor also was removed from active ministry. The clergy removed from active ministry remain priests.

None of the accusations has led to criminal charges, Lubbock diocese spokesman Leroy Behnke said Monday. Eight of the nine victims who alleged abuse claim it happened more than 20 years ago, before the diocese was formed.

The removal of the priests came after the diocese was formed in 1983. Prior to being formed, churches now in the Lubbock diocese were in the San Angelo and Amarillo dioceses.

The diocese released the report, published in the Jan. 11 issue of South Plains Catholic, after turning the information over to John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City, which was commissioned by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to do a nationwide study and analysis, Behnke said. That report was expected to be released in late February.

### Heat turned up against Rowland

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Republican U.S. Rep. Christopher Shays has added his voice to a growing chorus of lawmakers calling on Gov. John G. Rowland to resign, saying "he's lost the trust of the people of this state."

In a news conference at the state Capitol on Monday, Shays said he had been prepared to forgive Rowland for initially lying about his acceptance of gifts from a state contractor and employees.

"But I am not prepared to stand by a governor, even a friend, who has done wrong, lied about it and then refused to account for his actions," said Shays, who is serving his ninth term in Congress.

Rowland, a Republican, is under fire for lying about gifts he received in the form of improvements to his summer cottage. Last month, he told reporters he paid for the upgrades himself, but later admitted that much of the work was paid for, or donated by, friends and a politically connected state contractor.

## Fired Treasury chief stirring up furor over kiss-and-tell book

WASHINGTON (AP) — Paul O'Neill, the former treasury secretary who's been saying some harsh things about his old boss, President Bush, is now taking a little heat from the administration himself.

The Treasury Department said Monday it was launching an inspector general's investigation into how a Treasury document stamped "secret" wound up being used in O'Neill's interview Sunday night on the CBS program "60 Minutes," where O'Neill was promoting his new book, "The Price of Loyalty."

O'Neill, who was fired by Bush in December 2002, is quoted in the book as saying the president was focused on removing Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq from the start of his administration.

O'Neill also contends

the administration's decision-making process was often chaotic and Bush Cabinet meetings made the president look "like a blind man in a room full of deaf people."

Bush made a strong defense of his Iraq policy on Monday, while some of the Democratic presidential candidates weighed in, saying Bush had misled the American public.

Retired Gen. Wesley Clark said O'Neill "confirms my worst suspicions about this administration," while Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, said, "Now we find from Secretary O'Neill that the president was planning on attacking Iraq before 9/11 and that the American people, in effect, have been misled by this."

All the furor has boosted interest in the book, which was going on sale Tuesday in bookstores nationwide.

O'Neill was the principal source for the book, written by former Wall Street Journal reporter Ron Suskind, who relied not only on extensive interviews with O'Neill but also on 19,000 documents O'Neill provided him.

In his author's note at the beginning of the book, Suskind writes that he and O'Neill both believed that government secrecy "had almost no value" and that the real threat to national security came not from revealing secrets but from the government's bad analysis of the information it had.

For that reason, Suskind said he and O'Neill were striving through the book to provide readers' with as much information as possible about the inner workings of the Bush White House so they could draw their own conclusions.

## ME: Remains are of missing girl

SAGINAW (AP) — They had been preparing for this call for nearly five years, since the 6-year-old with big blue eyes under a fringe of thick bangs was snatched from the front yard in the middle of a spring day.

Opal Jennings' family had expected the worst as months turned into years without her and as a child molester was convicted in her kidnapping.

But as relatives watched home videos of the raven-haired youngster grinning and cradling her dolls, they couldn't stop hoping that Opal might come home alive.

The heartbreaking confirmation of their worst fears came in a phone call from the Tarrant County medical examiner on Monday, about two weeks after two people on horseback found part of a small skull in woods and brush in northwest Fort Worth.

The remote area is about 10 miles from the working-class neighborhood in Saginaw where Opal had been playing in her grandparents' yard when she vanished in March 1999.

After the skull was found in late December, authorities scoured the area and found more bone fragments, a toy

and a pair of pink Barbie tennis shoes similar to those Opal was wearing when she disappeared, said Dr. Nizam Peerwani, Tarrant County's chief medical examiner.

The skeletal remains were identified as Opal's using DNA testing, Peerwani said Monday. The remains had been scattered in a 300- to 400-square-foot area inhabited by wildlife. Investigators could not tell if she had been buried.

Opal was killed from a crushing blow to the right side of her forehead, but authorities could not determine when or where she died or if she was sexually assaulted, Peerwani said.

Her death was officially ruled a homicide.

Some of Opal's relatives said finding out what happened to the little girl was painful, but also somewhat of a relief after so many years of unanswered questions.

"I feel a lot better. The weight's taken off," said Opal's mother, Leola Sanderford.

Richard Lee Franks of Fort Worth was convicted of aggravated kidnapping in Opal's case in 2000, three months after his first trial ended with a hung jury.

## CARDS

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a change of address form. We're not allowed to do any of that over the phone, so people will have to come down to the tax office in person."

Monday's mailing came a week after the start of early voting in the District 31 special election, which is being held at the Howard County Courthouse. Sayles said the lack of a new card won't stop voters from being able to cast their ballots.

"With early voting already under way, a lot of people won't have their new voter registration card yet," she explained. "If that's the case, they just need to take their

older, orange card with them when they go to vote. There shouldn't be any problem unless they've moved, which there's a process they will be able to go through at the early voting poll to correct that."

Sayles said the new voter registration cards will be blue, something she hopes won't confuse voters or election officials considering the late mailing date.

"The color change is every two years," said Sayles. "The cards that are out there now are orange. The new cards that will be going out are blue. We just don't want people to get confused between the two when it comes time to start voting because of the color change."

While the registration deadline to

be able to vote in the January special election may be past, Sayles said she hopes those that haven't registered yet will do so in plenty of time for the March primaries, which will be the next chance for them to vote.

"They have to be registered to vote 30 days before the election," said Sayles. "So the due date for the special election in January is already past. It will be the same for the March primaries. If someone plans to vote and they aren't currently on the voter rolls, then they have to get registered before that 30-day deadline."

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congressional candidates under the newly drawn lines continues through Friday.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

It's Political Party Time...

# The Presidential Election



Every four years, Americans go to the polls to elect a president. The year 2004 is such a year. There will be much about the presidential election in the news. The candidates will try to win voters with:

- popular views on issues.
- good strategies for campaigning.
- successful fund-raising.
- favorable media attention.

How they appear in newspapers and on TV is very important to the candidates.

## The political parties

A political party is a group of people who work to promote their ideals and candidates.

While the states set down the election rules, political parties select the candidates who run.

Although there are some other parties, most people vote for candidates of either the Democratic or Republican party.

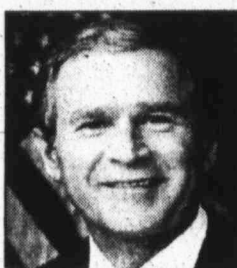


The donkey is the Democratic symbol.



The elephant is the Republican symbol.

## The candidate search



George W. Bush

George W. Bush is expected to be the favorite choice of Republicans. If elected, he can serve one more term.

## The contest

Political parties in each state hold a contest to decide:

- who would make the best candidate.
- which delegates will be sent to a convention to nominate, or select, the presidential candidate.



Most states use primaries, or elections where voters use secret ballots.

However, for several reasons, including saving money, some states aren't holding presidential primaries this year.

These states plan to use caucuses, or gatherings where party members meet to select their candidates. They often use a show of hands to vote.

Usually political parties pay for caucuses, while states pay for primary elections.

## Primary and caucus months

Primaries and caucuses are usually held in January through June. Several states are moving up their primaries to February and March.

## The nomination

Both parties will hold national conventions to make and announce their choice.



## The final campaign

In September and October, candidates will go around the country to try to get votes.

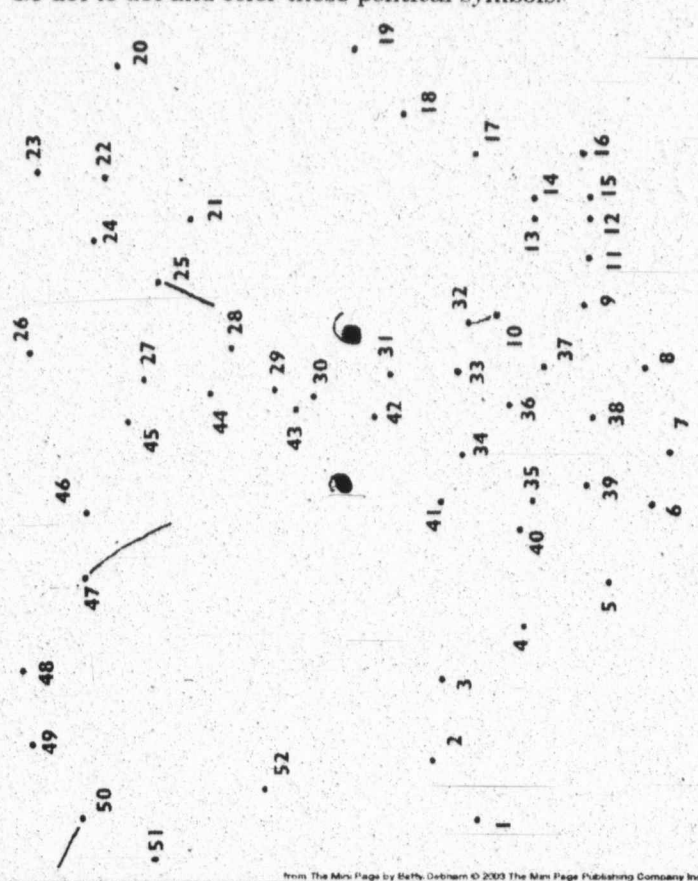
## The election

The presidential election will be Nov. 2, 2004.



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Go dot to dot and color these political symbols.



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## Rookie Cookie's Recipe Snappy Ginger Cookies

These make tasty after-school treats served with hot chocolate.

### You'll need:

- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup shortening
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ginger

### What to do:

1. Mix egg, shortening, brown sugar and molasses until creamy.
2. In another bowl, sift together the remaining ingredients.
3. Add the two mixtures to make the dough.
4. Chill in refrigerator for 1 hour.
5. Roll dough into balls the size of walnuts and place on greased cookie sheet.
6. Flatten slightly and sprinkle with white sugar and 2 drops of water on each cookie.
7. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 12 minutes. Don't overbake. Let cool for 5 minutes. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

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## Kids! You're Invited to the White House

A Kid's Guide to the White House is a terrific behind-the-scenes look at a very special house.

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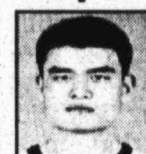
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## Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Yao Ming



Yao Ming

Height: 7-5 Birthdate: 9-12-80  
Weight: 296 lbs. Hometown: Shanghai, China  
At 7 feet, 5 inches and 296 pounds, Yao Ming stands out in almost every crowd. He also is outstanding in the giant world of basketball.

Ming, the No. 1 pick in the 2002 NBA draft, stars for the Houston Rockets. He scores around the basket and from long range. He blocks shots and grab rebounds.

Before coming to America, Ming — nicknamed the "Great Wall" — was a superstar for six years with the Shanghai Sharks in China. He impressed NBA scouts with his performance against the U.S. Olympic Dream Team in 2000.

Ming is also a big hit with advertising agencies. He appears in several TV commercials. In his spare time, Yao likes to surf the Internet, listen to music and read. What he'd like to do most, however, is launch the Rockets to a championship. And he just might do it.

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## Meet Parminder Nagra



Parminder Nagra

Parminder Nagra has gone from a hit movie to a hit television series.

Parminder, 28, became a professional actress when she was 17 years old. But it was her starring role in "Bend It Like Beckham" last year that made her a popular actress in the United States.

Now she has a new role on the TV series "ER," where she plays a medical student in training at the hospital.

Parminder's family moved from India to England in the 1960s. She was born and raised in Leicester, England, and has a younger sister and two younger brothers. Her name is an unusual one. Her middle name is Kaur. Her full name means "supreme goddess." She is currently living in Los Angeles during the filming of the TV series.

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## MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

**Tess:** Where does a fish keep its money?  
**Frank:** In its gill-fold!

**Marie:** Why are fishermen so stingy?  
**Hans:** Because their profession makes them shell-fish!

**Casey:** There is no fishing allowed here!  
**Walt:** But I was fishing quietly!

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## Election TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of the presidential election are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, up and down, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: WIN, PRESIDENT, ELECTION, CONVENTION, CAUCUS, UNITED, NEW STATES, DONKEY, ELEPHANT, REPUBLICAN, DEMOCRAT, SEAT, CAMPAIGN, VOTE, NOMINATE, PRIMARY, POLITICAL, HAMPSHIRE, IOWA, RUN, POLL.

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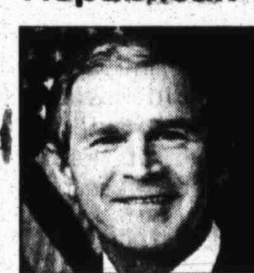
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## Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy is visiting the elephant and the donkey at the zoo. Each represents a political party. See if you can find:

• duck • banana • chicken • ladder • ear of corn • letter Z • kite • hourglass • book • heart • umbrella • letter E • carrot • letter D • envelope • letter A

## Republican candidate



George W. Bush

President George W. Bush is running for his second term. He will be on the Republican ballot, but has competition in some states.

George W. Bush, Texas  
Occupation: oil industry businessman.  
Served two terms as Texas governor. Son of former President George H. W. Bush.

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## The race begins

This month, all of the country is watching Iowa and New Hampshire, and that's exactly what Iowa and New Hampshire want!

These two states take great pride in being the first to let the rest of the country know what their voters think of the presidential candidates.

Since this is such an important news event, candidates spend a great deal of time in these two states. They want to make a good first impression on American voters.



Iowa's caucus is Jan. 19.



New Hampshire's primary is Jan. 27.

• The District of Columbia is holding a Democratic presidential primary on Jan. 13. This is earlier than in the past. One purpose is to call attention to the fact that the district is not a state and would like to become one.

The Mini Page thanks Dennis Berwyn, N.C. Republican Party communications director; Amye Walshe, executive director, Maine Democratic Party; and Nancy E. Tate, executive director of the League of Women Voters, for help with this issue.

## 2004 Democratic candidates

Before any of these candidates can be their party's choice to run for president, they must win votes in state primary and caucus elections. If they do not win enough votes or raise enough money to pay for their campaign, some will drop out of the race before the convention in July.



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Occupation: lawyer.  
Served in the U.S. Senate for one term. Served as ambassador to New Zealand.



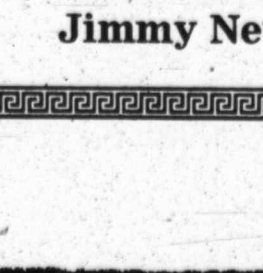
Wesley K. Clark, Arkansas  
Occupation: retired Army general.  
Served 34 years in the U.S. Army.



John Edwards, North Carolina  
Occupation: lawyer.  
Has served as U.S. senator from North Carolina for one term.



Dennis J. Kucinich, Ohio  
Occupation: college professor.  
Served as mayor of Cleveland. Has served four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.



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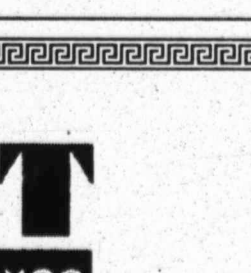
Howard Dean, Vermont  
Occupation: doctor.  
Served as lieutenant governor of Vermont, then governor for five two-year terms.



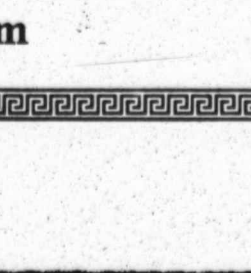
John Kerry, Massachusetts  
Occupation: lawyer.  
Decorated war veteran. Served in the U.S. Senate since 1984.



Al Sharpton, New York  
Occupation: minister and worker for civil rights.



Dennis Berwyn, N.C. Republican Party communications director.

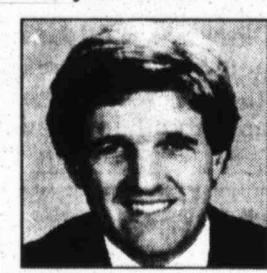


Amye Walshe, executive director, Maine Democratic Party.

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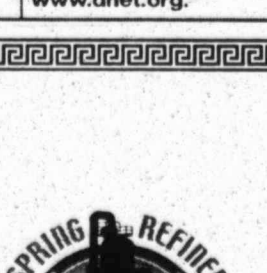
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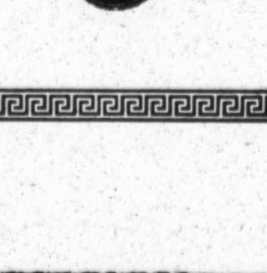
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# Sports

BIG SPRING HERALD

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## IN BRIEF

### Lady Steers, Steers return to play today

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers and Steers will return to action today.

The Lady Steers, 5-13 and 0-1, will make their first home appearance in District 4-4A by hosting the Levelland Loboettes in the Steer Gym at 6 p.m.

The BSHS boys will close out their non-district slate tonight by hosting Sweetwater. The boys' game will follow the girls' varsity bout.

The Big Spring junior varsity boys' and girls' will play in the BSJHS gym beginning at 6 p.m.

### Hawks, Lady Hawks to face Clarendon

The Howard College men's and women's basketball teams will open their home WJCAC schedule Thursday by hosting Clarendon in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The HC men, 10-4 and 0-1, will face Clarendon at 8 p.m. The HC women, 9-9 and 1-0, will begin at 6 p.m.

### Baseball boosters to meet Thursday

The Big Spring Steers Baseball Booster Club will hold a meeting on Thursday in the BSHS Athletic Training Complex.

All parents and baseball boosters are urged to attend the meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m.

### YMCA swim team spots available

The Big Spring Family YMCA swim team has positions open.

To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, athletes must be at least six years of age and able to swim two lengths of the pool with proper rotary breathing. Swimmers are responsible for annual USS registration, all entry fees and equipment and all transportation and meals at meets.

For more information call Dolline Budke at 264-8252 or 263-4505.

### Ten Star seeking all-star applications

Applications are being accepted for the Ten Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible.

For more information call (704) 373-0873.

### BSHS swimmers face 4-4A meet on Jan. 23

Big Spring High School swim team will try and nail down the District 4-4A swimming title on Jan. 23 when it travels to Ft. Stockton.

### WJHS hoops tourney begins Thursday

The Westbrook Junior High School Basketball Tournament will begin Thursday. The Wildcats will face Highland in the first round.

## ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule

| Event, Time                 | Station |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Spurs vs. Atlanta, 6 p.m.   | 1490    |
| Jan. 14                     |         |
| Event, Time                 | Station |
| Spurs vs. Minnesota, 7 p.m. | 1490    |

## Plainsmen upend Howard in WJCAC opener

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Frank Phillips College Plainsmen reeled off an 11-0 run late in the second half Monday night and the held on to claim a stunning 87-82 victory over the Howard College Hawks at the Borger Activities Center.

The Plainsmen's late surge enabled Frank Phillips to overcome a 12-point first-half deficit and left the Hawks wondering what might have been.

"This was a tough loss for all of us," said assistant head coach Tony Wright. "No excuses. We just didn't get the job done. If we do the little things we're capable of we could have pulled this out. We just didn't get it done."

With the loss, Howard College

falls to 10-4 on the year and, more importantly, to 0-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play. Frank Phillips is 10-7 and 1-0.

The Hawks, who had five players score into double figures in the contest, dominated the Plainsmen in the first six minutes of play. Sophomore Finlay Brashears pushed in two shots from the floor and Joe Powell added a basket off a driving layup early on to key a 20-8 explosion by Howard to start the game.

Frank Phillips answered back

over the next 12 minutes, however.

The Plainsmen outscored the Hawks by a 32-20 margin in that span and sent the game into the half knotted at 40-40.

Wright, who is filling in for head coach Jim Lewis for the next few days, said Howard College lost its focus after getting off to a hot start.

"We just 'lost our concentration,'" he said. "It just seems like all year whenever we get a lead we start turning the ball over."

Frank Phillips continued to have the hot hand in the opening moments of the second half. The

Plainsmen built a 5-point lead, at 69-65, before the Hawks managed to get untracked. Jarrell Mayfield and Steve Goff sank three of four chances from the free throw line at the 10-minute mark to pull HC into a 69-69 tie before the wheels came off.

After watching the Hawks tie the game, Frank Phillips went on an 11-0 run that gave them an 80-69 cushion with 6:29 to play.

The Hawks, who were led offensively by freshman Steve Story's 19 points, fought back to within 84-82 with less than a minute to play before running out of time.

Johnny Jones finished the game with 17 points, while Goff added 16. Brashears and Joe Powell added 10 apiece.



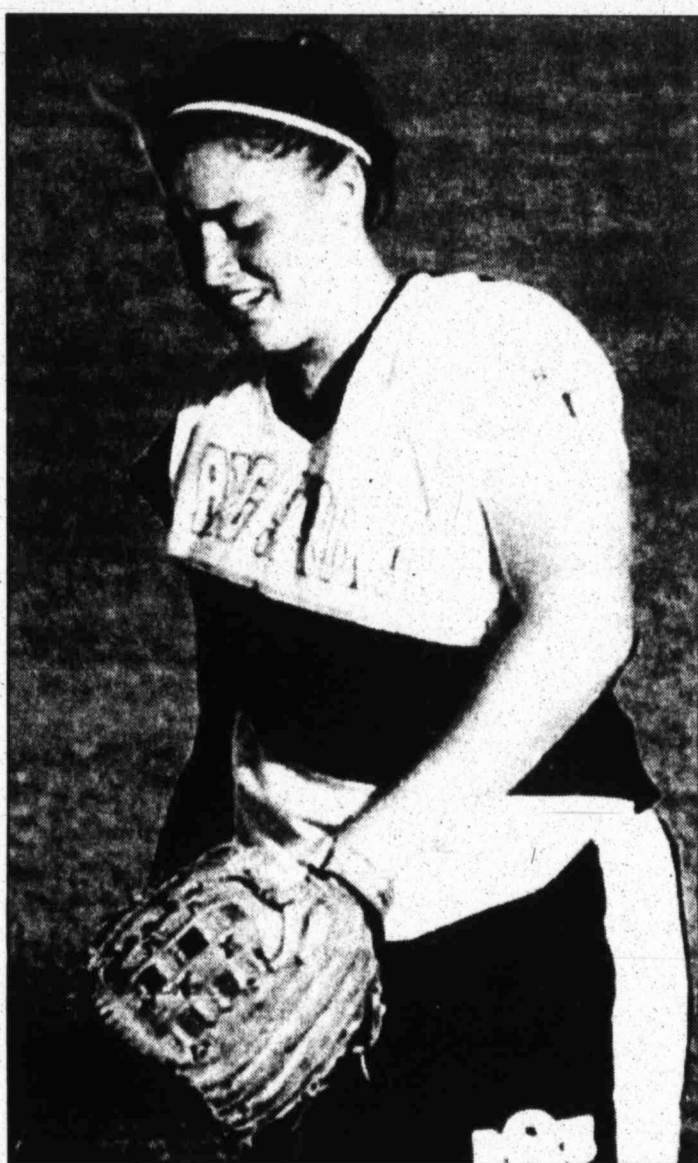
BRASHEARS



STORY



Big Spring's Whitney Hufford (left) and Leina Braxton will become the area's first college signees Thursday when they ink deals with Texarkana Junior College. The two helped lead the Lady Steers to a 24-10 mark last year.



File photos

## HC feds rally by FP, 69-62

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

It might have been ugly but the Howard College Lady Hawks don't mind. Ugly wins count just as much as any other type.

Despite 24 fouls and more than 31 turnovers, the Lady Hawks opened Western Junior College Athletic Conference action with a thrilling 69-62 come-from-behind win over the Frank Phillips College Lady Plainsmen Monday evening in the Borger Activities Complex. Howard College rallied from a nine-point deficit in the second-half to claim the win.

"It wasn't pretty at all, but they'll put it down as a win. We'll take that," said first-year head coach Lorin Miller.

With the win, the HC women improved to 9-9 for the year and to 1-0 in WJCAC play.

Sophomore forward Kristen Valentine and freshman Alison Lopez spearheaded a 24-4 run over a seven minute span midway through the second half that sank the Lady Plainsmen's hopes. Valentine scored a season-high 22 points in the game — 10 in the final eight minutes.

Howard, which had trailed by as many as seven points on four occasions, managed to get untracked in the final 10 minutes. After falling behind 47-40 with 12:29 left, Erin Lohaefer started the HC run. She pushed in her first basket of the night and pulled the Lady Hawks to within 51-47.

Valentine, who followed Miller from Cloud County Community College in Kansas this summer, pumped in a pair of shots from the field moments later to knot the score at 51-51.

Cierra Tidwell and Lopez both added three-point plays with less than four minutes left to give the Lady Hawks a 62-55 lead.

Desiree Bostice powered the Lady Hawks in the first half. She pumped in 14 of her 18 points in the first 20 minutes and helped the HC women fight to within 35-30 at the half.

Howard opened the contest on a roll. The Lady Hawks, led by Latasha Davis, opened the game by scoring 16 of the game's first 26 points.

Frank Phillips, which fell to 9-9 and 1-0, rallied back. The Lady Plainsmen reeled off an 11-0 run midway through the first half and grabbed a 21-14 advantage.

## Braxton, Hufford ink softball scholarships with Texarkana

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Leina Braxton and Whitney Hufford wanted nothing to distract them from their efforts to lead the Big Spring Lady Steers to the state playoffs again this season. Not even college.

Braxton and Hufford, key figures in the Lady Steers' ability to advance to the state softball playoffs in each of the last three seasons, are scheduled to end the college decision by inking scholarship deals with Texarkana Junior College. The two BSHS seniors will sign on with the Lady Bulldogs' softball program at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Athletic Training Complex — a full month before the start of the Lady Steers' 2004 campaign.

"I think it's great for the girls," said first-year head coach Lea Daggett, who inherits a team that went 24-10 and advanced to the regional semifinal round of the Class 4A playoffs last season. "If they're comfortable in their decision and happy about it, it's good for them to get it done."

In Texarkana, Braxton and Hufford will be joining a Lady Bulldogs team that posted a 15-13 record last season in Region XIV play under head coach Kelly

Burns.

Braxton, a three-sport standout at Big Spring, was one of the area's top players last season, hitting better than .400 for the season and anchoring a rock-solid defense at second base. She earned first-team all-district honors for the second consecutive season.

Hufford battled back from an ankle injury in the Lady Steers' regular season finale to play a key role for Big Spring. The BSHS starting shortstop had a clutch double in the Lady Steers' loss to Wichita Falls in the regional semifinals.

During the regular season, she shared the Offensive Player of the Year accolades in District 4-4A last fall, splitting the honor with Frenship senior Amanda Milam. Despite missing most of the Lady Steers' playoff run, Hufford hit better than .400 in 2003.

By signing, Braxton and Hufford will become the first two Crossroads players to sign with a college squad this year. Last fall, 11 area players land college deals.

The Big Spring Lady Steers are scheduled to begin the 2004 season on Feb. 12.

## Wilson, JH Steers edge Seminole, remain perfect

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Junior High School eighth grade B team continued to show a flair for the dramatic Monday evening. After spotting Seminole a 22-15 lead, Big Spring rallied back with an 11-2 run in the fourth quarter and claimed a wild 26-24 victory.

"That's three games in a row we've come from behind to win," said coach Phillip Pearce. "We could have laid down but these young men never quit."

With the win, Big Spring improved to 5-0 for the year.

Big Spring got off to anything but a good start. The Steers failed to score in the first quarter and trailed by a 5-0 margin at the start of the second.

Despite five points from Brandy Hubbard, Seminole stretched its lead to seven with a 17-15 run in the second and third periods.

Justin Wilson and Keaton Hughes brought the Steers back in the final six minutes. Wilson pushed in four of his game-high 10 points in

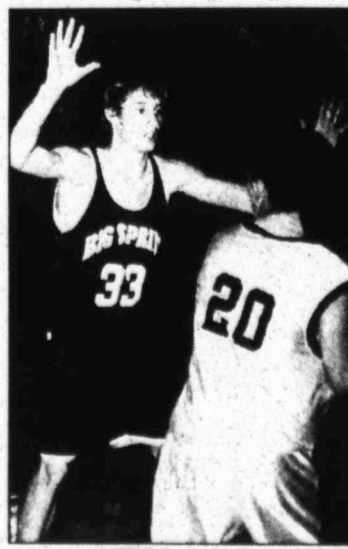
the stanza to lead the run. Big Spring had clutch free throws down the stretch from Hubbard, Wilson and Kyle McDaniel to seal the win.

Hubbard finished the game with five points.

The eighth grade A team improved to 3-2 for the year with a 48-30 win over Seminole.

In other BSJHS action, the seventh grade B team saw its unbeaten season come to an end as the Indians managed to sneak out a 30-14 victory.

The seventh grade A team upped its record to 3-2 with a 43-42 victory.



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells  
Justin Wilson applies pressure in the eighth grade B team's 26-24 win.

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**BY JOYCE JILLSON**

Relationships are the focus as the moon transits into Libra. Whatever the problem is, there is always another way to see it. Libra likes to play both sides of the argument and weigh it out indefinitely, so if you can't seem to make a decision, try again at the end of the week.

Avoiding confrontation won't necessarily keep the peace in the long term.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Being overwhelmed can have a paralyzing effect, but don't fear. You can break the "freeze" by doing one thing at a time, however small. Love has got to develop at its own pace. Be careful not to set too many criteria.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The fact that you maintain a core belief in yourself is what makes you the most attractive to a romantic interest. Seduction secret: Be the first to make a move and also the first to leave.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In business, don't fish for feedback because it's an unreliable indicator of your client, customer or higher-up's true feelings. Be confident in your product. Social status and interaction have the feel of sport tonight.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Happenings in the morning are lucrative if you play it right. A Sagittarius will lead you to the glory, but if a Leo is involved, you should take the reins instead and bring your team to the promised land.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A positive change is on the horizon. Important events and meetings are coming up that require preparation. Don't be too proud to

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

ask friends what to wear or practice what you're going to say. You'll be meeting several new people

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People you've been generous with are too embarrassed to be humble and grateful. Singles: Though you have unmistakable chemistry with a certain person, you could learn more by dating someone else entirely!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Set your sights on one shining goal. Tangible results happen when you simply state your request. Partners who wish for something together are twice as lucky. Loved ones bond, wanting to help each other get the work done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What they say about giving advice proves true — the wise don't need it, and the fools won't follow it. Still, your friends want someone to confide in, someone who won't judge. That's where you come in. Lighten up!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The more in charge of your own happiness you can be, the better. Eccentricity is endearing, so show those true colors. Anyone who doesn't understand what you are expressing is giving you a lesson in communication.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Creative energies and original ideas abound. The money to fund these projects comes from a slick deal made over the next few days. Be cool, collected even, with the clever one who is pushing your buttons.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Whatever you concentrate on, you'll get it done. Co-worker relations need attention; be good to teammates, but don't get too personal. Contracts and other associations with a Leo or Virgo are favored.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A clean slate will



Joyce Jillson

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:**

Orlando Bloom played Legolas Greenleaf, the beautiful elf in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. You can bet that Bloom has aspirations to play the

**leading man in 2004, and steps he takes this month could make this goal a reality. Charitable acts, like waiving fees or sharing contacts, will be extremely fortunate for Capricorn people. The good Karma comes back around in the early spring.**

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**Annie's Mailbox**

Dear Annie: Three years ago, my best friend, "John," married "Diane."

We all got along well and seemed to have an excellent relationship.

In the last few weeks, I've discovered that Diane has been talking about me to others. She claims that I spend too much time with her husband, although I don't know why. We play on the same soccer team, but other than that, we don't see each other much.

Diane also has told people some rather personal things about me that I told John in confidence. Now I no longer can trust him to keep a secret.

I haven't said anything about this to John because I'd like to maintain our friendship, but I don't know how to handle Diane's blabbering. Must I end the relationship to protect myself? — Need Privacy in Michigan

Dear Michigan: You don't need to end things, but you must be more circumspect around John. Most married couples share confidences, so assume that whatever you tell John will be repeated to Diane. Since Diane has a big mouth, it would be wise not to divulge any major secrets. Also, some wives become overly possessive of their husbands and resent the time Hubby spends with old friends. If this describes Diane, it will be up to John to maintain the friendship, and you'll have to take your cues from him.

Dear Annie: My husband and I recently purchased some artwork for our professional offices. Our receptionist now tells us that she objects to the pieces on religious grounds. These are fine works of art, not religious statements. They depict classical Mayan themes and include nothing sexual or profane. Does she have the right to make us remove them? — Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Michigan: She has the right to sue you for creating a hostile work environment, and whether she wins or loses her case, you must ask yourself if it's worth the cost of a legal fight. Can you discuss her objections calmly? If she truly



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

is upset at having to look at these pieces, you ought to place them elsewhere.

Dear Annie: You ran a survey about cheating spouses and printed several letters from the "poor victims." When I read the one from the woman who wished her ex-husband would burn in hell for all eternity, I realized there are a lot of people like my ex-wife.

My wife was verbally abusive. When she didn't get her way, she'd call me names and put me down. When I asked her to go with me for counseling, she lied and told the counselor I beat her. One night, I walked out of the house, looking for someone to talk to. One thing led to another, and I ended up in an affair that lasted three months. I was euphoric to find someone who was kind to me.

I now am married to a wonderful person who talks to me, listens, laughs and shares my dreams. I am truly happy and have no desire to be with anyone else. When a spouse cheats, it's because he or she is unhappy at home. — Wisconsin

Dear Wisconsin: After we printed the results of our survey, we heard from hundreds of readers, and many agreed with you, although most just wanted to vent about their cheating exes. We also received a letter from a man who pointed out that many sexually abused children grow up to become promiscuous, and they need therapy to understand and overcome their compulsion to cheat.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar.

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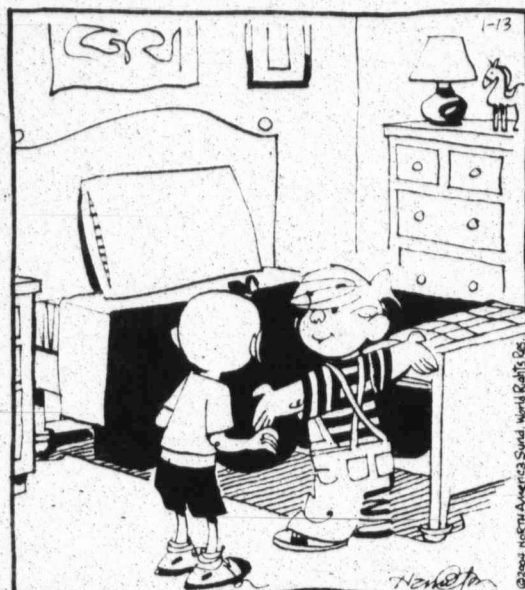
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| 6 PM  | News (CC)                   | News Wheel-Fortune          | Amar Otra Vez                 | King of the Hill Raymond | News Ent. Tonight | Paseo de Gaviolas  | News Friends (CC)            | Seinfeld (CC)                  | Booker John Hagee      | News-Lehrer         | Justice Files           |                          | Law & Order (CC) (DVS) | Live BET com                | Sister, Sister Lizzie McGuire | NFL Live NFL Films                            | College Basketball: Iowa at Minnesota | JAG (CC)                     | Wasn't There (CC)    |
| 7 PM  | 8 Simple Rules I'm With Her | 8 Simple Rules I'm With Her | Velo de Nova                  | Simple Life (CC)         | Navy NCIS (CC)    | Amor Descarado     | Tracy Morgan Whoopi (CC)     | Movie: Nothing to Lose (CC)    | Update/Israel McBride  | Nova (CC)           | New Detectives-Forensic | Movie: Live and Let Die  | Law & Order (CC) (DVS) | Parkers (CC)                | Movie: Leave It               | College Basketball: Wake Forest at Texas (CC) | College Basketball: Ky. at Miss. St.  | Law & Order: Special Victims | Domestic Disturbance |
| 8 PM  | According-Jim Less-Perfect  | According-Jim Less-Perfect  | Te Amare en Silencio          | 24 (CC)                  | Guardian (CC)     | El Alma Herida     | Fraser (CC)                  | Happy Family                   | Light of the Southwest | American Experience | Covert Action: Iron     |                          | Law & Order (CC) (DVS) | Coming to the Stage         |                               | NBA Fast Break Tuesday                        |                                       | Movie: Final Destination     | National             |
| 9 PM  | Line of Fire (CC)           | Line of Fire (CC)           | Casos de la Vida Real         | '70s Show Drama-Greg     | Judging Amy (CC)  | Españoles de Laura | Law & Order: Special Victims | 10 Movie: Tango &              |                        | Independent         | MythBusters             | 25 Movie: Charmed (CC)   | Comicview              | Sister, Sister Boy World    |                               | Season                                        | SportsCenter (CC)                     | Law & Order: Special Victims | 05 Movie: Romeo Is   |
| 10 PM | News (CC)                   | News Nightline              | Primer Impacto Noticias Univ. | '70s Show Raymond        | News Late Show    | Noticias Laura     | News Tonight Show            | Cash                           | Hour of Healing        | Lens (CC)           | New Detectives-Forensic | Smokey and the Bandit II | Angel (CC)             | Nightly News Proud Family   | Kim Possible                  |                                               |                                       | Law & Order: Special Victims | 05 Movie: Romeo Is   |
| 11 PM | Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel   | Extra (CC)                  | En las Mejores Familias       | Becker (CC)              | Spin City         | Late Late          | Al Rojo Vivo                 | 10 Movie: Nothing to Lose (CC) | Rev. J. Hansen         | Sign Off            | Covert Action: Iron     | 25 Movie: X-Files (CC)   | Midnight Love          | Even Stevens Sister, Sister | NBA Fastbreak Lost Treasures  | Outside-Lines Gamemight                       | JAG (CC)                              | Bleeding                     |                      |
| 12 AM | Live (CC)                   | Live (CC)                   | Angela                        | Blind Date               | Street Smarts     | Mania Celeste      | Fraser (CC)                  | Update/Israel Booker           |                        |                     | MythBusters             | Toral Total              | X-Files (CC)           | Comicview                   | Boy World Recess (CC)         | College Basketball: Nash Bridges              |                                       |                              |                      |

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"My Mom cleaned my room this morning. You wanna help me get it back to normal?"

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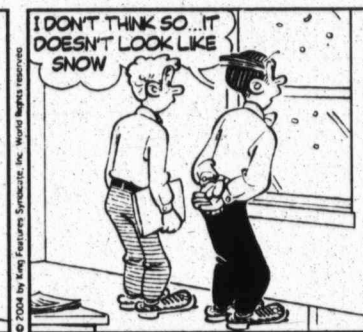
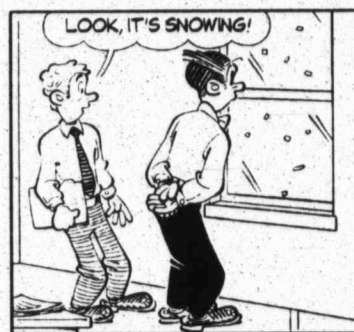


"They're shaving our street!"

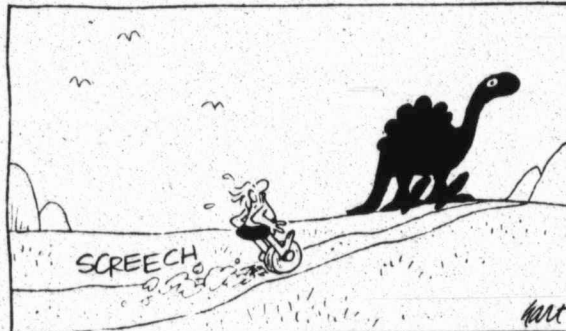
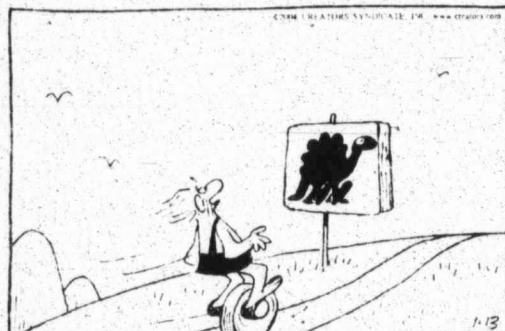
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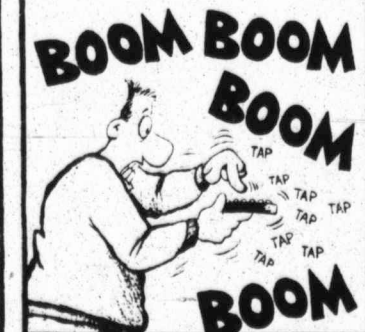
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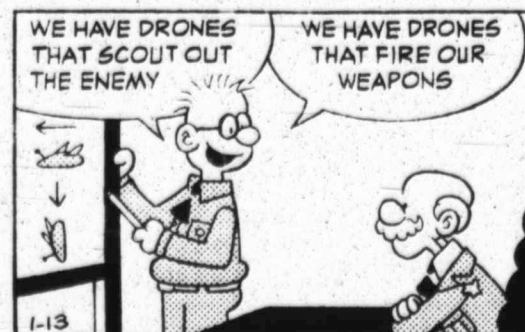
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## This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 2004. There are 353 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 13, 1794, President Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

On this date: In 1864, composer Stephen Foster died in New York.

In 1893, Britain's Independent Labor Party (a precursor to the current Labor Party) held its first meeting.

In 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," was published in Paris.

In 1941, novelist James Joyce died in Zurich, Switzerland.

In 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs died in a car crash in west Los Angeles.

In 1966, Robert C. Weaver became the first black Cabinet member as he was appointed Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by President Johnson.

In 1978, former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey died in Waverly, Minn., at age 66.

In 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge after takeoff and fell into the Potomac River, killing 78 people.

In 1990, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation's first elected black governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

In 2002, the off-Broadway musical "The Fantasticks" was performed for the last time, ending a run of nearly 42 years and 17,162 shows.

Today's Birthdays: Hollywood columnist Army

Archerd is 82. Country singer Liz Anderson is 74. Actress Frances Sternhagen is 74. Actor-director Charles Nelson Reilly is 73. Comedian Rip Taylor is 70. Actor Billy Gray is 66. Actor Richard Moll is 61. Rock musician Trevor Rabin is 50. Rhythm and blues musician Fred White is 49. Actor Kevin Anderson is 44. Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus is 43. Rock singer Graham "Suggs" McPherson (Madness) is 43. Country singer Trace Adkins is 42. Actress Penelope Ann Miller is 40. Actor Patrick Dempsey is 38. Actor Keith Coogan is 34.

Answer to previous puzzle

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## Newsday Crossword

BY THE BOOK by Gail Grabowski  
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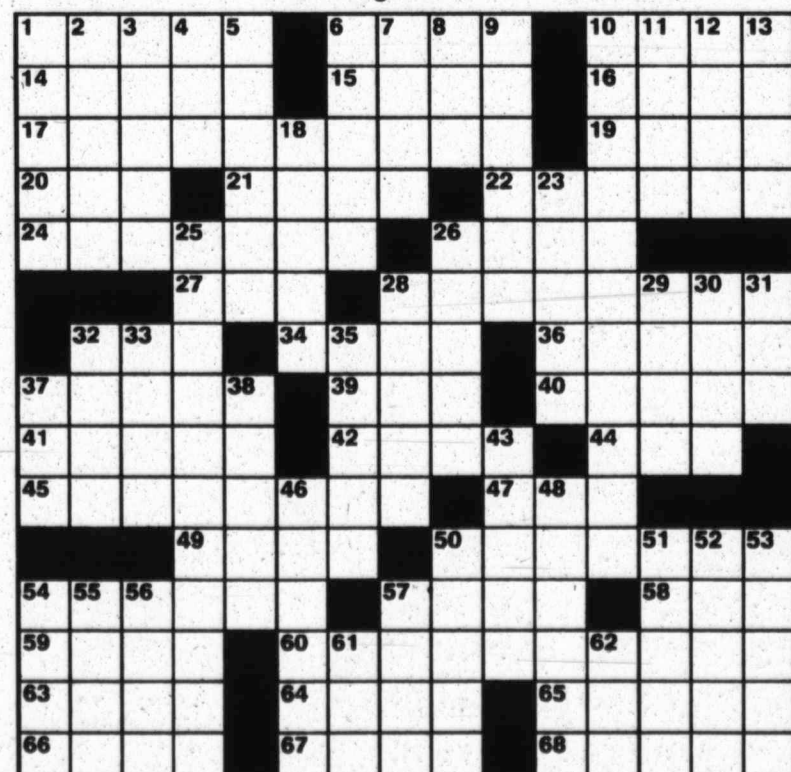
## ACROSS

- 1 Stately home
- 6 Enlist again
- 10 True (Wayne film)
- 14 Thunderstruck
- 15 What's more
- 16 Hasty
- 17 Cruise-drill wear
- 19 Norway's largest city
- 20 Superlative suffix
- 21 Curved molding
- 22 The Prince and the
- 24 Tern, for one
- 26 Billboard
- 27 Dollar bill
- 28 Stops resisting
- 32 VI
- 34 Dutch cheese
- 36 Take place
- 37 Spring month
- 39 Pi follower
- 40 Suitor
- 41 Muffin alternative
- 42 Mrs. Chaplin
- 44 German cars, for short
- 45 Australian animal
- 47 Stingy bug
- 49 Ambush
- 50 Lodger
- 54 Small swimsuit
- 57 Promises to pay: Abbr.
- 58 Norma
- 59 Word processing command
- 60 Legislative aide

## DOWN

- 8 Deplete, with "up"
- 9 Crusty entrée
- 10 Low-growing shrubbery
- 11 Grate
- 12 Capri, e.g.
- 13 God of thunder
- 18 Concur
- 23 Visibly happy
- 25 Pugilist's goal
- 26 Garfunkel's partner
- 28 Popular Web portal
- 29 Barge
- 30 Mon. follower
- 31 Bobby of hockey
- 32 Humane org.
- 33 Pump (lift weights)
- 35 Hang down

- 37 Inquire
- 38 Find out
- 43 Approximately
- 46 Dried grape
- 48 Studio stands
- 50 Blow one's own horn
- 51 Window curtain
- 52 Enthusiastic
- 53 Oboe features
- 54 Track transactions
- 55 Inventor's brainchild
- 56 Clay baker
- 57 Fills in, as a cartoon
- 61 Before, to Longfellow
- 62 "The Raven" writer



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