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Pre-Super Bowl BBQ

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1009 Hearn, will hold a pre-Super Bowl barbecue from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

The meal includes brisket, potato salad, beans, bread, dessert and a drink.

Plates are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 10 and under.

Key Club fund-raiser

Big Spring High School Key Club members are raising money to fund their trip to the annual Key Club convention.

Members are selling carnations at the high school during lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Anyone who wants to contribute may send checks made payable to the Big Spring Key Club to Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place 79720.

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THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Long before the stock car engines roar and the rubber hits the pavement, Joe Garone and his team of officials are up making sure every NASCAR race is run by the rule book. To ensure the safety and fairness of the race, they keep their eyes on the cars, drivers, track and weather conditions until the checked flag is waved.

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Touching down in Big Spring



Ron Taylor helps the pilot of this Beech AT-11 aircraft, Loren Buss, perform the closing checklist after flying in from Monte Vista, Colo., to Big Spring Wednesday. Buss flew in this World War II era plane for the Hangar 25 Air Museum's annual membership meeting. This particular plane was used to train bombardiers at the Big Spring Bombardier School in the 1940s.

AT-11 bombing trainer roars 'home' down familiar runway

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A giant, silver steeled bird glided into McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Wednesday for a brief homecoming of sorts.

The restored Beech AT-11 "Kansan," piloted by its co-owner Loren Buss of Monte Vista, Colo., was the highlight of the Hangar 25 annual membership meeting held at the museum.

Buss and his partner, Vernon McAllister, who restored the old Warbird trainer back to its original World War II condition, have



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donated copies of the aircraft's logbooks detailing its long history of flight to the museum.

"This was a bombardier and gunner trainer," Buss said. "This plane was actually based here (at the Big Spring Bombardier School)."

According to the U.S. Air Force Museum Web site, the AT-11s were the standard World War II bombing trainer. About 90 percent of the more than 45,000 U.S.

Army Air Corps bombardiers trained in AT-11s.

During the war, the silver giant took to the skies over Big Spring as young men learned how to accurately drop their 100-pound, sand-filled practice bombs on practice targets.

Buss said the plane was converted to civilian use following the war and the logbooks show that at one time it was owned by Southwest Airlines for commercial transport.

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Bonanza group will arrive Friday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

They're considered the "Cadillac" of the sky by many, and they're coming to Big Spring.

Nearly two dozen Beechcraft Bonanza and Baron private aircraft will storm the Crossroads area Friday, as the Southwest Bonanza Society prepares to hold a fly-in at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Local Bonanza enthusiast and society member Dr. Darryl Powell said members are expected to begin fly-overs at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport at 2:30 p.m., with several different groups and formations expected to follow as the pilots arrive.

Powell and other local members plan to make it a weekend to remember, not only for the aircraft devotees coming to Big Spring, but for the community as well.

"The public is invited to the airport on Friday afternoon to see the Bonanza airplanes," said Powell. "I'm currently expecting 20 Bonanzas to fly into Big Spring. The fly-over is set for 2:30 p.m. on Friday, and there may be a second and third fly-over, one after the other."

"Once they're here, we'll take them on a tour of Big Spring. We plan on showing them the Hangar 25 Air Museum, Vietnam Memorial, Scenic Mountain State Park and the "Big Spring" at Comanche Trail Park. We will also visit the Commemorative Air Force Museum and the Petroleum Museum in Midland. All of these tours will be done on Saturday.

"I'll be hosting a special meal

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Monday is deadline to pay property taxes and avoid a penalty

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Time is running out for local property owners that haven't paid their 2003 property taxes, as the Howard County Tax Assessor and Collector's Office prepares to start adding penalties following the Feb. 2 deadline.

County Tax Assessor Kathy Sayles said taxpayers are getting a brief reprieve this year from the normal Jan. 31 deadline, which falls on the coming weekend.

"The deadline is actually on Jan. 31," said Sayles, "but since that falls on a Saturday, people will have until Monday, Feb. 2, to pay their taxes for 2003 without any penalties. They

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can also mail their payment, and as long as it's postmarked no later than Feb. 2, we'll go by that date.

"Once they go delinquent in February, the penalty and interest starts at 7 percent and increases each month by 2 percent. As of July 1, penalty and interest grows to 18 percent, with an additional 15 percent tacked on for attorney fees."

Sayles said area residents who aren't sure how much they owe can

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Howard County Tax Assessor and Collector Kathy Sayles, right, helps local resident Arthens Jones Wednesday afternoon as her office prepares for the Feb. 2 tax deadline. Howard County taxpayers can avoid penalty charges by making their payment in person by 5 p.m. Monday. Payment by mail will also be accepted with a postmark of no later than Monday.

Banquet to mark anniversaries

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet will celebrate two special anniversaries on Feb. 10, as the Big Spring Refinery turns 75 years old and the chamber marks its 85th year in Howard County.

Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said Big Spring has many businesses that have been part of the local market for many years, and this is their way of marking that achievement.

"This is also our 85th Anniversary," said ValVerde. "So we're sort

of trying to celebrate together. There are a lot of businesses in Big Spring that have been out there for a long time, and they have been a big contributor to the salaries here, as well as promoting the community.

"They (refinery owner

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Gov. Perry sets Feb. 17 as date for District 31 runoff

HERALD Staff Report

Gov. Rick Perry announced Wednesday the runoff election between Senate District 31 hopefuls Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa, will take place on Feb. 17.

The early voting period

begins Feb. 9 and ends Feb. 13.

The runoff became necessary after none of seven candidates running in a special election to fill the unexpired term of former senator Teel Bivins captured 50 percent of the

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Obituaries

Roger Dale "Bear" Northcutt



Roger Dale "Bear" Northcutt, 56, of Kerrville, died on Jan. 17, 2004. He was born July 1, 1947, in Modesto, Calif., the son of John and Julie Frazier Northcutt. After growing up in Modesto, Mr. Northcutt spent several years in Big Spring, where he was a longtime employee of the state of Texas. After moving to Kerrville in 1995, he continued his employment with the state, and then was employed by Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital and Franklin Clinic. He was a member of The First Baptist Church of Ingram. His hobbies included spending time with his grandchildren and his pets. He also loved older Rock and Roll music.

Mr. Northcutt is preceded in death by his parents, and a daughter, Addle Lynn Northcutt, who died in November of 1987.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rebecca Northcutt of Kerrville; sisters, Dorothy Ringeisen and Karen Galloway, both of California; daughters, Shannon Home of Killeen, Tina McCarty of Kerrville, Darla Solis of Cisco; one son, John Northcutt of Ingram, and a host of many loving friends and neighbors.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 19, 2004, at The First Baptist Church of Ingram with Bro. Jimmy Allen officiating. The family will receive friends at the church following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorials be made to Gideon's, c/o Memorial Bible Chairman, Hill Country Camp, P.O. Box 293434, Kerrville 78029-3434.

The family invites messages or sharing memories about Mr. Northcutt at www.kerrvillefuneralhome.com by selecting Obituaries. Select Sign Guestbook at the bottom of the individual memorial.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction and personal care of Kerrville Funeral Home.
Paid obituary

Leona Faye Spivey

Leona Faye Spivey, 89, of Big Spring, formerly of Colorado City, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2004, in a Big Spring care center. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 27 in the 22nd and Austin Streets Church of Christ in Colorado City, with Kerry Cain officiating. Interment followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Spivey was born to James Petty and Maudie Chastain Brown on April 11, 1914, in Paducah. She married W.A. Spivey in Big Spring on Oct. 8, 1943. He preceded her in death on Feb. 25, 1994. She was a member of the 22nd and Austin Streets Church of Christ for more than 55 years. She had been a Colorado City resident since 1943. She worked with the Mitchell County Hospital Pink Ladies Auxiliary for many years and was a member of the Business and Professional Women organization. She loved making ceramics and visiting with people.

She is survived by one daughter Lanette and husband Robert Don Miller of Big Spring; three sons, Marvin and wife Gay Wilkerson of Glen Rock, Wyo., Jim Ben Spivey of Delores, Colo., and Dwayne "Buck" Spivey of Sweetwater; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Spivey was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 50 years W.A. Spivey; one daughter Peggy Yvonne Shrum in 1938; one sister, and two brothers.

Willie Zarate

Willie Zarate, 56, of Ackerly, died Jan. 27, 2004, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, with Father Rudy Crasta officiating. A Rosary was held Wednesday and will be held today at 7 p.m. at Gonzales Funeral Home in Lamesa.

Mr. Zarate was born July 12, 1947, in Eden. He married Rachel Franco Dec. 7, 1968, in Lamesa.

He was a Vietnam War veteran, having served from 1967 to 1969, and he earned the Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars. He was an expert rifleman and received one Army Commendation Medal. He loved his farm work in the Ackerly community.

He was preceded in death by his father, Fred Zarate of Lamesa.

His survivors include his wife, Rachel Zarate of Ackerly; three sons, Damian Zarate and wife, Michelle of Lubbock, Adrian Zarate of Big Spring and Nathan Zarate of Midland; his mother, Delfina Zarate of Lamesa; four sisters, Dana Gomez of Lubbock, Sue Garcia of San Angelo, Connie O'Balle and Debbie Sanchez of Lamesa; a brother, Leon Zarate of Stanton, and two grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are directed by Gonzales

Police blotter

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

- **DEBRA RENEE SHAEFFER**, 35, of 1408 Nolan, was arrested Wednesday and held for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.
- **MARIO HERNANDEZ RAYOS**, 35, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on city warrants.
- **DONALD DARIL WOOTEN JR.**, 35, transient, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1600 block of Bluebird.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 700 block of 14th Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of 16th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- **HECTOR CASTENEDA**, 19, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on motions to revoke probation for theft and evading arrest/detention.
- **TIMOTHY BRIAN ROCKWELL**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **COLBY SHAWN WARD**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 20, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **DEBRA RENEE SHAEFFER**, 35, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Take note

□ **THE CLASS OF 1974** is looking for the following classmates. If you know where they are please notify Carol Boyd at 432-263-0486 or e-mail Guy Teague at gntea@ddraytech.net: Kim Adams, Stanley Adams, Steve Adams, Terry Allison, Beverly Anderson, Jim Archer, Albert Arriols, Teresa Atkinson, Shirley Atwell, Vicki Axelrod, Blaz Bailon, Diane Baldock, Jackie Barber, Debra Barksdale, Joyce Bennett, Sherri Bertan, Terry Billingsley, John Bowers, Richard Brackeen, Donna Brewer, Kathy Bull, Sherry Burgess, Mary Burke, Greg Burris, Carla Carter, Cindy Cole, Paula Collins, Michael Conley, Karen Conley Melendez, Linda Curtis, Janice Danford, Cynthia D'Angelo, Pam Daniels, Kay Davis, Lorraine Davis, Jimmey Dean, Donna DeFlicht, Joyce DeFlicht, Rosalinda Deleon, Cynthia Dennis, Wendell Dodson, James Dry, Pam Eisler, Dodie Evans, Cathy Ewing, Martha Eysen, Steve Ferrell, Sandra Floyd, Ramon Franco, Sheri Fry, Karen Fuller, Mary Gainus, Victor Garcia, Lonnie Gary, Raul Garza, Ricky Gilliland, Sandra Gleason, Susan Gleason Williams, Belinda Gomez, Evelyn Gomez, Anna Maria Gonzales, Garland Green, Janis Gregg, Sarah Haas, Donna Hale, Sue Harris, Terry Harris, June Hendrick Rhea, Adolpho Herrera, Cynthia Herron, Mitzi Hill, Tracy Hill, Babbette Huckaba, Debra Hurrington, Robert Jackson, Phil Johnson, Patricia Jordan, Calvin Juneck, Virginia Keathley, Matthew King, Patricia King, Kathy Kirksey, Ruth Knight, John Kushaney, Jeff Kuykendall, Barbara Landreth, Karen Lawler, John Lipscombe, Wayne Lister, Barry Loyd, Art Mackie, Rebecca Marin, Jerry Martin, Virginia Martinez, Beckie Mason, Susie McGuire, Mark McLeod, Walter McWhiter, Frances Meade, Patsy Medina, Henry Menchaca, Maria Mendoza, William Messenger, Jeff Miller, Ethel Minter, Barbara Morris, Paula Muskovin, Ronald Myrick, Marilyn Neill, Billy Nugent, Eva Palacios, Phil Parmenter, Vicki Patterson, Lana Perry Bruington, Iris Phillips, Randal Phillips, Cindy Phillips, Barbara Pierce, Carletta Pierce Roberts, Debrora Pineda, Cheri Polanco, Eunice Ramirez, Libby Reed, Tony Reidy, Robert Renteria, Jackie Richards, Linda Richardson, Earl Richart, Daniel Rivera, Bennett Robb, Patti Robertson, Vicki Robertson Martin, James Robinson, Johnny Rodriguez, Jerry Rogers, Martha Rogers, Danny Rountree, Mary Rubio Fierro, Priscilla Rudd Horn, Esperanza Salazar, Irene Saldivar, Carol Scott, Patrice Sherrill Fivash, Rita Sherril Yeats, Terri Sledge, Doug Smith, Rickey Smith, Dennis Stevens, Harlan Stewart, Leatreca Stewart, Linda Stewart, Sharon Thorp, Sheryl Tibbs Allen, Carolyn Toaz, Tiburico Trevino, Alice Trevino Hernandez, Robbie Tubb, Joyce Turner, Sarah Vigil, Ken Walton, Joe Watson, Debra Way, Randy Weaver, Debbie Wheeler, Cindy Whitaker Jorgenson, Gary White, Kenneth Wilcox, Jimmy Wiley, Julie Williams, Kenneth Williamson, Monte Wood.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

Howard College will present a financial and information seminar at Forsan High School at 7 p.m. tonight in the school library. This seminar is for parents of seniors. Information will be presented by Ann Duncan. Call 432-457-2223 for more information.

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

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. at Herman's Restaurant.

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

Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main Street.

Arts, Crafts and Quilting Club meets at 6 p.m. at Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street.

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.

SATURDAY

Dance begins at 8:30 p.m. at Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third. Everyone is welcome.

PottonHouse, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hanger 25 Air Museum is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 01-02-30-33-39 (numerical order). Bonus Ball: 14.
Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$70,000,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 07-13-16-26-32.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Prize per winner: \$0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-1-9

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. North winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows around 40.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

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

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

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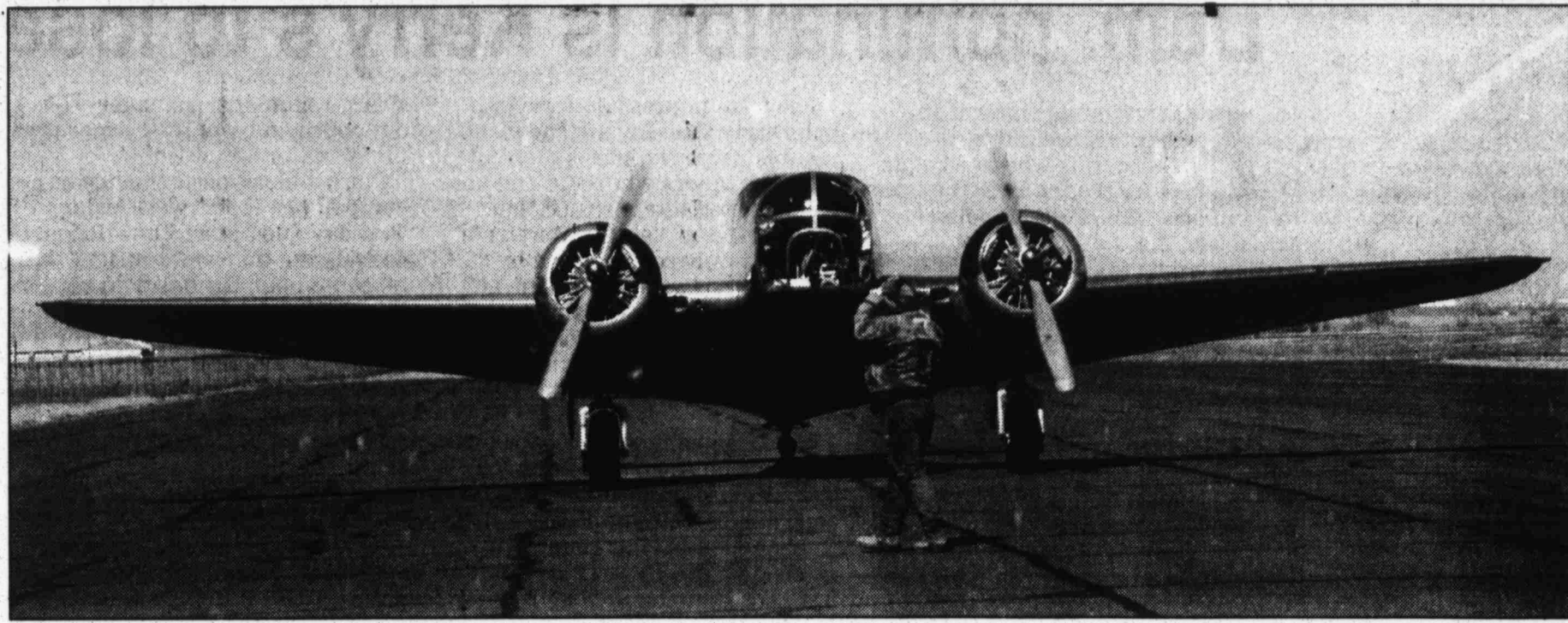
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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Chris Perry of Lone Star Aviation directs the pilot of this Beech AT-11 aircraft to a parking space at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Wednesday. The co-owner of the plane, Loren Buss, flew the aircraft in for the Hangar 25 Air Museum membership drive.

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"It had been converted after World War II into a people hauler," he said. The two men discovered the plane through an aviation trade magazine in Washington state and decided to invest. They

spent eight winters restoring the plane back to its original military condition.

"We've used it both to take care of business and personal enjoyment and to preserve a part of history," Buss said.

In recalling one humorous instance about his adventures with the plane, Buss told of an occasion when a Colorado state

senator got a first-hand lesson about the aircraft during a fly-in event.

"We had a bunch of old watermelons that we put in the bomb bay doors," he said. "We made a pass and since he is a state senator he could do things that the rest of us mortals can't. He had a good time dropping some watermelons."

But did the statesman's aim prove true?

"They all hit the ground," Buss laughed. "I think they hit exactly where he wanted them to hit — the ground and nobody else."

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BONANZA

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for the pilots at my home on Friday night, and local attorney Bob Miller will host dinner the following night. It should be a really fun time for everyone."

Powell said the idea for the fly-in started small, but quickly

grew beyond his expectations.

"When the American Bonanza Society first asked me to do a fly-in, we were only expecting five or six aircraft," he explained. "It drew a lot more interest than we expected, however, and we're now expecting somewhere between 12 and 15 aircraft to take part.

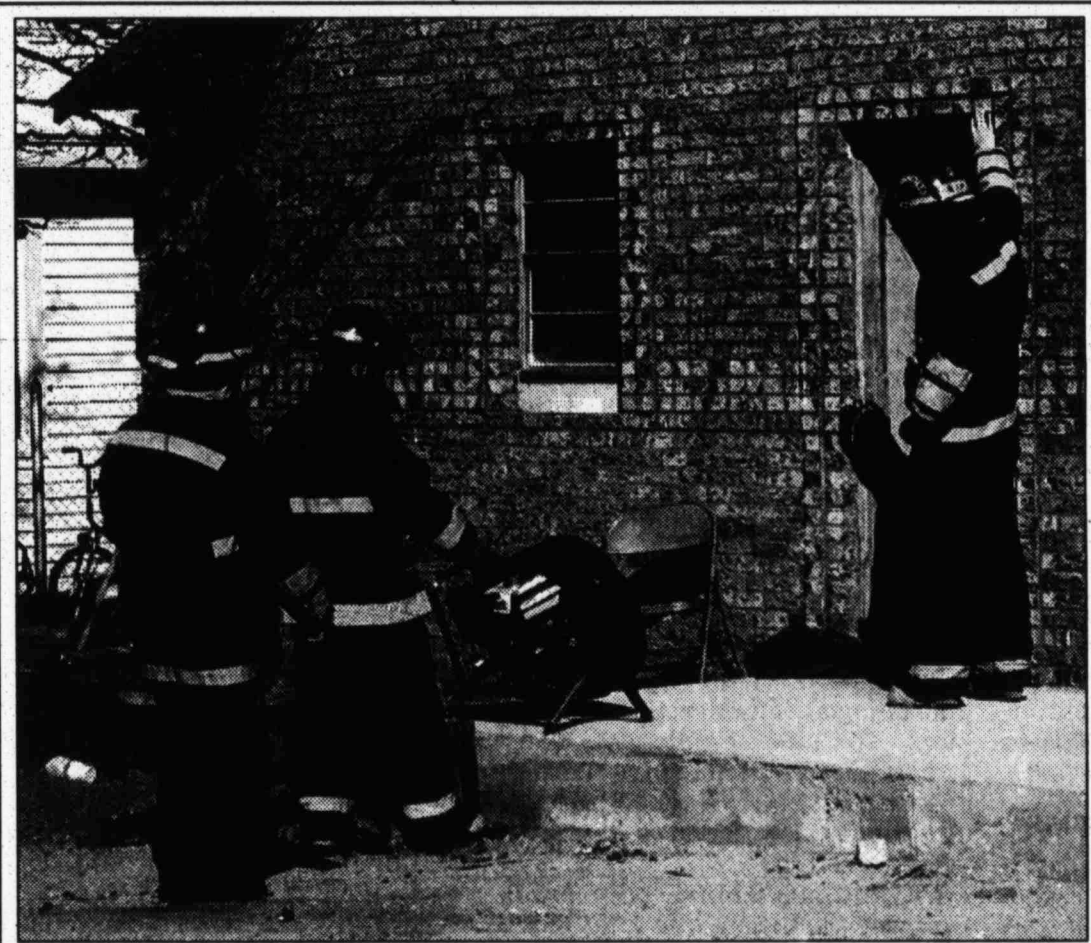
"We hope anyone that's inter-

ested in Bonanzas or Barons, both of which are manufactured by Beechcraft, will come out and see these planes. The pilots would be more than happy to answer questions and that sort of thing for the public."

Powell said mention of the Beechcraft Bonanza or Baron to any private aircraft pilot or enthusiast always draws a special reaction.

"These are really the Cadillacs of the single-engine private aircraft," he said. "There's really a large array of them out there these days, but most pilots will agree the Bonanza is one of the best."

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Big Spring firefighters worked to clear the smoke from a home in the 700 block of Creighton Wednesday afternoon, after a small fire broke out in the basement. According to Big Spring Fire Department officials on the scene, no one was injured, although a great deal of smoke was produced. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

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get that information over the phone or in person at the tax office.

"Some individuals don't get their statement for whatever reason," said Sayles. "We can pull up their name on the system and tell them the amount that's due. So if you haven't received a statement, call us or come by the office. Some people, because of their homestead exemptions, have no taxes, so we don't send them a notice. However, if they just want to make sure everything is OK, all they have to do is call.

"They can reference their check with an account number that we can give them so they can get their payment in the mail. Once that's done, we mail them back a receipt for their payment."

As the deadline nears,

Sayles said many people are looking at their tax information for the first time, and not being prepared is causing some people last-minute problems.

"Some of them didn't realize that they can apply for a homestead exemption," explained Sayles. "If they qualify, then we send them next door to the appraisal district office so they can apply for it. Once it's been approved by the appraisal district we can adjust the amount they owe.

"The homestead exemption allows for a 20 percent reduction in what they owe the taxing entities, and then the school district gives an additional \$15,000 just for the standard homestead. There's also an exemption for peo-

ple over 65 years old, which each entity gives more of a deduction for. On average it saves around \$300 to \$400 for each taxpayer."

While the deadline may drive some taxpayers to frantic ends, Sayles said she and her staff are bracing themselves for the last-minute rush.

"This is a very busy time for me and my staff," she said. "The phones are busy and we have a steady stream of customers coming in. I'm lucky to have good employees and they help out and take care of things so that everything goes smoothly."

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ALON USA) wanted to be one of our biggest sponsors of the banquet, so we thought it would be really nice to go with them on this."

ValVerde said banquet organizers will be carrying over one aspect of last year's banquet which will give chamber members a chance to promote themselves.

"We're going to continue doing the decorating of the tables," she said. "Barbara Brumley, Gloria McDonald and Jan Forsythe, who are on the decorating committee, are helping to contact last year's participants first. From there, we'll go to other chamber members to see if they would be interested in decorating a table, which is for chamber members only.

"It's a chance to promote yourself. We're going with the theme of Mardi Gras and the idea that the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is celebrating 85 years service to business, the community and Howard County."

There may be something of a scramble for particular tables, said ValVerde, with lots of prizes and giveaways.

"We want our members to have fun with it," she said. "It doesn't have to be totally Mardi Gras. They can throw in Valentines, or even St. Patrick's Day if they want.

"It went really well last year, and a lot of the businesses had some great things to give away. Last year Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center gave away shirts and the Heritage Museum had postcards and framed pictures, just to name a few."

ValVerde said the chamber is going to great lengths to bring the Big Spring Refinery into the mix, including the addition of projects recently displayed during the Big Spring Independent School District open house.

"To bring ALON USA into this, we went out to the Big Spring ISD open house and chose six of the displays from the Big Spring Refinery curriculum," said ValVerde. "Those projects, which show the knowledge and skills the students gained through the science and technology classes that were held in conjunction with the refinery, will be on display at the banquet. "Our guest speaker this year is going to be Paul Meek, who is a Fina retiree, past president of the chamber as well as a past man of the year. We're looking forward to hearing from him."

Tickets for the event, which will also feature the naming of the Big Spring Man and Woman of the Year, will be on sale for a limited time.

"Tickets are \$20 each," said ValVerde. "Our caterer will be Great Western Dining. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 264-7641, or go by the chamber office, located at 215 W. Third Street."

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vote.

Seliger secured 35 percent of the vote during the Jan. 20 election, while Edwards took just over 20 percent. In Howard County Edwards led the race with 35 percent, and Seliger trailed with 7 percent.

The special election was held to fill the unexpired term of former senator Teel Bivins, who resigned earlier this month, citing his nomination by President Bush as ambassador to Sweden and a desire to spend more time with this family.

Senate District 31 includes Andrews, Bailey, Cochran, Crane, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Howard, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Martin, Midland, Moore, Ochilree, Oldham, Farmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman and Yoakum counties.

Teens charged with false report

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Four teens have been arrested and charged with making a false police report after what was thought to be a kidnapping in November involving two of the teens turned out to be a hoax.

The girls, then 14 and 15, had not been kidnapped, but had run away, police said.

The two girls and two other students were arrested and charged Wednesday.

Dozens of police officers spent hours searching on foot and from the air for two missing girls amid reports they had been forced at gunpoint into a car parked by their school on Nov. 25.

Two boys, 15 and 16, told a school administrator a gunman had forced the girls into a vehicle.

Police spokeswoman Sandy Gutierrez said the boys changed their story when questioned by detectives. The boys then reportedly said the story was a ploy meant to cover up for the girls, who wanted to run away.

The girls were found a day later in an area motel.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

Attending CJHS ceremony is a 'no-brainer'

Now that the Coahoma Independent School District Board of Trustees has made it official, it's time for the people who really made sure that Coahoma Junior High was named after the late Rob Ethridge to gather and celebrate the honor given the long-time Coahoma educator.

A reception to recognize the school's renaming has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

To hear CISD Superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston tell it, the board's decision to name the junior high building in Ethridge's honor was something of a "no brainer."

Indeed.

After all, Ethridge served as the junior high school principal in Coahoma for 24 years of his 34-year career in public education.

Following his retirement, he served on the Howard College board until his death in March of 2001.

Requests from a great many people — most of them teachers who'd worked for him or students who'd blossomed under his leadership — asking that Ethridge be honored by the Coahoma ISD have been coming in for a couple of years now.

Interestingly enough, we believe Ethridge would be somewhat uncomfortable about these doings. If he were here with us today, he'd probably be downplaying the importance of Sunday's ceremony.

But we know better.

Furthermore, we want to stress that it's important all of those who knew Ethridge attend Sunday's reception and be a part of that ceremony.

It will be a moment to celebrate a life well lived in the service of others — one that deserves bigger accolades than we can bestow.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we pray for each other, Lord, we lighten each others burdens.

Amen

Dem. nomination is Kerry's to lose

Early Tuesday afternoon, fear gripped those Democrats who had begun to feel better after the Iowa caucuses. The first exit polls showed the Democratic presidential primary much closer than expected with a possibility that Howard Dean might overtake Sen. John Kerry. But exit polls in New Hampshire are notoriously inaccurate, and anxieties were soon relieved. After voting ended at 8 p.m., it was clear Kerry would win comfortably.

Beating President Bush would unify Democrats, but nominating Howard Dean to accomplish that end had grown increasingly less attractive. The anguish engendered by the flawed polling was not merely the prospect of nominating Dean, the candidate desired by Republicans as a fat target. Kerry turns the page for 2004 on Al Gore, the Clintons and left-wing labor leaders.

Kerry's basic policy consists of one new government program after another. Nevertheless, as a war hero, hockey player and hunter, supported by veterans and fire fighters, he projects the Democratic Party's image into the moderate center. Kerry is also a skilled professional politician, unlikely to commit the blunders of Dean or the Clintonian alternative, Gen. Wesley Clark. Win or lose in November, Kerry saves the Democrats from the disaster that beckoned a month ago.

The false impression from exit polls early Tuesday afternoon resulted from samples by upscale morning voters who, said one analyst, "looked like the catalogue mailing list of Neiman-Marcus." The only subgroup carried by Dean Tuesday self-identified as "very liberal," comprising just 15 percent of the state's Democratic electorate. Vastly more numerous "moderates" preferred Kerry, four-to-one.

The Dean campaign, forged by longtime political operative Joe Trippi's brilliant use of the Internet, can be said to have effectively ended in New Hampshire. In no state did Dean enjoy such hard-core support welded into a carefully constructed organization. This was the state he had to win to regain momentum after Iowa.

With Dean's candidacy hanging in the balance, his most important endorser was nowhere to be seen here. He wasn't wanted. Al Gore had swooped in with the surprise endorsement at Dean's apex just before he began his precipitous decline. While Democratic activists maintain that the 2000 election was stolen from Gore, they blame the former vice president for his maladroit campaign. Gore's use of the Dean phenomenon as a ticket back to prominence did not help either of them.

Prior to Kerry's resurgence, the seeming alternative to Dean did not relieve the party's malaise. In Democratic circles, Wes Clark was viewed as the candidate of the "Clintonistas" — probably not of Bill and Hillary themselves, but of their close political friends. It was assumed Clinton intimate Eli Segal would not have become

Clark's campaign manager without approval from the former president and/or Sen. Clinton.

Clark's bleak performance as a campaigner in the week prior to Tuesday questioned the wisdom of convincing the career officer that he could open his political career by running for president. He ended a week full of gaffes the day before the election by giving the impression that he wanted voters to think that, as a poor boy, he had worked his way through West Point. All this campaign did was tarnish his desirability as a vice-presidential selection.

Sen. John Edwards, not taken seriously until his strong second-place finish in Iowa, disappointed in New Hampshire by virtually tying with Clark for third and fourth place. Edwards campaigned just as hard and effectively here as in Iowa, but the magic did not travel well. He failed to get the needed boost for the Feb. 3 primaries.

Kerry's aides won't admit it publicly, but they see a chance to sweep the board in next Tuesday's seven primaries and thus wrap up the nomination at an early date. His weakest state in this group is South Carolina, where Edwards leads narrowly in the polls and Clark will try to save his candidacy. This cluster of non-liberal states is ill-suited for Dean, who may make the tactical blunder of skipping Feb. 3 and looking ahead to a more congenial environment in Michigan and the state of Washington. The nomination now is John Kerry's to lose, and he doesn't make many mistakes.

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ROBERT NOVAK

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like Pat Simmons and her Festival of Lights co-workers to know that my daughter, Amy Schultz, and I went to Kansas City and Lee's Summit, Mo., to visit my brother and niece during the holidays.

We had the opportunity to see the lights of Kansas City. They really were pretty, but I must say they didn't hold a candle to Big Spring's Christmas lights.

Best wishes for next year's display.

DOLORES LEVIER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Debra Saunders' Sunday column, which starts with "Clark lied," is an example of manipulative journalism.

Wesley Clark's 2002 Congressional testimony specifically warned against an Iraq war without UN or NATO sanction and identified Al Qaeda as the "strategic" enemy. He characterized Saddam as an "operational" problem, which should not deter us from the war on terror.

Like most Americans at the time, he supported proceeding against Saddam starting in the UN. The full testimony is available on the internet.

Using out-of-context quotes to call someone a liar, especially when the entire purpose is a diversion, is grossly unprofessional.

Monday's "Herald" brought an even more pathetic column by Saunders: "Kerry: The Yankee Al Gore."

She states Kerry used the "f-word" when speaking with a reporter so she says "I want to hear the f-word in presidential debates"...and refers to "... the f-ing polls."

If she likes the "word" so much she does have a common thread with a well known American who uses it in the presence of women and senators among others.

The entire column I thought was characterized by such hysterical ignorant sarcasm that an award was justified, and, guess what, Saunders received an award which was originated especially for her from the conservative group ChronWatch. Read about it by searching: Debra Saunders 2002 Jackass of the Year.

JOE BUDD
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

We had a fantastic "Festival of Lights" this year. Everything is down and in storage. This was a great year because of the additional help we had from the city and

adopt-a-spot sponsors. It relieved committee members from such stress we feel getting everything in place for opening. Work on the opening day was cruel with wind and sand, our displays were blowing over and we had to re-anchor them. We opened despite the weather and greeted 528 visitors. We attracted more than 18,000 visitors from 37 states, seven countries and all over Texas.

We are grateful to Todd Darden for making arrangements for the FCI inmates. We were granted five young men that didn't know anything about lights when they arrived, but when they left they were experts. They worked hard and enjoyed it under the supervision of city employee Tony Robertson. We want to give Warden Joseph Haro and Wayne Huffman our thanks for allowing this program to help us.

We had additional poinsettias this year, bringing our total to 29. The new entrance archway was a dream of mine fulfilled by Jack Cathey. He and his crew worked two days to get it just right. It was designed by Ken Slattery, a Cornell employee, and made by Howard College vo-tech students at Cornell.

We have new members that will be joining our committee from our adopt-a-spot sponsors. We are happy to welcome them. They did a great job.

Anyone wishing to adopt-a-spot, please contact me.

Our committee members volunteered their time in weather that was not pleasant to make sure our festival was ready on opening night. Thanks to the city for its large vehicles to assist in lifting our large displays in the diorama. City employees from the Street and Parks Departments were a tremendous help.

We've had additional expenses this year, with new areas in lights means more power, more cables and expenses go up. Donations received at the greeters booth will just about cover our expenses.

Plans are in the works to improve the trail this year, so, you walkers will be pleasantly surprised. We just didn't have the time last year. So, get ready to walk the trail.

We want to thank those who made donations whether they were monetary or materials.

Our mayor has requested that if it be possible for us to have poinsettias on the dam up for Thanksgiving, and we plan to do that. Also, we've had a request to leave them up through January and we plan to do that. Naturally, this will add to our cost of operation.

PAT SIMMONS

CHAIRMAN

TO THE EDITOR:

I am sending this letter in response to those that would point out "the progress and opportunities" of other local cities.

My family and I have just lived in Big Spring for a little over 11 years. We thoroughly love the West Texas area, and this is our choice of a town to live in and raise our family. Yes, our town has its challenges with abandoned businesses and empty land.

As a youth and teenager I lived in close proximity to the towering redwood trees, and incredible vistas of the pristine Pacific Ocean shoreline. West Texas (including the Big Spring State Park—an attraction located in our town!) also has some incredible vistas. I have talked to visitors from Germany, Indiana, California, Wisconsin and New York that really loved the view from atop "Scenic Mountain." They loved our small town and were planning to stop by again.

Many of these visitors were from larger towns, with large attractions located nearby. But, they found one simple thing here that other larger towns would have to strive to attain. I am referring to genuine Texas hospitality and friendliness. Although this type of act is not just found in our great state it is definitely what tourists visiting in our state have come to expect.

In the short time that I have lived here I have seen the city make improvements to its operations, and to parks, pools, ect. Believe me, tourists do notice improvements.

I have seen the Chamber/CVB staff strive to promote our town on a daily basis and to promote events that attract tourists.

I have seen our area churches, Emmaus community and citizen groups sponsor life-changing acts of love every month. We have made improvements here at the state park with donations from generous citizens from right here.

The only way that our town will continue to improve is if the folks that are so quick to gripe about its condition will band together with the rest of our citizenry and actually labor to see more improvements occur.

As a small town we need to be thankful for what we have. I also can tell you from personal experience that we do need to be very thankful that we don't have what some of the other larger cities do have, which is one of the reasons why I call this town my home.

RON ALTON
BIG SPRING

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A vacation isn't always taking a trip.

It's getting away from the usual stress of daily life and trying to relax.

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National Foundation, million Americans get less than 6 of sleep a night some believe will "do the experts now wise.

"If you don't sleep, you're not to have your mind and you're not to be anxious ble during the Memory may be and your reflex be impaired," Stasia Wieber, the Center

Female bounty hunter becomes the hunted

A vacation isn't always taking a trip. It's getting away from the usual stress of daily life and trying to relax.

Reading "To The Nines" is really just like that long-awaited holiday. From the very first pages, a deep chuckle starts to roll, and it continues through the final action.

The story is so absorbing that it is disappointing when it's time to return to present-day concerns. Rest assured, you'll soon be ready for another jaunt with this bunch.

Stephanie Plum makes her



BOOK REVIEW
PAT WILLIAMS

Herald Book Review

ninth appearance as a bounty hunter working for her cousin Vinny.

As a boss, Vinny is loath to make a stand, much less lose money on a failed bond issue, so he spends most of his time locked in his office, blaming those around him for his failures.

He's still a member of the family, though, and blood in this case is thicker than water. He may threaten Stephanie with assorted bodily harm or the loss of her job, but she's faithful as an employee, and surprisingly successful. So she keeps her job and gets her pick of the felons she wants to chase.

After an illegal alien, Samuel Singh, misses his court date, Stephanie is off on

the hunt again. As she continues to question the man's former employers, they are less than forthcoming with information. However, Stephanie is convinced they know more than they are willing to share.

While pumping various sources for information, Stephanie learns that Singh has traveled to Las Vegas; she and her eccentric entourage take the city by storm only to find the focus of their hunt permanently out of commission.

Various facts point to Singh's death being connected to a computer-generated game in which the players are challenged to make a specific killing. When Stephanie continues to receive death threats, she realizes she has become one of the game targets. This makes the search

for the killer important, not just for the bounty, but to save her own life.

Janet Evanovich is as sharp as ever. In telling her tale, she has a sense of what is important. The chase and suspense make a good story, but her characterizations steal the show.

The author is able to make the story line plausible, yet exaggerating details just enough to make a mildly humorous situation absolutely hilarious.

Evanovich often surprises the reader by inserting a giggly predicament in the middle of wild and deadly action.

As a superb background for the story, the author writes knowledgeably about typical ethnic New Jersey neighborhoods which are chaotic, odoriferous, loud, and filled with loving, yet hard-edged

people. Evanovich gives Stephanie a love life that is varied, and frequently borders on the bawdy; however, she presents it with such humor that it is easy to view it with a lighter eye and not be offended.

In this story, our favorite character of Grandma Mazur plays a somewhat smaller part, and disappointingly doesn't make any mortuary appearances in her casually

unorthodox and idiosyncratic outfits. We can always hope she will play a larger role in future stories.

The verdict: "To The Nines" is a 10 — don't miss it! To The Nines, Janet Evanovich, St. Martin's Press, New York, New York, 2003.

Pat Williams, a HERALD contributing columnist, is a former resident of Big Spring.

Can you reduce your snoring habits?

The National Sleep Foundation's (NSF) 2002 Sleep in America Poll revealed 37 percent of adults report they had snored at least a few nights a week during the previous year. In fact, 27 percent said that they snore every night or almost every night.

Males were more likely than females to report snoring at least a few nights a week, 42 percent vs. 31 percent.

The poll focused on older adults between the ages of 55-84. It revealed about one-third of older adults, overall 32 percent, report they had snored at least a few nights a week in the past year, with about four in ten 55-64 year-olds (41 percent) most likely said they snore compared to about one-fourth of 65-74 year-olds (28 percent) and 75-84 year-olds, 22 percent.

Men were more likely than women to report snoring at least a few nights a week; 40 percent vs. 26 percent.

Snoring may occur due to any of a variety of ill-

nesses, from the common cold to sleep apnea. Although snoring is often a sign of sleep apnea, most snorers do not, in fact, suffer from sleep apnea.

Obesity and a large neck can contribute to snoring. People who drink alcohol before bedtime may snore more than usual.

Snoring is sometimes caused by an illness or a sleep disorder.

Reducing weight will reduce fat deposits in the throat, providing a more spacious airway.

Reduce snoring and improve nasal breathing by using a nasal strip that opens nostrils during sleep. Dental appliances from dentists or orthodontists are available.

Sleeping on a side with a pillow is a preferable position to alleviate snoring.

Avoid alcohol and cigarettes. Alcohol relaxes muscles in the airway.

Abstain from alcohol at least four hours before bedtime. Abstain from smoking. It is associated with nasal congestion.

A doctor can help alleviate snoring problems.

Healthy living could start with your Zs

From brains to beauty to physical well-being, the ABC's of healthy living may start with the Z's.

According to the National Sleep Foundation, more than 47 million American adults get less than eight hours of sleep a night. While some believe six hours will "do the trick," experts now say otherwise.

"If you don't get enough sleep, you're more likely to have your mood affected and you're more likely to be anxious and irritable during the daytime. Memory may be impaired and your reflex time may be impaired," says Dr. Stasia Wieber, Director of the Center for Sleep



Having healthier, more radiant skin is so easy, you can improve it while you're sleeping.

Medicine at The Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City.

Just as minor sleep deprivation can affect your mood and dull your

senses, it can also affect your appearance.

According to Dr. Francis Iacobellis of New York Presbyterian Hospital, "Sleep depriva-


tion causes the skin not to repair itself as well as it could. Your skin ends up with a dull, blotchy, muddy, tired look to the face because you have dead cells on the surface that need to be removed."

You need to go to bed before your skin can get to work. It's called "beauty sleep" for a reason.

While catching some Z's may be the most basic beauty treatment one can give oneself.

So, no more worrying about staying young and keeping happy. Start sleeping your way to a healthier lifestyle.

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Mach 1

Premium Mustang great value, great ride

"Hey Neal," hailed my young protege in the sports department as he stood by the window near my office staring at the Ford Mustang Mach 1 parked in the lot.

I nodded that he had gotten my attention. "What's better, the Mustang Mach 1 or the Mustang SVT Cobra?"

I motioned him into my office and got up on my soap box.

I explained it was a question that could not be answered in simple terms.

For all practical purposes, he could have asked "Who's better, Spiderman or Batman?"

Both are superheroes intent on protecting truth, justice and the American way of life. Both are capable of great feats of strength and dexterity. And almost always, you never see the two fighting over who gets to be the star of the show because they've both got their own comic book and movie deal.

It's kind of the same thing with the Mustang Mach 1 and the Mustang SVT Cobra.

It's not a question of which one is better,

faster, stronger or even looks the best. Each model fills a unique niche in the rear-wheel drive Pony car market.

And, (this is the really important part), consumers are the ones who ultimately make the decision — not necessarily which model is best, but which "model best suits their needs.

Having logged considerable seat time in both the Mustang Mach 1 and Mustang

SVT Cobra, I can honestly say that both models are exceptional for what they were designed to do.

Designed and engineered by Ford's

Special Vehicle Team (SVT), the Cobra is well-suited to dominate the local drag strip.

As I mentioned in this column before, it's fast — very fast. And even though it's a street legal machine, I wouldn't recommend it for every day driving back and forth to work.

On the other hand, the Mustang Mach 1 is plenty fast, but I found it much more enjoyable for every day driving back and forth to work and around town.

To me, the Mach 1 is



The 2003 Mustang Mach 1.

the perfect Mustang. Equipped with a 300-horsepower 4.6-liter V-8 engine, it has more than enough ponies to get down the road in a hurry, but I don't feel like I'm constantly having to work to keep it below the speed limit — which is an ongoing task with the Mustang SVT Cobra.

Introduced last fall, the new Mach 1 was added to the Mustang stable as a retro-styled, performance-oriented model to complement the base, GT and Cobra.

With its functional "shaker" hood scoop and sleek and low-to-the-ground fastback appearance, the Mach 1 is one of the most visually appealing Mustangs ever.

And handling is superb, thanks in part to new front and rear coil springs with adapted load and rate that are unique to the Mach 1.

So you see, asking

"which is better" comes down to a matter of personal preference and driving needs.

It's all a matter of which superhero you like best.

While I heartedly recommend both vehicles, my Mustang preference is the Mach 1 — simply because I spend a lot more time driving back and forth to work than I do on the drag strip.

Driving enthusiasts will not be disappointed with the Mach 1's performance, nor its ability to comfortably tackle every day driving needs.

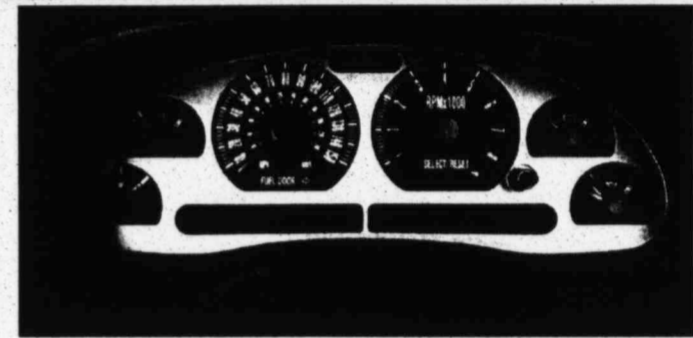
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ON THE ROAD



BY NEAL WHITE

THE NUTS AND BOLTS



MODEL: 2003 Mustang Mach 1 sports coupe	WHEELBASE: 101.3 inches
Rear-wheel drive	WEIGHT: 3,066 pounds
4-passenger seating	WIDTH: 73.1 inches
PRICE RANGE: \$28,000-\$33,000	TIRES: 17-inch
AS TESTED: \$30,105	CARGO CAP: 10.9 cubic ft.
ENGINE: 4.6-L DOHC V-8 (300 hp)	WARRANTY: 3-years/36,000-miles with Roadside Assistance
TRANSMISSION: 5-speed manual	FUEL TANK: 15.7 gallons
4-speed automatic	FEATURES: Dual front airbags, Securilock anti-theft system, remote keyless entry, CFC-free air conditioning system, stainless steel dual exhaust, fog lamps, tinted glass, rear spoiler, dual power mirrors, intermittent wipers, rear window defroster, leather seats, power windows.
EPA: 17 mpg city/23 mpg highway	
BRAKES: ABS with traction control	
STEERING: Power rack-and-pinion	
LENGTH: 183.2 inches	

Mt. Rushmore presidents are high maintenance

Think that your house is high-maintenance?

Imagine, then, what it would be like to maintain Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota, the memorial to the growth of America that features 60-foot busts of presidents Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt.

As one might imagine, it is a complex, labor-intensive, and expensive process.

National Parks, the magazine of the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), recently spoke to Jim Popovich, chief of interpretation at the memorial, about the preservation of the site's famous faces.

Q: How often do maintenance projects on the sculpture take place?

A: We perform an annual inspection of the sculpture each September.



High maintenance presidents include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. Over the years, routine maintenance has helped keep Mount Rushmore in shape.

[About 10 years ago.] we completed a structural stability study on the sculpture, using aerial photos and plotting the whole mountain, which identified 141 cracks.

Q: What was the plan to fix the cracks?

A: A silicone caulk was the best material we could find.

It's much more flexible and allows us to add some

backing rod material into the crack and fill above that. We can color it or just add granite to it.

Q: How do you keep track of the sculpture's condition?

A: There are actually about 21 separate blocks of granite that make up the sculpture.

They intersect with most of the 141 known cracks.

We began to monitor the rock blocks, which allows us to see if there are any problems with the mountain.

Professionals have specialized skills and knowledge of building construction, an ability to identify termite species and the knowledge of applicable methods of termite control.

Q: How much does that

project cost?

A: The monitoring system is \$55,000 annually. Maintenance work on the mountain itself varies, depending on what needs to be done. Maintenance work usually takes two people.

One person goes down the front of the sculpture to do the inspections and the other is available for safety.

Q: How long does the maintenance project last, and do park visitors see it?

A: We typically perform this activity over a couple of days.

The first day is setup and rigging of equipment, plus we use this opportunity to invite media to

meet the crew and ask questions.

Q: Is the sculpture cleaned?

A: No. The memorial is exposed to the elements of nature that keep it clean.

Q: Do visitors ask about maintenance?

A: They do, certainly. When visitors first view the memorial, they comment about how immense it is. Second, they begin realizing what it means to our country.

Only after these two observations do they begin to understand how it is maintained and what a magnificent feat it was to carve it.

For more information about the national parks and the National Parks Conservation Association, go to the Web site www.npca.org..

Probes go down into the rock and measure the width of a crack.

Make your own cleaning solutions

More and more people are making a clean break and spiffing up their homes with the help of homemade cleaning solutions.

Here are some popular household recipes you can make at home for removing stains, scouring pots and pans, deodorizing garbage cans and cleaning carpets:

For an all-purpose solution, mix one part ammonia with three parts water in a spray bottle. Can be used to clean windows, appliances and countertops.

For metal cleaning to scour copper and brass, mix 1/2 cup vinegar and

one tablespoon salt.

To deodorize use full-strength pine oil—great for deodorizing garbage cans, and for scrubbing the kitchen and bathroom floor.

It's not just for baking. Baking soda can be used to remove coffee pot stains and odors, or sprinkle it on carpets before vacuuming for a deep clean.

These suggestions come from Merry Maids, a leading residential cleaning service. For more tips, visit the Web site www.merrymaids.com.

Read us online: bigspringherald.com

Termites: they outlived the dinosaurs

What insect outlived the dinosaurs and now causes more damage than ever before?

That pest is the termite, an ancient insect group, which dined on trees during the dinosaur ages. In the U.S., termites cause more than \$2.5 billion in damages each year.

When termites infest buildings, they damage lumber, wood panels, flooring, sheetrock, wallpaper, plastics, paper products and fabric made of plant fibers. Their hard, saw-toothed jaws work 24-hours a day, seven-days-a-week.

Scientists say it takes three to eight years of normal termite feeding activi-



Termites use plumbing openings to enter buildings.

ty to cause measurable damage. Under ideal conditions, a termite colony of 60,000 workers could consume one foot of 2-inch by 4-inch pine in 157 to 188 days.

Experts from the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) propose tips to avoid termite infestation. Avoid water accumulation near a

home's foundation. Divert water away with properly functioning downspouts, gutters and splash blocks. Quickly repair house damage from a leaky roof or window.

Reduce humidity in crawl spaces with proper ventilation. Prevent shrubs, vines and other vegetation from growing over and covering vents.

Never bury wood scraps or waste lumber in the yard, especially near the building. Remove old tree stumps and roots around and beneath the building.

Eliminate any wood contact with the soil. Maintain a one-inch gap between the soil and wood portions of the building.

Infestation warning signs include swarming of winged forms in the fall and spring. Termites are easily confused with flying ants.

Evidence of mud tunneling in, over and under wood structures. Wooden structures exhibiting darkening or blistering.

Damaged wood becomes extremely thin and can be easily punctured by a knife or a screwdriver.

Professionals have specialized skills and knowledge of building construction, an ability to identify termite species and the knowledge of applicable methods of termite control.

For more information, visit www.pestworld.org.

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COAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL

"A" Honor Roll
9th Grade-Shandra Coker, Stephen Ewing, Brandon Hildebrand, Ami Martinez, Jacob McCain, Brittnee Nix, Callie Paige, Cody Price, Dakota Teaff, Briana Thurman, Ryan Walker, Christopher Weihert, Michael Yeater.
10th Grade-Amber Arthur, Sarah Bartlett, Samantha Bays, Natasha Casillas, Elizabeth Conley, Patrick Croft, Sterling Gee, Ryan Green, Cody Griffith, Joe Holguin, Genevieve Jacquez, LaTisha Mccartney, Tyler Sheppard, Drew Wells, Kelsea Wood.
11th Grade-Katie Bowling, Christine Coker, Gene Corse, Zack Phillips.
12th Grade-Trevor Bibb, Alexis Bollier, Cade Bowlin, Garrett Cornett, Kristi Hutchison, Kelby Kemper, Leslie Kennedy, Derek Martinez, Nick Molina, Maki Ryzuzaki, Sam Tindol.

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10th Grade-Joe Aguilar, Rachell Atkinson, Terrell Bibb, Tania Bradley, Crystal Bridges, Randi Davis, Sarah Dunn, Thomas Helmers, Kassi Hutchison, Ashle New, Tori Paige, Joe Richter, Kali Roberts, Trey Thornton, Jackie Valencia, Pros Yanez.
11th Grade-Isaac Brewer, Garret Cline, Kerri Grice, Brittany Hankins, Danielle Hess, Justin Hoover, Megan Jackson, Brandi Kilpatrick, Annissa Lerma, Ginnee Metcalf, Callie Price, Rebeca Rodriguez, Lauren Yeater.
12th Grade-Sarah Ames, Grant Bartlett, Chris Bishop, Haley Butts, Chance Clanton, Justin Gard, Christina Garza, Clay Grant, Mitchell Gutierrez, Kristi Halliday, Randall Hipp, Kody Jackson, K.K. Kellar, James Mitchell, Natasha Mitchell, Josh Noble, Crystal Ortiz, Tiffani Paige, Cody Pennington, Brittany Price, Seana Reilly, Lindsey Schoeppner, Sam Sevey, Elisha Teeler, Jacob Villa.

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7th Grade - Nathan Gomez, Berkley Iden, Ashley Martin, Alexandra Moore, Laci Sterling
8th Grade - Teryn Bibb, Kayla Gutierrez, William Reilly, Christie Rich, Kay Spiller, Simon Stolarczyk
"A-B" Honor Roll
7th Grade - Devin Adamson, Isaac Arguello, Steven Boren, Harrison Chevalier, Megan Conley, Danja Gonzales, Braden Griffin, Aricka Hart, Bobby Hodges-Kandel, Paige Jackson, Kelly Lee, Amanda Medina, Shelbi Paige, Jovi Paniagua, Michael Reid, Hilari White, Katelyn Wilson
8th Grade - Crystal Beck, Randi Gerstenberger, Chanel Griffin, Amy Holleman, Kristen Hudgins, Devyn Martinez, Colter Morgan, Regan New, Justin Rau, Reagan Rupard, Joshua Thompson, Caylea Wood

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"A" Honor Roll
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2nd Grade-John Tyler Breyman, Covan Davidson, Bryson Dunn, Marisol Hernandez, Ali Knight, Karyssa Ramirez, Kolby Self, Jammie Armsted, Caleb Davenport, Eric Edwards, Tyler Evans, Chandler Freeman, Lily Hsu, Polo Morin, Mikeal Pappajohn, Taybor Flores, Clayton Galloway, Eindra Lwin, Matthew Mims, Falon Newton, Elizabeth Rhodes, Kelcy Truszkowski.
3rd Grade-Alexis Armstrong, Dillon Bagnall, Tanner Ballard, Madison Churchwell, Cole Long, Landon Boeker, Trevor Burchett, Jesse Harmon, Case Ingram, Kie Jones, Gabrielle Borel, Shea Campbell, Nicholas Emerson, Leah Kay Lloyd, Jansen McDonald, Shelby Rotan, Brian Tribolet.
4th Grade-Phillip Cummings, Alejandra Hernandez, Sydney Holdampf, Foster Burchett, Jodi Jones, Amber Neighbors, Kyle Stevenson, Austin Bynum, Hope Cimino, Kara Hughey, Lindzey Roach, Kayla Warnick.
5th Grade-Zane Herrin, Regan Newsom.

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4th Grade-La Shaunte Anderson, C. J. Ballard, Haleigh Bird, Courtney Blair, Tiffani Box, Pearson, Alexis Smith, Kaleb Stanley, Dalton Taylor, Hannah Thmpson, Patrick Walker, Brianna Welch, Garrett Willard.
2nd Grade-Jammie Armstead, John Tyler

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4th Grade-Foster Burchett, Austin Bynum, April Cevallos, Hope Cimino, Cassie Creel, Phillip Cummings, Patrick Greer, Alejandra Hernandez, Sydney Holdampf, Jodi Jones, Amber Neighbors, Felixianna Pantoja, Payton Parker, Lindsey Roach, Kyle Stevenson.
5th Grade-Cameron Churchwell, Jacquilin Civello, Zane Herrin, Michael Mims, Regan Newsom, Amber Rodriguez.
"A-B" Honor Roll- 1st Semester
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4th Grade-La Shaunte Anderson, C. J. Ballard, Haleigh Bird, Courtney Blair, Tiffani Box, Ashley Buzbee, Paston De La Garza, Jared Del Toro, Victoria Dunnam, Cheyenne Galloway, Dymeachia Hall, Lindsey Heckler, Shelby Hudgins, Miranda Jennings, Alex Massingill, Felixianna Pantoja, Kyle Parker, Payton Parker, Caden Rosenbaum, Kaidie Saverance, Mara Sheets, Tyler Steen, Elgen Suazo, Darien Walker, Spencer Wells, Garrett Willey, Stevie Wilson.
5th Grade-Sterling Chaney, Cameron Churchwell, Jacquilin Civello, Shelby Clark, Karlene Daniel, Cory Davenport, Timothy Davila, Morgan Forshee, Erica Garrett, Valerie Garza, Rebekah Hall, Morgan Harbour, Zachary Hatfield, Stephanie Hesson, Steven Johnson, Logan Lamb, John Lyons, Michael Mims, Lindsey Mince, Kevy O'Brien, Miranda Park, Summer Peddy, Kelsee Perkins, Chase Pierce, Nalani Province, Jake Rhoton, Amber Rodriguez, Kolten Self, Kay'C Stanley, Brandy Wilson.

"A" Honor Roll-1st Semester
1st Grade-Ryan Armstrong, Kole Carter, Mason Coor, Darby DePauw, Kasey Foster, Ashley Garcia, Chris Gomez, Sam Harris, Emily Hatfield, Braden Hearn, Alicia Hernandez, Zachary Long, Breana Madry, Christopher Mims, Hannah Minchew, Nicole Niklasch, Ryan Pearson, Alexis Smith, Kaleb Stanley, Dalton Taylor, Hannah Thmpson, Patrick Walker, Brianna Welch, Garrett Willard.
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5th Grade - Sterling Chaney, Shelby Clark, Cory Davenport, Timothy Davila, Blake Sheens, Morgan Forshee, Erica Garrett, Valerie Garza, Rebekah Hall, Morgan Harbour, Zachary Hatfield, Stephanie Hesson, Steven Johnson, John Lyons, Lindsey Mince, Kevy O'Brien, Miranda Park, Summer Peddy, Kelsee Perkins, Chase Pierce, Nalani Province, Michael Rangel, Jake Rhoton, Brooklyn Riddell, Jeremy Sucedo, Kolten Self, Natty Sorenson, Kay C Stanley, Hali Wells, Brandy Wilson.

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2nd Grade - Gabriel Hewty, Kaylea Holbrook, Kayla Jernigan, Amanda King, Shayla Martin, Briana McCallay, Miranda McNew, Joshua Metcalf, Loren Moore, Savannah Neff, Shanen Warneke, Tamala Wilson
3rd Grade - Jessica Alvarado, Wendy Andersen, William Barker, Dustin Fontana, Rikki Gilbert, Brandie Gutierrez, Alex Hill, Julie Jimenez, Tanner Lain, Morgan Luce, Kaleb McAdams, Clay Monroe, Shelbi Montgomery, Jose Nino, Laurel Nix, Ryan Reid, Tobin Robinson, Michael Villareal, Marla Wilson
4th Grade - Jennifer Castilaw, Justin Coker, Heather Hildebrand, Ambra Hill, Mathew Horvatic, McKenzie Moore, Jessi Morgan, Haley Pace, Cayla Rodriguez, Coleman Sneed, Calvin Stansel, MacKenzie Stone, Nikita Wagenman
5th Grade - Morgan Barker, Joshua Castilaw, Brayden Iden, Jason Martinez, Cody Riddle, Michael Weihert, John Williams
6th Grade - Alexandra Cordes, Katie Dunn, Jordan Martin, Ashleigh McFadden, Kalea Neff, Megan Parrish, Kirstyn Pulis

"A-B" Honor Roll

1st Grade - Bailee Barber, Brody Coates, Whitney Dodson, Jalin Gilbert, Hunter Hill, Bailey Kennedy, Jordan Matthews, Joseph Melendez, Tabytha Mendoza, Logan

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Fisher Williams
2nd Grade - Joseph Acosta, Richard Adamson, Brittany Bakley, Kameron Cabo, Breann Castillo, Kyle Clanton, Brian Cravens, Tyler Frazier, Tristan Gutierrez, Brittany Gutierrez, Kimberly Henry, Katerina Kandel, Branson Kennedy, Zachary King, Sarah Melendez, Jordan Moran, Ashley O'Brien, Ashley Pate, Kristin Poffinbarger, Cade Price, Devin Sloan, Tanner Tucker, Eron Urias
3rd Grade - Payton Anderson, Brittnie Cortez, Kristen Dees, Zachary Dickerson, Danielle Denny, Maria Gonzales, Minnah Horvatic, Hunter Lowery, Jacqueline Martin, Maeghan Mauzey, James Miller, David Morales, Kristie Murphree, Santos Orozco, Rachel Robbins, Daniel Solis, Brittany Turner, Thomas White
4th Grade - Kiel Black, Kendra Carey, John Flores, Keveen Gilbert, Silvia Gonzalez, Dustin Gutierrez, Robert Guzman, Christopher Henry, Heather Kirby, Jackie Kirkham, Marco Molina, Stormie Noggler, Cody Oliver, Tomas Ramirez, Paul Sabazar, Brandon Sanders, McKenzie Stolarezyk, Julian Uraga
5th Grade - Rachel Barbee, Michelle Bari, Jaurdin Briscoe, Lane Gammons, Victoria Gonzales, Aaron Gonzales, Jessica Gutierrez, Martin Gutierrez, Rachel Kennedy, Mia Medina, Brooks Osborne, Shelby Reid, Reagan Reid, Austin Rinard, Casey Roberts, Brandi Smith, Devin Thomason, David Thompson, Brent Wright, Brooke Zitterkopf
6th Grade - Elisha Carroll, Milton Castillo, Britt Dickenson, K Leigh Fowler, Kylie Gee, Kiki Hahn, Kenzie Hum, Krista Lyons, Blanca Mancha, Hach McCullough, Erik Nino, Joshua Paniagua, Reagan Rainey, Jacqueline Ruiz, Lauren Ruiz, Nicholas Sevey, Riley Wood

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"A" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade - Austin Blount, Davis Browne, George Elias, Ben Lester, Elizabeth Martinez
2nd Grade - Cornelius Giesbrecht, Maria Gonzales
3rd Grade - Jake Brody, Ryan Reid
4th Grade - Zaha Pen, Hayden Ware
5th Grade - Landon Parker, Morgan Yarbrough
6th Grade - Noemi Martinez, Kimberly Wigington
7th Grade - Britni Blagrove, Logan Gaskins, Tamara Nichols
9th Grade - Garnel Nichols, James Reid
10th Grade - Hannah Lester, Ceyan Smithson, Santos Ybarra
11th Grade - Marcelo Barraza
12th Grade - Steven Barraza, Jose Briseno, Cindy Martinez, Amy Sanchez, Chelsey Ybarra
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1st Grade - Michelle Diaz, Stefanie Diaz, Isabella Flores, Aggie Friesen, Luis Gonzalez,

Eya Loewen, Kyler Nichols, Sergio Plata
2nd Grade - Tori Jackson, Maria, Jorge Pena, Aaron Ragle, Jerad Staggs, Kendra Staggs, Kaemen Watkins
3rd Grade - Aris Diaz, Jennifer Franco, Preston Zam
4th Grade - Sean Blagrove, Michael Gomez, Ryan Stockton, Albert Ybarra, Priscilla Ybarra
5th Grade - Celeste Hamilton, Caleb Lester, Kelsea Moore, Lani Robles, Meagan Yarbrough
6th Grade - Eva Aguinaga, Abril Garcia, Johnny Rogers, Ashli Soelking
7th Grade - William Carson, Christina Chavez, Kayla Franco, Jesus Gomez, Miranda Gutierrez, Mage Hamilton, Richard Lucio, Jesse McDonough, Mason Parker
8th Grade - Carmen Aguinaga, Ronnie Paonoch, Mary Rogers, Melvin Ruiz, Crystal Ybarra
9th Grade - Erik Gutierrez, Jessica Lucio, Carol Martinez, Samantha Paonoch
10th Grade - Matthew Benavides, Dan Campbell, Don Elyar, Clemente Gomez, Tyler Kinman, Brenda Martinez, Juan Monica, Junior Varela
11th Grade - Kandise Carson, Marlana Gomez, Tisha Lucio
12th Grade - Krista Blagrove, Ben Campbell, Glacie Diaz, Jessica Flores, Audra Kennemer, Stephanie Lucio, Ana Pina, T. Anna Reed, Rosanna Sanchez, Brandon Woods

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1st Grade - Oscar Barraza, Charlie Boling, Joshua Brown, Tyler Bryan, Oasis Cervantes, Carlee Daniel, Alyssa Dehoda, Chase Dunnam, Ryan Garmoe, Angela Garcia, Kaeli Hines, Preciana Jeter, Jensen Jeter, Emily Mckinley, Jared Nieto, Jimmy Olivares, Rebecka Quillen, Julianna Rodriguez, Dylan Ross, Bailey Sharp, Jennie Steel, Gloria Stinson, Tobyn Tannehill, Camron Torres, Madison Verastegui, Lecky Yarbar, Kristian Yeats
2nd Grade - Taylor Arista, Casey Cervantes, Zach Crabtree, Corbin Foster, Harley Gray, Kelsie Guinn, Catherine Harris, Alex Hughes, Tabitha Keaton, Evan Leib, Zachary Ludington, Cole Lyssy, Brady Mckeska, Mayra Ortega, Devin Roberson, Jordan Rodriguez, Brandon Soliz, Jessica Spears, Connor Steel, Gabbie Trevino, Briana Valencia, Amy Winters
3rd Grade - Vanessa Alvarado, Kylee Borchardt, Caleb Brown, Emilee Brumley, Matthew Burnett, Cloee Camden, Connor Fuquerson, Alex Gorman, Austin Gibson, Chris Hughes, Sydney Larson, Caleb Lewis, Allison Payen, Sterling Phernton, Bryanna Raney, Colton Roberts, Freddie Sanchez, Logan Yarbar, Ariel York
4th Grade - Katie Black, Elias Bustamante,

Kevin Flarity, Crystal Garcia, Kassie Gross, Nicholas Islas, Drew Long, Mckenzie Metcalf, Samantha Munoz, Savannah Nock, Caleb Pickle, Colby Ritter, Scarlet Robertson, Emily Salas, Morgan Slaughter, Selene Sosa, Danielle Strickland, Matt Tompkins, Alexis Torres, Seth Trevino, Sydney Winters

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1st Grade - Karina Alvarado, Conner Bales, Caleb Benson, Jacqueline Castillo, Kyra Cox, Destiny Gilliam, Joshua Gutierrez, Taryn Haynes, Tara Huey, Adrian Lopez, Will Lopez, Anais Martinez, Adam Olivas, Taylor Olivo, Marisol Ortega, Serena Payen, Savannah Robinson, Priscilla Salazar, Tatiana Sanchez, Ty Sealy, Katie Wilson
2nd Grade - Anthony Cantu, Cassidy Feaster, Adam Franco, Daric Gill, Omar Hernandez, Patrick Laws, Isaiah Ludington, Jesse Mcleskey, Austin Mize, Kaegan Robertson, Eric Salazar, Kayla Sigmon, Anthony Slate, Trace Telchik, Kristen Thamez, Jahari Vanover, Nadya Viasana, Garrett Wheeler
3rd Grade - Katelyn Bales, Selena Bustamante, Tyler Camden, Jacob Cervantes, Clayton Cooper, Jarred Doport, Amanda Duck, Dylan Edwards, Tracey Feaster, Anthony Fierro, Alfred Garcia, Eric Gill, Brandon Gonzales, Lugardita Gonzales, Meagan Islas, Cody Jones, Sherada Jones, Adam Lloyd, Oswald Lujan, A.J. Martinez, Michael Oliva, Emilio Ortiz, Kasey Osborne, Alex Parks, Ransom Parks, Kayleen Ramirez, Tyler Ramirez, Alex Reagan, Taylor Robertson, Korina Rodriguez, Paige Shaw, Richard Vasquez, Topaze White
4th Grade - Robert Aguilar, Brian Beauchamp, Cassie Boehringer, Bradlee Butts, Robyn Castle, Megan Constancio, Daniel Coyle, Ashley Deleon, Bianca Griego, Adam Guzman, Bella Landry, Michael Luna, Jessica Oliva, Laura Ortiz, Sean Poffenbarger, Alma Rodriguez, Mark Segundo, Brandon Shook, Joshua Smith, Garrett Stuteville
5th Grade - Tessa Williams, Alyx Pappajohn, Garrett Pool, Jeremy Robbins, Tiffany Strong, Ryan Welch, Kaleb Willey, Stephanie Williams, Michael Steelman, Tiffany Strong, Eric Valle, Ryan Welch, Kaleb Willey, Stephanie Williams, Clint Lockhart, Kaela Strickland, Rowena Suazo, Whitney Wallace, Joyhn Williamson, Keisha Yarbar
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Panthers trying to make themselves at home in Houston

By LES BOWEN

Knights Ridder Newspapers
HOUSTON (KRT) — When you're climbing a tall ladder, you don't look down, you just look at the rung in front of you, which viewed closely enough, might as well be the rung six inches off the ground.

The Carolina Panthers seem to have a similar strategy for dealing with Super Bowl week, the culmination of their dizzying climb from going 1-15 two seasons ago to facing the favored, more conventionally pedigreed New England Patriots Sunday at Reliant

Stadium for the NFL championship.

The plan, defensive tackle Brentson Buckner said, is for the Panthers to act as if they're at home this week, to take as little notice as possible of the parties and hoopla and overwhelming media coverage.

"When you win, you can go out and party all you want," Buckner said after the Panthers touched down in Houston. "When you lose, you sit back and you start to regret some of the things you did. Now we're preaching. 'Treat it like we were at home.' You wouldn't do those things at home. Don't do



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them now."

The Panthers' task might be eased a bit by the fact that Houston looks a lot like Charlotte — lots of New South glass-and-concrete skyscrapers,

oppressive traffic, and acres of strip malls. But this week, Houston has something Charlotte never has seen, and would like to claim — the Lombardi Trophy.

It wasn't clear whether Buckner was voicing regrets from his own experience as a losing member of the Pittsburgh Steelers team that lost Super Bowl XXX to the Cowboys. It is clear that the Panthers seem a bit wide-eyed, with only seven players on their roster who have played in the Roman-numeraled extravaganza, three who have played in it and actually won. Those

three are tight end Jermaine Wiggins (a Patriot two years ago), center Jeff Mitchell (Baltimore, Super Bowl XXXV) and wide receiver Ricky Proehl (St. Louis, Super Bowl XXXIV). Offensive tackle Matt Willig was also on that Rams roster, but did not play in the Super Bowl.

"It's setting in a little bit, especially today, with all the media right here right now," Carolina linebacker Dan Morgan said earlier this week, as one of a half-dozen Panthers dispatched to feed the media monster after the team's first See **SUPER**, Page 2B

Hawks shoot for WJCAC top spot

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

When the Howard College Hawks began the 2003-2004 season, their main objective was to compete for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title this season.

By all standards, the Hawks are meeting that goal.

Howard College, 12-4 for the year and 3-1 in WJCAC play, will try and gain a share of the conference lead tonight when it travel to Levelland to face rival South Plains. Should the Hawks down the WJCAC-leading Texans, Howard would move into a tie for first in the conference race — a feat the Hawks never accomplished a year ago when they went 29-4 and advanced to within five minutes of the junior college national championship tournament.

Howard is scheduled to take its shot at the conference lead at approximately 8 p.m. in the Texan Dome. The HC women will lead off the action at 6 p.m.

South Plains, which downed Howard three times a year ago, including in the Region 6 Basketball Tournament finals, won't be an easy task. The Texans, under former HC head coach Steve Green, enter the game with a 16-5 record and riding an eight-game win streak.

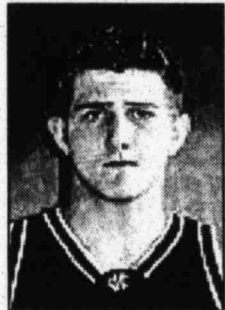
Sophomore Issian Reding leads the Texans' attack. Sparked by his 16.3 points and 7.9 rebounds a game, South Plains heads into today's showdown sporting the WJCAC's No. 2-rated scoring offense. The Texans, whose last lost came on a 64-56 decision to Lamar (Colo.) Community College on Dec. 12, 2003, are posting 76.5 points a game.

Reding isn't the only weapon in the SP arsenal. Forwards Keena Young and Dennard Abraham turned in solid years. Young has averaged more than 10 points and eight boards this year.

As a team, the Texans own the second-best shooting percentage from the field this year, hitting 48 percent of their attempts.

Reding and Daevon Haskins key the SP defense. Reding has 26 blocks while Haskins leads the team in steals.

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STORY



VALENTINE



Howard College sophomore Alan Jones is one of three returning pitchers for the Hawks' baseball team. Howard gets the 2004 college baseball season under way Friday against New Mexico Military with a doubleheader at Jack Barber Field. Games begin at noon. Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

Young Hawks ready to open '04 baseball season

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

It may be the middle of winter, but get ready to make way for the 'Boys of Summer.'

A much younger version of the 'Boys,' but a version nonetheless.

Howard College, featuring a roster full of freshmen, will get its 2004 college baseball season under way Friday afternoon when it hosts New Mexico Military



SMITH

Hawks

at a glance

Who: Howard College vs. NMML
Where: Jack Barber Field
When: Noon, Friday
Records: Season opener for both.

Institute in a doubleheader at Jack Barber Field. The first of the two seven-inning games will begin at noon.

The Hawks debut will mark the beginning of a new era in Howard College baseball as Britt Smith takes the lead in the dugout as head coach. Smith replaces Justin Hays at the helm.

Hays stepped down in June to pursue

other opportunities after five years as the Hawks' head coach.

Smith, who served as an assistant coach for two years under Hays, won't be the only new face on the HC roster. Howard will be built around approximately seven freshman starters.

"We're going to be younger than we have in the past," said Smith, who begins the year with more than 20 rookies. "If we can get through the first few games and get them playing at a different level by the end of the year, we could be pretty good."

Overall, the Hawks bring back just two returning position players from last

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Softball boosters to meet Monday

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet Monday in the Athletic Training Complex.

All parents of high school girls participating in the softball program are encouraged to attend.

The BSHS softball season gets started Feb. 12. Practice begins Monday.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Daniel New prepares to put up a shot during Saturday's Big Spring Youth Basketball League action in the junior high gym. Teams from throughout the Crossroads' area will return to the court this weekend.

Wildcats move to within one win of playoffs

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Grady Wildcats are on the verge of nailing down a playoff berth.

Grady moved to within one win of clinching at least a runner-up playoff berth Tuesday by pounding out a 62-44 win over Ira in District 7-A action.

With the win, the No. 3-ranked Wildcats improved to 6-0 in loop

play and inflated their season record to 23-1.

Ira managed to hang close on the first half. The Bulldogs, behind Wes Kellner and Jake Barnes, trailed by just two points, at 17-15, at the end of the first eight minutes.

The Wildcats, the defending District 7-A champion, padded their lead a bit in the second. Grady posted a 15-8 run in the frame and took a 32-23

lead into the half.

The Wildcats reeled off another 15-8 run in the third and all but iced the contest. Grady took a 47-31 lead into the fourth.

Jason Pribyla led all GHS scorers by pitching in 24 points. Brent Madison and Andrew Villa also hit double figures with 20 and 10 points, respectively.

Grady will host rival Borden County Friday.

Area Basketball Standings

GIRLS
District 4-4A

Team	Overall	District
Frenship	.21	6
Levelland	.14	12
Andrews	.14	11
Estacado	.14	12
Lake View	.11	15
Big Spring	.6	15

District 3-2A

Team	Overall	District
Seagraves	.21	5
Stanton	.15	8
Coahoma	.11	15
Colorado City	.8	17
Forsan	.6	17
Crane	.8	14

District 8-A

Team	Overall	District
Garden City	.21	3
Iraan	.na	na
Rankin	.10	12
McCamey	.na	na
Wink	.na	na

District 7-A

Team	Overall	District
Borden Co.	.20	5
Grady	.18	6
Ira	.8	12
Sands	.na	na
Dawson	.8	15
Klondike	.na	na

District 13-A

Team	Overall	District
Trent	.10	7
Highland	.18	2
Loraine	.na	na
Westbrook	.5	14
Blackwell	.na	na
Hermleigh	.5	11

BOYS
District 4-4A

Team	Overall	District
Estacado	.22	4
Frenship	.10	13
Andrews	.18	5
Lake View	.11	14
Levelland	.7	17
Big Spring	.4	20

District 3-2A

Team	Overall	District
Colorado City	.15	10
Coahoma	.12	10
Seagraves	.na	na
Crane	.7	15
Stanton	.na	na
Forsan	.10	12

District 8-A

Team	Overall	District
Iraan	.12	10
Wink	.12	7
McCamey	.na	na
Garden City	.6	17
Rankin	.3	6

District 7-A

Team	Overall	District
Grady	.22	1
Ira	.9	14
Borden Co.	.na	na
Sands	.9	14
Klondike	.9	14
Dawson	.5	17

District 13-A

Team	Overall	District
Westbrook	.8	9
Blackwell	.11	10
Loraine	.na	na
Trent	.10	6
Highland	.2	16
Hermleigh	.na	na

District 4-4A Leaders

Girls
Individual Scoring (Top 15 only)

Player, Team	Pts	Avg.
Lavonda Henderson, Estacado	147	24.5
Ashleigh Brady, Frenship	100	16.6
Leina Braxton, Big Spring	93	15.5
Diandra Marquez, Andrews	86	14.3
Allison Hill, Lake View	84	14.0
C. Blackshear, Levelland	84	14.0
Nitra Woods, Andrews	83	13.8
Jennifer Pena, Frenship	77	12.8
K. Gerstenberger, Levelland	86	12.6
S. Henderson, Estacado	72	12.0
Tiara Grant, Andrews	72	12.0
Tomisha Martin, Estacado	66	11.0
Erika Fowler, Lake View	65	10.8
Heather Fuller, Andrews	47	7.9
Sarah Manthel, Andrews	43	7.1
Carmen Lewis, Big Spring	43	7.1
Raegan Ritchey, Big Spring	38	6.3

3-point Shots (Top 5 only)

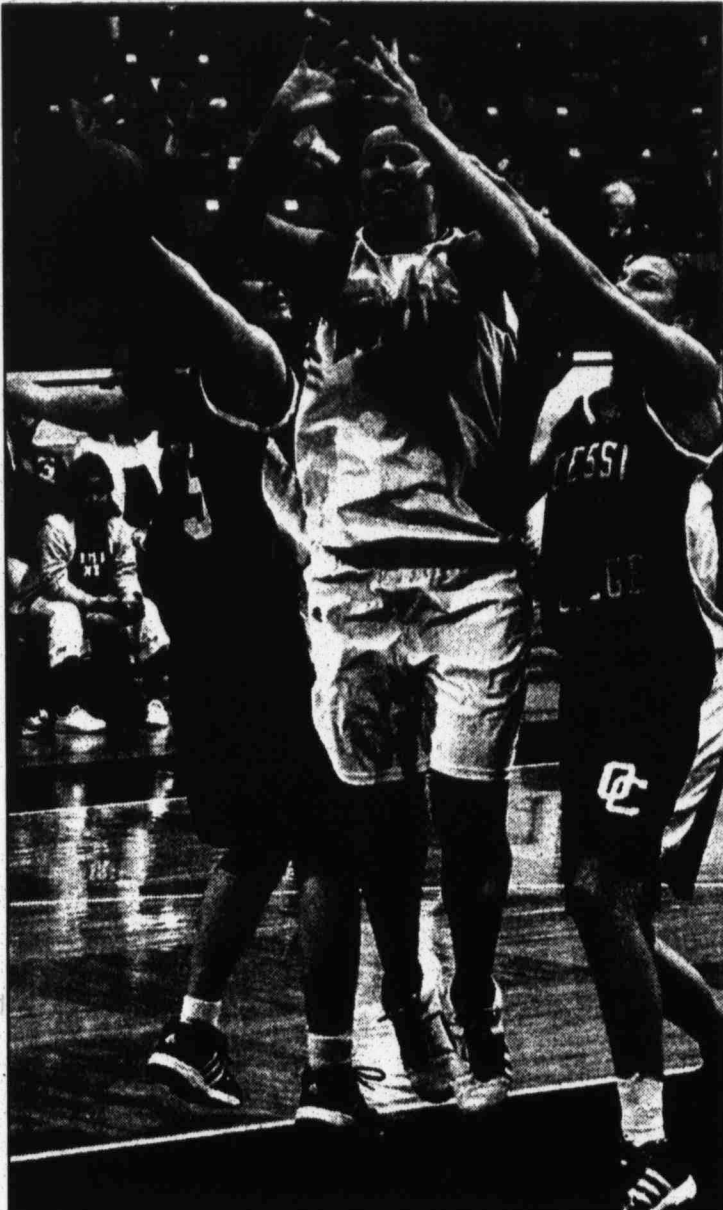
Player, Team	Made
Jennifer Pena, Frenship	15
Diandra Marquez, Andrews	12
Leina Braxton, Big Spring	11
Kandis Alderman, Frenship	11
Chelsea Blackshear, Levelland	9
Amanda Davidson, Frenship	9
Susan Brashear, Levelland	8

Boys
Individual Scoring (Top 20 only)

Player, Team	Pts	Avg.
Stefferon McNeal, Estacado	70	17.5
Nick Evans, Frenship	69	17.2
Blake Sutton, Frenship	69	17.2
Michael Omales, Big Spring	65	16.2
Jordan Cobb, Big Spring	57	14.2
Luna, Levelland	57	14.2
Whitfield, Estacado	53	13.2
Tyla Haygood, Andrews	53	13.2
Kelvin Roberts, Andrews	52	13.0
Anthony Smith, Lake View	51	12.7
Rodgers, Estacado	41	10.2
A.J. Ross, Lake View	41	10.2
Calvin Anderson, Lake View	39	9.7
Grappe, Levelland	36	9.0
Villanueva, Frenship	35	8.7

3-point Shots (Top 5 only)

Player, Team	Made
Stefferon McNeal, Estacado	14
Anderson, Lake View	8
Rodgers, Estacado	7
Kirland, Levelland	6
Roberts, Andrews	4
Michael Omales, Big Spring	4



Howard College sophomore Kristen Valentine grimaces as two Odessa defenders team to bat the ball away. Valentine, who has averaged more than .10 points a game in WJCAC play, leads the HC women against South plains today at 6 p.m. in Levelland.

HOOPS

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Howard College, the WJCAC's top scoring offense and shooting percentage team, comes in with a few weapons of its own. Sophomores Steve Goff and Jon Sykes and freshman phenom Steve Story give the Hawks one of the better inside-outside combinations in the conference. Led by the "Big Three," HC has averaged 79.2 points a game.

Goff is definitely the straw that stirs the Hawks' drink. The 6-foot-8 standout has averaged 17 points a game and leads the conference in three-point shots made (70).

Sykes and Story have developed into one of the better tandems since Batman and Robin. A 6-foot-10 native of Roswell, N.M., Sykes leads the team with 150 rebounds and has registered a WJCAC-high 33 blocks. Story, who has carried a huge offensive load in each of the Hawks' last three games, is averaging more than 12 points and six boards since becoming a starter midway through the season.

Freshman Johnny Jones is also a sparkplug

Western Junior College Athletic Conference
Howard College vs. South Plains
6 p.m. today at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference Women's Standings

Team	Overall	District
Odessa College	15	0
New Mexico State	13	1
Western College	13	1
Stanton College	12	2
Howard College	11	3
South Plains	11	3
West Texas A&M	10	4

HAWKS

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year's 25-29 squad. Among the veterans coming back are leftfielder Scott Mitchell and catcher Roberto Martinez.

Both Mitchell and Martinez are solid performers. Mitchell hit .297 with five home runs and 15 stolen bases last year. Martinez posted a .337 average with a homer.

Howard could gain two other veterans in the field later in the year. Shortstop Ryan [redacted] and outfielder Josh Dillon are

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practice in Houston. "It's been crazy around here. You can tell things are starting to get excited."

Defensive end Mike Rucker said coach John Fox, the Patriots' defensive coordinator when they lost Super Bowl XXXV, "gave us kind of a heads-up, how it was going to be last week, how it's going to be this week."

One thing Fox can't help the Panthers with, though, is the fact that the Patriots won the Super Bowl just two years back, and they played in it and lost (to the Packers) just five years before that. Twenty-one current Patriots have played in the Super Bowl, and five of them participated in both appearances.

The Panthers who own Super Bowl rings wore them on the flight Sunday from Charlotte, to "kind of show the guys that the Patriots aren't the only guys out there with Super Bowl rings on," Mitchell told the Charlotte Observer.

But the Patriots obviously have no need for such gestures.

"Those of us who have been around and been here before already know the protocol," said Patriots linebacker Willie McGinest, one of the five two-timers. "We'll have our fun and do the partying after the game. This is serious business."

Pats coach Bill Belichick called his team's journey to Houston "a business trip," which seemed to lack a little magic, or a sense of the moment, but given the Pats' history, they really have no reason to be awed.



MITCHELL



MARTINEZ

Austin Dorsey

coming back to anchor the pitching staff. Jones and Perea, a

sophomore from Juarez, Mexico, both started several games a year ago. Perea, who is scheduled to hurl the Hawks' opener, led the team in

innings pitched and strikeouts last fall, fanning 80 batters in 80

innings. Dorsey returns after turning in a solid effort as a rookie. Last fall as the team's closer, he posted a 5-1 record with four saves and a 0.92 earned run average.

Another HC standout on the mound this fall will be Leander High School product Blake Kronkosky. Both Perea and Kronkosky were among the top junior college pitching prospects in the United States according to Collegiate Baseball.

Smith said Kronkosky would likely start the second game of the twinbill.

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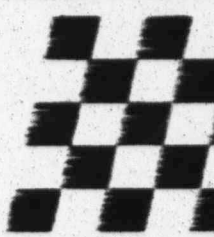
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UP FOR GRABS

With big-name teams fielding a talented pool of drivers, the 2004 Nextel Cup rookie of the year is anyone's guess

BY JIM UTTER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Not only is the 2004 Nextel Cup rookie class deep in talent, it's also deep in resources. Unlike previous seasons in which there were two or three rookies from top-notch teams, this season's class features drivers backed by several of the most successful organizations in the sport. Hendrick Motorsports, Richard Childress Racing, Penske — names synonymous with success in NASCAR — are joined by the likes of Bill Davis Racing, Evernham Motorsports and MBV Motorsports in fielding first-year Cup drivers.

All of the teams feature talented personnel and are fully funded — not always a given with aspiring rookies. The driving talent alone would make for a terrific rookie race. Toss in six strong organizations and this season's battle could be NASCAR's best yet. "It's amazing to see the talent that keeps coming up from the Busch Series and other series," said Jimmie Johnson, who battled Ryan Newman in a tight rookie race in 2002. "I think you can't rule anyone out."

"Maybe these guys will raise the bar again. All the rookies have great backing and good teams." The Busch Series was home last season to all but one of this season's Cup rookies. Brian Vickers, who at age 20 became the youngest champion in Busch series history last season, leads the way in Hendrick Motorsports' No. 25 Chevrolet.

Vickers, in his first full Busch season, won three races en route to the title. He also ran in five Cup races, qualifying fourth or better in four.

"There are a lot of great candidates for the (rookie) title — a lot of people I've raced with in the past in the Busch Series and late models," Vickers said.

Scott Wimmer, at 28, and Scott Riggs, at 33, are the "veterans" of the class. Both spent the past two seasons on the Busch circuit racking up numerous wins.

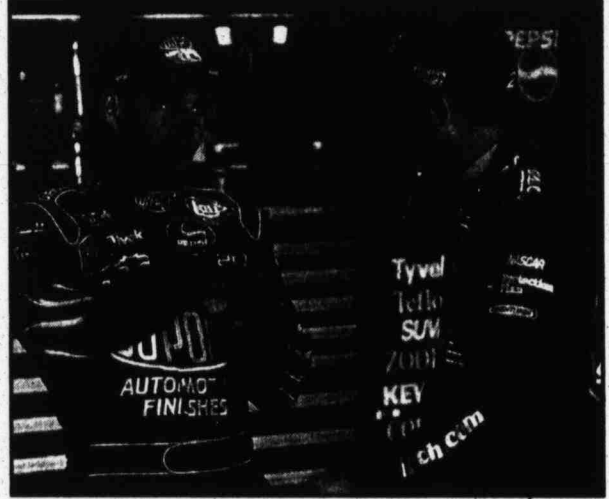
Riggs is a former late-model star and veteran of the NASCAR Truck Series. He takes over the No. 10 Chevrolet at MBV Motorsports.

"This is an exciting time for all of us — just thinking about the Daytona 500 opener. It's the biggest and most prestigious race and we want to come out of the gate with a strong statement."

Before joining Bill Davis Racing in the Busch series, Wimmer started in the American Speed Association and the Hooters Pro Cup series, where he was known for working long hours on his cars.

"Being hands-on with the car is most important," Wimmer said. "You need to know your car and know how to work on your equipment."

Johnny Sauter, 25, and Kasey Kahne, 23, also move



JOHN RAOUX/KRT
Veteran Nextel Cup driver Jeff Gordon talks strategy with rookie teammate Brian Vickers at pre-season testing at Daytona International Speedway in Florida.



Sauter
Sauter, who will drive Childress' No. 30 Chevrolet. "I want to race, and more time on the track will only give me a better chance at success."

Kahne, who captured his first Busch win in the 2003 season finale, is ready for the Cup season. "It's nice to get back in the car," he said. "We've got a real good rookie class. I've raced with all of them except Brendan Gaughan. They're all good racers."

Gaughan, who led the Truck series with six wins last season, moves into Cup as part of a third Penske team created from Jasper Motorsports' No. 77. The deal was completed over the past two months.

"I've been racing NASCAR for six or seven years now. I've been racing Trucks, Winston West," Gaughan said. "I've kind of done what NASCAR would like us to use as stepping stones."

"The learning curve is going to be high, but I have lofty goals."

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Nextel Cup 2004 rookies
This year's rookie class has a wealth of racing experience.

Brendan Gaughan
Age: 28
Team: Jasper-Penske Racing
Comment: Late addition to class; dominated 2003 Truck Series

Kasey Kahne
Age: 23
Team: Evernham Motorsports
Comment: Success depends on ability to handle travel during Busch and Cup

Scott Riggs
Age: 33
Team: MBV Motorsports
Comment: Extensive racing résumé should provide solid foundation

Johnny Sauter
Age: 25
Team: Richard Childress Racing
Comment: Also running full Busch and Cup schedules; should excel on short tracks

Brian Vickers
Age: 20
Team: Hendrick Motorsports
Comment: 2003 Busch Series champ already turning heads

Scott Wimmer
Age: 28
Team: Bill Davis Racing
Comment: Extensive racing résumé should provide solid foundation

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Kevin Harvick	637	2.1%
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RACIN' NOTES



DAVID HINSHAW/KRT
Lowe's Motor Speedway is studying how to adapt SAFER barriers to its banked track.

Daytona, Talladega set for SAFER barriers

Energy-absorbing barriers will be installed in time for races at Talladega Superspeedway (Ala.) in April and at Daytona International Speedway (Fla.) in July, but installation of the "soft walls" is not imminent at Lowe's Motor Speedway (N.C.) at Charlotte.

Installation of the Steel and Foam Energy Reducing (SAFER) barriers in all four turns of the 2.5-mile Daytona track will begin after the track's Bike Week in March and is expected to be completed in time for the July 3 Pepsi 400.

The SAFER barriers were already in place on inside walls at Talladega, but will be added to the outside walls in all four turns in time for that track's first Nextel Cup race of 2004, the Aaron's 499 on April 25.

Lowe's Motor Speedway has another type of barrier, of a design using encapsulated polystyrene, along inside walls at key points on its 1.5-mile tri-oval. But track president H.A. "Humpty" Wheeler said Friday there is still work to be done on adapting the SAFER barriers for application at high-banked intermediate-length ovals.

"We are not dragging our feet," Wheeler said. "We are going to do it, and we are looking at it now."

The SAFER barriers were developed at the Midwest Roadside Safety Facility at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. They also have been installed in front of outside walls at the Indianapolis, New Hampshire, Richmond (Va.), Homestead-Miami and Phoenix tracks.

"Homestead was the first banked track," said Gary Nelson, NASCAR's managing director of research and development. "The designers had some adjustments that they made. They have now gone on to surveying all of the tracks over the last few weeks and into the next few weeks and months to get a hands-on understanding of the way the current wall works and how it will fit each particular track."

"As they move along, and talk to the different tracks, and make the recommendations for the tracks, you will hear more from the track operators as they start putting it into their schedule."

"The physics are different in a high-banked 1.5-mile track," Wheeler said.

"One thing we have to be sure of is where to start with the barriers and where to stop them as they come out of the turn."

— David Poole

Bruton Smith is never short on suggestions or sharing his thoughts

Bruton Smith is a man with big ideas. The latest? A national college football championship game. "We'd take the top two teams and pay \$20 million to each university," Smith said.

"You don't know of any universities that would like to have \$20 million, do you?"

No, Smith's not the first person to think of that idea. But nobody else would be able to deliver the venue Smith wants to see that game played in.

"We'd play it at Bristol," Smith said of his racetrack in east Tennessee.

"We'd just scrape everything flat on that infield there and we could have 155,000 people for this deal. ... I would like to do it, just to say we've done it. And maybe we'd make a couple of bucks, too."

Smith is chairman of Speedway Motorsports Inc., the company that owns Lowe's Motor Speedway as well as Bristol and tracks in Atlanta, Texas, Las Vegas and Sonoma, Calif.

That also made him the de facto host for the UAW-GM Motorsports Media Tour that ended Thursday, so he stopped by a hospitality function held Monday at artist Sam Bass' gallery across from the track and played a little verbal volleyball with reporters.

On the NASCAR front, Smith has been sort of quiet for a while.

He popped up last year to get a dig in at his rivals at International Speedway Corp., offering to contribute to the cost of rebuilding Talladega so there wouldn't be so many wrecks. But he hasn't — at least that we know about —

tried to buy up any racetracks to add Nextel Cup dates to his tracks' portfolio.

"We're just working on some things," Smith said. "Sometimes you accomplish them. If the ball comes across the plate, you know I am going to swing at it."

The next pitch could be a lawsuit filed by SMI stockholder Francis Ferko charging that ISC reneged on a promise to give Texas Motor Speedway a Nextel Cup race date to go with the one Smith got via his purchase of half-interest in North Wilkesboro (N.C.) Speedway. The trial was originally slated to begin this month, but has been pushed back to May.

Despite prevalent suspicions, Smith swears he's not involved in the suit. He has given a deposition in the matter, as have top officials with NASCAR and ISC, including former NASCAR chairman and chief executive officer Bill France Jr.

"I am trying to stay as far away from that as I can," he said. "Mr. Ferko did"



KEVIN FUJIKIRI
Bruton Smith is known for big ideas.

not send me a Christmas card. Maybe he didn't have my address."

Smith said he's "heard" that discussions aimed at settling the suit have taken place.

"I wouldn't be surprised if something got worked out," he said. "For everybody I think it would be wonderful if you could wave a magic wand and that would go away."

Smith said he's keeping an open mind about NASCAR's new champi-

onship points structure and that he likes Brian France, the third-generation member of the France family who now has the chairman and CEO posts. "I just hope his dad lets him do some things," Smith said.

Smith thinks NASCAR needs to slow down the cars by cutting horsepower, and slow down the rising costs associated with the sport as well.

"NASCAR is the one who has to make those decisions," he said. "They're working on it, that's what I have been hearing for four years. Brian says they're working on it, and I told him they need to work harder."

"It's so simple. If you don't know how to do it, why don't you get some guys who can? Get five or six Junior Johnsons or somebody with enough sense to sit down around a table for a couple of weeks and come up with suggestions."

And if they don't have any ideas, you can bet your last dollar that Smith will.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
Aspects overhead favor mixing and mingling for matters of business and pleasure --

it's all wrapped up in the same exchange. We get to know new people by doing business with them, and we get to know business associates by sharing friendly activities. Financial issues are a focus under the Taurus moon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Developments in family relations make you feel at ease. Now, you can think of yourself for a change. Finances shape up because you ride a practical wave of thought. A platonic buddy turns into a fantastic romance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll feel like the road less traveled is the one for you, but follow the book line by line. A Capricorn mentor will help you stick with the plot. Some of you are in denial about a situation at work. The sooner you face facts, the better.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Steer clear of those who tend to monopolize your time, and you are productive. New romance has wings, but for now, keep it on the ground, one step at a time. You'll be glad you took it slow. Tonight, look deeply into relationships.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll find yourself taking inventory of all the good stuff and conveniently forgetting the rest when the sentimental music swells. Make an effort to enjoy your experiences the first time around.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll need a cushion to protect yourself from unexpected drains on your energy. So practice self-control and healthy habits. Don't let others talk you into purchases that are too rich for you. Tonight, augment your collection.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Budding aspects of your personality need support. Think about whom you'd like to hang out with -- hopefully, someone who already masters that quality you'd like to develop. Singles find love right under their noses.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Polish off the unfinished projects that clutter your life. Pace your efforts. Everything happens better at a relaxed rhythm. Though you feel like a homebody, it's important to get out tonight. It's a good day to interview baby sitters.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A tug-of-war at work has no winners, so avoid the fight. Instead, get on the same team, and work for creative solutions. You increase your self-value by teaching someone what you know. Consider your profile among colleagues.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Assertiveness is your astrological gift. Plan to tell that tyrannical boss goodbye -- but don't do it

just yet. Have a solid offer in place before you burn the current bridge to your income. Partners want to learn and give more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The morning gets heated, and emotions might be expressed inappropriately. Go for a walk to clear your head. It's more important to be there for family than for work people now. You and your relatives can act as a team.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Review your money-making strategy. You'll find a flaw. It's wonderful to discover a mistake because it gives you a chance to fix it while you still can. Think about what you need from relationships.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Any half-completed or unclear commitments should be cleared up now, especially those of a romantic nature. You and a loved one bond deeply when all of the gunk is out of the way.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am a Taurus born April 23, 1965. I would like to know if I will have any luck with love and money this year. I want to open my own home business (this is my heart's desire) and to own my own home. But financially, nothing is going well for me at the moment. I feel as if I have been cursed for most of my life when it comes to luck in money and relationships. My younger sister is a Taurus and seems to have all the luck in the world. What gives?"

You have been cursed, but the good news is that you can lift the curse. Yours is the curse of believing that your life is somehow at the whim of outside forces and that you are not in control of it. This cursed thought has made you fail to see the relationship between your actions and the way your life has turned out. You are extremely lucky to not only know what you want but to have many resources, including an excellent Taurus work ethic, that will allow you to make it happen. I believe you can have your house and your business if you are willing to lift your curse.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Moral responsibility is a high priority for Aquarius people, and Elijah Wood is no different. As Frodo Baggins of "The Lord of the Rings" series, Wood fulfills a personal quest for spreading a positive message to the world -- a simple person can do much in the face of great evil. Such is the Aquarian cause. The water bearer is driven to represent the humanity of man (or hobbit, as the case may be).

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7	Time to Live	Threat Matrix (CC)	Velo de Novia	Tu Calling (CC)	Cold Case (CC)	Amor Descarado	Friends (CC) Will & Grace	Movie: You've Got Mail	Update/Israel Biblical Israel	West Tex Jmi World	Coming Home From Space	Movie: Nevada Smith	New Jersey Nets at	Parkers (CC) Parkers (CC)	Movie: Smart House (CC)	Maryland at Wake Forest	Boston Bruins (CC)	Movie: Blow (CC)	Van Wilder	National Lampoon's
8	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	Ta Amare en Silencio	Danger, Animal	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn	El Alma Herida	Will & Grace Scrubs (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Frontline (CC)	Mars Rocks: The Update	Mars Rocks: The Update	Orlando Magic NBA	106 & Park: Prime	Comicview	Sister, Sister Boy World	Florida State at Duke (CC)	2003 World Series of Poker	Movie: We Were Soldiers (CC)	Nobody's Baby (CC)	
9	PrimeTime Thursday	PrimeTime Thursday	Aqui y Ahora	70s Show Drama-Greg	Without a Trace (CC)	Mujeres Apasionadas	ER (CC)	40 Movie:	Conquistadors (CC) (DVS)	More Than Human	45 Movie:	Basketball: Sacramento	Comicview	Sister, Sister Kim Possible Proud Family	Kim Possible Proud Family	Tennis: Australian	SportsCenter (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims	Movie: We Were Soldiers (CC)	
10	News Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News Tonight Show	A League of Their Own	Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Coming Home From Space	Will Penny	Kings at San Antonio Spurs	Nightly News Mead Sports	Even Stevens Sister, Sister	Open	Rome Is Burning (CC)	Doors (CC)	Movie: We Were Soldiers (CC)	
11	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Extra (CC) Jimmy Kimmel	En las Mejores Familias	Becker (CC) Spin City	(CC) Late Late	Al Rojo Vivo	(CC) Late Night	(CC)	Rev. J. Hansen Jesse Lee Pe.	Sign Off	Mars Rocks: The Update	More Than Human	Movie: Nevada Smith	X-Files (CC)	Comicview	Boy World Recess (CC)	Gamenight NFL Live	SportsCenter (CC)	Doors (CC)	
12	Live (CC) Oprah Winfrey	Live (CC) Oprah Winfrey	Angela	Blind Date	Show (CC) Street Smarts	Maria Celeste Corte-Familia	(CC) Fraser (CC)	12:10 Movie: You've Got	Update/Israel Derek Prince											

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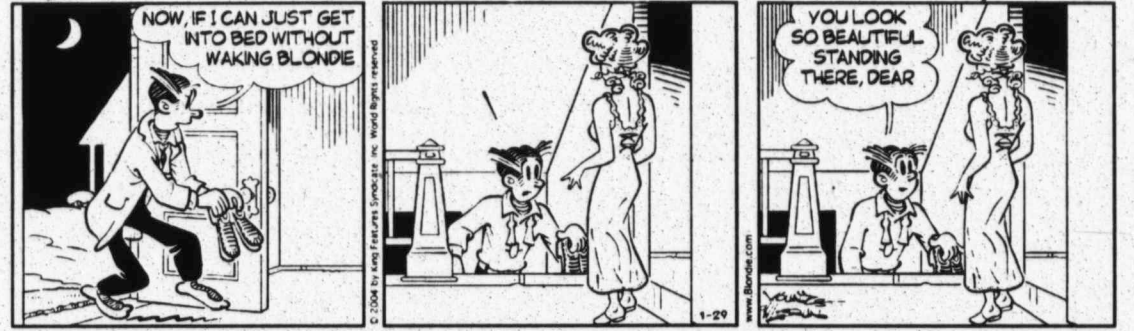


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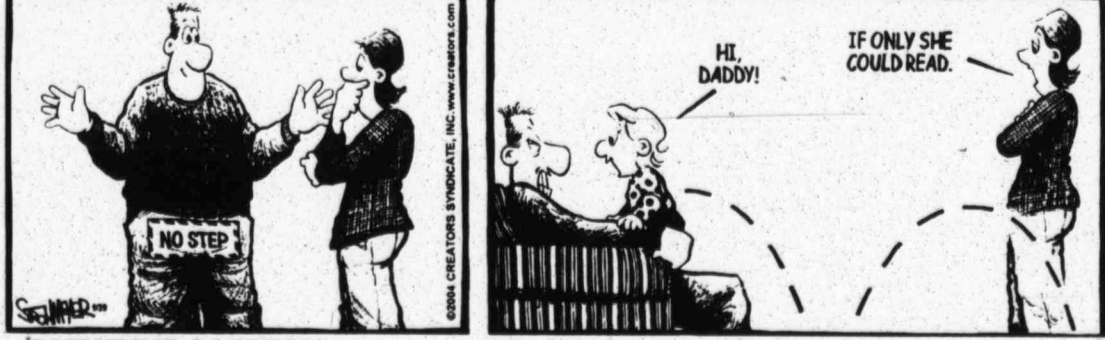
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 29, the 29th day of 2004. There are 337 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 29, 1820, Britain's King George III died insane at Windsor Castle, ending a reign that had seen both the American and French revolutions.

On this date:

In 1843, the 25th president of the United States, William McKinley, was born in Niles, Ohio.

In 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published, in the New York Evening Mirror.

In 1850, Henry Clay introduced in the Senate a compromise bill on slavery that included the admission of California into the Union as a free state.

In 1861, Kansas became

the 34th state of the Union.

In 1936, the first members of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, N.Y.

In 1958, actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward were married.

In 1963, the first members of football's Hall of Fame were named in Canton, Ohio.

In 1963, poet Robert Frost died in Boston at age 88.

In 1979, President Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House, following the establishment of diplomatic relations.

In 1998, a bomb rocked an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Ala., killing Robert Sanderson, an off-duty police officer working as a security guard, and critically injuring Emily Lyons, a nurse. (A suspect, Eric Rudolph, was captured in May 2003.)

Ten years ago: Japan's Parliament approved watershed measures to stem political corruption. In

South Africa, Nelson Mandela kicked off his party's campaign for the country's first multiracial elections.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-singer John Raitt is 87. Actor John Forsythe is 86. Actor Noel Harrison is 70. Author Germaine Greer is 65. Actress Katharine Ross is 64. Actor Tom Selleck is 59. Actor Marc Singer is 56. Actress Ann Jillian is 54. Rock musician Tommy Ramone (Ramones) is 52. Rock musician Louie Perez (Los Lobos) is 51. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is 50. Actress Diane Delano is 47. Country singer Irlene Mandrell is 47.

Answer to previous puzzle

SWIFT	TIRE	BASE
TIBIA	ADEE	ORCA
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Newsday Crossword

MAGNETIC by Patrick Jordan
Edited by Stanley Newman

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| ACROSS | 64 "Send in the Clowns" starter | 10 Units of fun or monkeys | 34 Illegal forcing |
| 1 <i>Peanuts</i> interjection | 65 Hearing figure | 11 Algebra work | 39 Computer key |
| 5 Halloween costume | 66 "Should that be true..." | 12 Respiration organ | 40 Shabby |
| 10 Recess signal | 67 Lingers | 13 Bonnie belle | 43 Consecrates |
| 14 <i>Star Wars</i> series creature | 68 Visibility reducer | 18 Peanut alternative | 46 Casual shirt |
| 15 Not available | 69 Turns a gown brown, maybe | 22 Call to 50 Across | 48 "The serpent beguiled me" speaker |
| 16 Green-blue hue | | 24 Belief system | 49 Off the ship |
| 17 Item under a refrigerator magnet | | 25 Peaceful protests | 52 Like some vegetables |
| 19 Seeks votes | | 26 Hamstring locale | 53 Run out |
| 20 Island instrument, informally | | 28 Initial coat | 54 D'Artagnan companion |
| 21 Billion-year period | | 29 Jack Frost's canvases | 55 Top off a room |
| 22 Talks oneself up | | 30 Loafer | 56 Astronomer's bear |
| 23 Withstand | | 31 <i>Julius Caesar</i> garb | 57 Israeli dance |
| 25 "Pull!" sport | | 32 Start an ovation | 58 Full range |
| 27 Item under a refrigerator magnet | | 33 IRA variety | 61 Nightwear, briefly |
| 32 Ore filling | | | 62 Make a kazoo buzz |
| 35 Be worthy of | | | 63 Dispose (of) |
| 36 Manhattan area | | | |
| 37 Cured salmon | | | |
| 38 More apt to snivel | | | |
| 41 Yuletide quaff | | | |
| 42 "___ boy!" | | | |
| 44 Sign | | | |
| 45 Clueless | | | |
| 47 Item under a refrigerator magnet | | | |
| 50 Fido's friend | | | |
| 51 <i>Streetcar</i> cry | | | |
| 55 Adorable one | | | |
| 57 "That tickles!" | | | |
| 59 Do lunch | | | |
| 60 Julia's Oscar role | | | |
| 61 Item under a refrigerator magnet | | | |

