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Republican Party office to open

The Republican Party of Howard County will hold the grand opening of its headquarters from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday at Places and Pleasures Travel Agency, 222 S. Main. The public is invited to visit with candidates. There will be food, door prizes and music.

Greg's Grill UW restaurant of week

Greg's Grill in the Big Spring Mall is the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's featured restaurant this week. A portion of Friday's proceeds at Greg's Grill will be donated to United Way, which helps 15 area agencies with funding. For information about the local United Way or to make a donation, call 267-5201.

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Library's banned books display will be put on shelf after Saturday

By KENDRA WISS Staff Writer

"Censorship is telling a man he can't have a steak because a baby can't eat it," said Mark Twain.

The Howard County Library is closing out its Banned Book Week on Saturday. According to the American Library Association (ALA), the annual event has been observed since 1982 and reminds Americans "not to take for granted their pre-

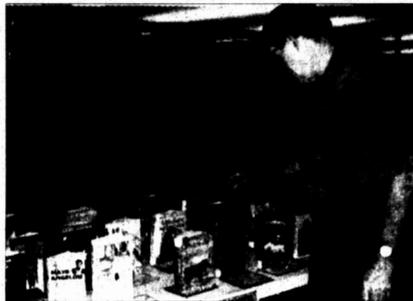
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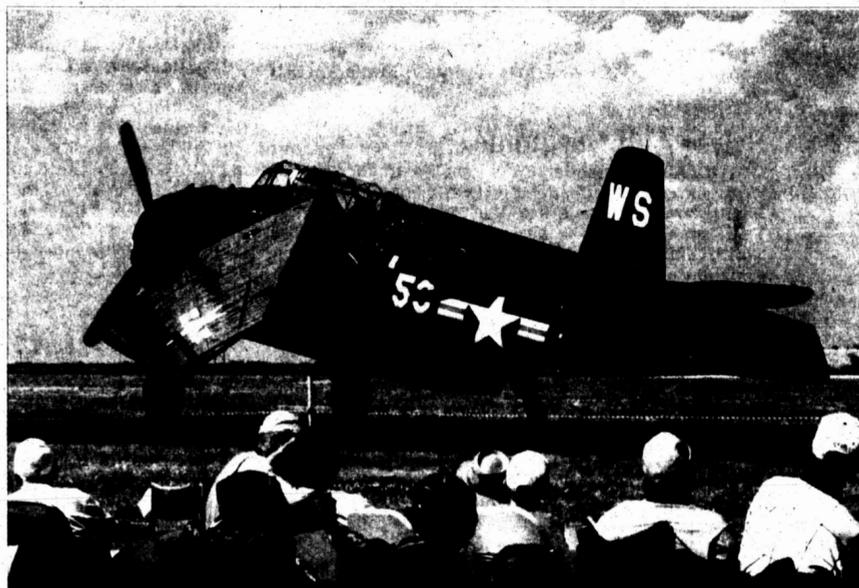
The Banned Book Week display at the Howard County Library was created by reference librarians Vera Hyer and Johnny Schafer.

The library does not have a ban on any of its books and Schafer says that most of the

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Reference Librarian Johnny Schafer sets up one of the banned books Wednesday. The books are on display now at the Howard County Library.



The 2004 Fina-CAF Airsho is slated for Saturday and Sunday at Midland International Airport and will feature a number of vintage aircraft similar to this Navy aircraft, left, and World War II fighter, above. The Airsho will also feature the Masters of Disaster, a team of stunt pilots which features a jet-powered truck and the world's only jet-powered biplane.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Fina CAF Airsho to take off at Midland International

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

The skies over Midland International Airport will be teaming with activity this weekend, as the Fina Commemorative Air Force Airsho gets ready to take off Saturday.

With everything from a parachuting team to a jet-driven truck, the 2004 Airsho promises to be an exciting chance for West Texans to get a glimpse of the past, present and future of aeronautics.

"I loop it, roll it, spin it, snap it, tumble it end-over-end, back it up, put out a lot of smoke and noise with most of it coming within 10 to 20 feet of the ground."

Jan Collmer, Fina pilot



One of the show's most famous acts will also be returning this year, as nationally renowned stunt pilot Jan Collmer will put his Fina Extra 300L through the paces.

"I love this air show. I stay

in practice, and I'm ready to fly anytime you say go. Takes me about three or four minutes to be in the air," Collmer said with a laugh. "My wife

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Cap Rock Energy awaits decision from PUC

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Cap Rock Energy may be on the receiving end of a black eye from the Public Utilities Commission, as the West Texas company awaits a decision from the state agency that could amount to more than \$1 million in customer refunds.

The PUC issued two notices of violation to the energy corporation this week based on PUC staff recommendations, the result of changes to the Public Utility Regulatory Act passed in September of 2003. According to the notices, Cap Rock over-charged customers more than \$800,000 and assessed more than

Energy company files suit against two area customers for statements

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Midland-based Cap Rock Energy filed a lawsuit this week against two West Texas men the company claims made "patently false" statements against the company.

Harold Hoelscher of St. Lawrence and Odessa hay producer Marvin Haechten were named in the lawsuit, which alleges the pair "made statements that were patently false and could damage

the company (Cap Rock Energy), its employees, shareholders and customers," according to statements released this week by Cap Rock Vice President Ronnie Lyon.

The lawsuit focuses on statements made by Hoelscher and Haechten in a documentary filmed in July by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

"Hoelscher and Haechten published

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\$300,000 in unauthorized late fees during that time frame.

"The PUC staff reviewed our tariffs after they were filed and had recommen-

dations to bring them into compliance with the rules and regulations of the Public Utility Regulatory Act," said Ronnie Lyon, vice president and gener-

al counsel for Cap Rock Energy. "We have amended the tariffs to make all of their suggested changes and the proposed tariff is filed and awaiting

approval.

"The charges for which we have been cited relate to charges that were made under our legally adopted and approved tariff. This is a case where the transition in regulatory authority has created a situation where the company has a legally adopted tariff, but all of its provisions don't comply with the PUC rules and regulations."

The change in regulatory authority referred to by Lyon took place in September of 2003, when the company, which was previously regulated by its board of directors, fell under the supervision of the PUC.

The notices of violation

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Deadline extended for VAMC

Principi will establish advisory committee to study Big Spring VA Medical Center

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi said Wednesday he will establish a federal advisory committee to evaluate veterans' health care needs in the Big Spring area — an evaluation due no later than December 2005.

Principi said he would appoint the committee from representatives of veterans' service organizations, local government, community organizations, health care and business.

The Secretary said that 20 other sites across the country — including the veterans hospital in Waco — will also have federal advisory committees to assist in the completion of the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) studies.

"Establishment of a federal advisory committee to provide stakeholder input ensures a thorough and fair evaluation of stakeholder recommendations on how best to implement the CARES plan," said Principi, who added that he will utilize a contractor to develop the studies and plans.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, who has been a staunch supporter of keeping the facility in Big Spring, said the committee represents a substantial victory for Big Spring in the battle to keep the VA Medical Center right where it is.

"I think this is a very positive sign for Big Spring," said McEwen. "We know what the facts are, and the study is going to confirm the need for the facility and the services that it provides to



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Obituaries

Mary Elizabeth Sperry Poisall



Mary Elizabeth Sperry Poisall, 81, of Big Spring died Tuesday morning, Sept. 28, 2004, at the home of her daughter, Lynn P. Biel, in Houston, after a long illness. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Pastor Allen Green of North Gate Christian Center of Houston officiating. Music will be furnished by Austin C. Biel, and the eulogy by Tammi Gonzales, grandchildren of Mary E. and Charles R. Poisall. Burial will follow at the Coahoma Cemetery.

She was born Feb. 2, 1923, in Oklahoma City, to Edward E. Sperry and Lura M. Scanland Sperry. Mary was a 1941 graduate of Classen High School and a graduate of Blackwood School of Business, Oklahoma City. She was married to Charles R. Poisall, USAAF, in Glendale, Calif., Jan. 6, 1945. The couple lived in Idaho, Oklahoma and Texas.

The Poisalls lived in Las Cruces, N.M., for 25 years while Charles R. Poisall was employed at the White Sands Missile Range. They moved to New Jersey in 1977. They moved to Big Spring in 1980, upon his retirement from government service.

Mary was a long time member of the Sand Springs Church of Christ. She also was a life long member of the Preceptor Delta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority of Las Cruces.

Mary always had a kind word for everyone and a helping hand. Her motto in life was "Did you pray about it?" She had a deep abiding faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ.

She believed in taking every matter to the Lord in prayer. She had many friends who depended on her strength and guidance. Mary was a wonderful wife and mother. As a younger woman she was a faithful employee, working as an accountant for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Charles R. Poisall of Big Spring; her daughter, Lynn P. Biel and her husband, Richard C. Biel, of Houston; her son, Charles E. Poisall and his wife, Joyce Bozeman Poisall, of Coleman; granddaughter, Tammi Biel Gonzales of Houston; and grandson, Austin C. Biel of Houston.

Also surviving are seven great granddaughters and four great grandsons, Rebekah Biel, Melody Biel, Victoria Gonzales, Amanda Gonzales, Emily Henderson, Abigail Henderson, Sophia Gonzales, Adrian Gonzales, Justin Gonzales, Simon Gonzales and Tenor Biel. Also surviving are life long friends in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three aunts, five uncles and several cousins.

Pallbearers will be Pat Robinson, Jim Self, Dennis Greenfield, Charles Wright, Terry Kessler and Ralph Angelo. Honorary pallbearers will be Coit Walker, Richard Biel, Jerry Yarbrough, Thomas Covington and Billy Reed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Inhome Care Inc., 1104 Scurry, Big Spring 79720; Odyssey Healthcare, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring; Sand Springs Church of Christ, 105 Spring Creek Road, Big Spring.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Irene Hartmann



Irene Hartmann, 74, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, in an Odessa hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Wayne Frost, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

She was born April 5, 1930, in Moulton and married Emmett Charles Hartmann in 1948 in Moulton. He preceded her in death in 1984. She came to Big Spring Oct. 31, 1961, from Robstown and was a Lutheran.

Survivors include four sons, Emmett Hartmann Jr., Kenneth Hartmann, Daniel Hartmann and David Hartmann, all of Big Spring; six daughters, Geraldine Douglas, of Big Spring; Betty Spence of Deptford, N.J.; Jeanette Knappe of Laughlin, Nev.; Elizabeth Mayfield of Denton; Ethel Niziol of Manville, Wyo.; and Lisa Gilmore of San Angelo; one sister, Evelyn Kubicek of Moulton; 10 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Patricia Hartmann, one sister and her parents.

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

Artie L. Sinclair

Artie L. Sinclair, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 27, 2004. Graveside services are 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. today.

He was born March 1, 1937, to the Rev. David L. Sinclair and Ruby Howell Sinclair in Waco and was an ordained Baptist minister. He was a pastor until becoming the first fulltime newsman for WFAA (Channel 8) in Dallas and he covered the death of President John F. Kennedy in 1963. April 20, 1990, he married T. Ann Sinclair in Lake Tahoe.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and one brother.

Artie is survived by his loving wife, Ann Sinclair of Big Spring; his children, Johnny Sinclair of Conroe, Travis Ivy of Conroe, Glenna Largent of Conroe, Joseph Sinclair of Grand Prairie, Mary Otis of Grand Prairie, Kim Mercer of De Soto, Michelle Conte of Cedar Hill, Melissa Allen of Robinson and Cheston Lane of Sherman; 19 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and an aunt, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be directed to the American Liver Foundation, 75 Maiden Lane, Suite 603, New York, N.Y. 10038.

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

Sylvia Ann Hernandez

Sylvia Ann Hernandez, 37, of Fort Worth, formerly of Coahoma, died Saturday afternoon, Sept. 25, 2004, following an automobile accident near Jackson, Miss. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

She was born May 10, 1967, in Big Spring and graduated in 1986 from Kermit High School. She had been a truck driver for Werner Enterprises in Fort Worth for five years and she was a Catholic.

She is survived by six brothers, Chris Hernandez of Fort Worth, Joe Hernandez of Big Spring, Manuel Hernandez of Odessa, Pete Hernandez and Henry Hernandez, both of Kermit, Mingo Hernandez of Arizona; and five sisters, Toni Valenzuela of Burleson, Virginia Robollo of San Antonio, Florence Garcia of El Paso, Mary Ann Lujan of Fort Stockton and Margie Dominguez of Kermit.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Lucille "Lucy" Myers Emerson

Lucille "Lucy" Myers Emerson, 82, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Jim Liggett, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at the Sulphur Springs City Cemetery, Sulphur Springs.

The family will receive friends from 4 - 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

She was born June 26, 1922, in Sulphur Springs, retired from American Petrofina and was a certified professional secretary. She served as a volunteer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for many years and was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her son, Scott Emerson of Big Spring; her daughter, Janie Snelson of Midland; her sister, Dorothy Martin of Mount Pleasant; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles Anthony Emerson.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, Big Spring 79720 or a favorite charity.

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

Jean Wrinkle

Jean Wrinkle, 69, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Sept. 28, 2004, at the Hospice Inpatient Unit of Midland Memorial Hospital. Her services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Earl Stevens Jr.

Earl Stevens Jr., 83, died Sept. 28, 2004, at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City following a long illness. Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, at the First Christian Church in Sealing with the Rev. Pastor Dennis Adair officiating. Interment will follow in the Brumfield Cemetery in Sealing.

He was born Aug. 7, 1921, in Luther, Okla., to Earl and Lula (Davis) Stevens and married Ardelia Frazier Sept. 2, 1944. He was a veteran, a field coordinator for Phillips Petroleum and was a member of the First Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Nola Jones, two sisters and one brother.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ardelia Stevens of Sealing; two daughters, Linda Willadsen and husband, Richard, of Big Spring and Carolyn King and husband, Henry, of Enid.; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and one sister, Anna Mae Parker of Crescent.

Memorials can be made to the First Christian Church or to the Brumfield Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Redinger Funeral Home in Sealing.

Clay Reid

Clay Reid, 84, of Coahoma died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

James Petty

James Petty, 74, of Big Spring died at 4:34 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

• **RHONDA RENAE VICKERS**, 22, of 1400 Mt. Vernon, was arrested Wednesday on local traffic warrants.

• **DENNIS RAY NIXSON**, 46, of 112 E. 15th Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.

• **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.
- in the 1700 block of FM 700.

• **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.

• **FORGERY** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• **PUBLIC INTOXICATION** was reported in the 1000 block of Kenney.

• **POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** was reported in the 1000 block of Kenney.

• **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY** was reported in the 1000 block of Kenney.

• **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION** was reported in the 1000 block of Kenney.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 21-23-28-33-36. Bonus Ball: 22.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$20,883.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 13. Prize: \$1,457.

Number matching four of five: 325. Prize: \$126.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 336. Prize: \$107.

Number matching three of five: 14,100. Prize: \$5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 4,208. Prize: \$5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 19,681. Prize: \$3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$11 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-16-18-20-26.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$35,473.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-0

Sheriff's report

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

• **DAVID CHARLES PATTERSON**, 27, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of indecency with a child - sexual contact.

• **MICHAEL LEE WHITE**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify.

• **JEFFREY ALAN MARTIN**, 20, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation.

• **MITCHELL RAY COVINGTON**, 41, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a parole violation.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4200 block of S. Highway 87.

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false words which were disparaging of Cap Rock Energy," said Lyon. "These two individuals have been very vocal in their criticism of the company for quite some time, and that is their right. However, when they make statements that are patently false and could damage the company (Cap

Rock Energy), its employees, shareholders and customers, the company felt it had no choice but to take legal action in order to protect its interests."

During the filming of the documentary Haechten told the film's producer that Cap Rock issued the sale of more than one million shares of stock after it was changed from a cooperative to a publicly traded company, which took place in 1998, at which time 65 percent of the com-

pany's shares were funneled into the pockets of Cap Rock's executives and directors.

Hoelscher also said the loss of the co-op, which ultimately led to a series of rate increases that have stymied his efforts to grow irrigated cotton, has harmed Glasscock County and his home town of St. Lawrence.

Lyon said only 19 percent of shares are owned by executives and directors of the energy provider.

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received by Cap Rock recommend the payment of more than \$1.3 million, and come following testimony filed with the PUC concerning pending rate increases that claim the company should greatly reduce its rates to customers.

"These are the same claims that this small group of customers has been making in our PUC proceedings for months," said Will West, vice president and chief strategic

officer for Cap Rock. "Once the PUC ruled that these allegations should not be considered in our tariff filing, they were made in these enforcement actions.

"This is truly a matter of 'same song, second verse.' We were ordered into regulation by the PUC with little time to prepare. Now our detractors would have us penalized because some of our procedures don't comply with PUC rules, even though they weren't required to comply."

Cap Rock has 40 days to respond to the allegations.

VAMC

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the veterans."

McEwen said the element of local input, along with an independent, unbiased contractor, should not only resolve the current situation surrounding the veteran's facility, but also establish its value long into the future.

"You have to be concerned if the facts aren't on your side," said McEwen. "In this case, the facts are very strongly on our side, and I think once this study is behind us it will prove now and in the future that the Big

Spring VA Medical Center provides the best care where it's located now."

Moore Development for Big Spring Executive Director Kent Sharp has also been involved in the fight to keep the VA Medical Center in Big Spring.

"It's really hard to say what this is going to mean for Big Spring in the long run, but I think it's in keeping with the message Mr. Principi brought with him when he visited Big Spring in August," said Sharp. "He and the VA administration seem very intent on getting this study done and finding the best course of action to serve

veterans in the area.

"Hopefully the study will be unbiased and a good source of data for the administration, and show that Big Spring is the place to keep the VA Medical Center. The idea of building a new VA hospital in Midland is just ridiculous."

The contractor will identify and evaluate the options for providing health care to veterans currently being treated at the Big Spring VA Medical Center. The plan will also identify any options to generate savings and developing revenues to benefit the Department of Veterans Affairs health care mission.

Principi said he was establishing the advisory committee under the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. That act is designed to ensure input from "stakeholders" — primarily veterans — in the area. The committee will be required to have public meetings with official notices, keep public records and provide recommendations to the study contractor and Principi.

According to a report from the Department of Veterans Affairs, the study will begin in December 2004 and must be completed no later than December 2005. The study recommendations

and stakeholder recommendations will be reviewed by the VA Under Secretary for Health and CARES Implementation Board — a group of senior VA officials — who will then make a recommendation to the Secretary.

In its original study, the CARES Commission recommended closing inpatient surgical care at the Big Spring VAMC and studying the possibility of even closing the facility and moving services to the Midland-Odessa area. Principi had been expected to make a decision concerning the local medical facility late this year or in early 2005.

His announcement

Wednesday indicates a more detailed study is required.

The Big Spring VA employs more than 500 people and has an annual payroll of \$32.5 million.

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

LIBRARY

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books on display are not books that were banned by schools, but merely challenged.

"Some of the challenges are ridiculous," says Schafer. "In the Night Kitchen" by Maurice Sendak was challenged because of nudity; the main character, Mikey, falls in the kitchen and loses his pajamas."

Schafer also says that "Call of the Wild" by Jack London was challenged for being "too radical."

The public can view the display through Saturday, but will be able to check out any of the "challenged" books even after that date.

Each year, the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) receives hundreds of reports on books and other materials that were "challenged" by people who asked that they

be removed from school or library shelves.

In 2003, the OIF received reports of 458 challenges, (formal, written complaints), filed with a library or school requesting that materials be removed because of content or appropriateness.

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor's Alice series topped the list in 2003, ending the four-year reign of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter books. The Alice series, which drew complaints about the books' sexual content, ranks No. 10 on the most challenged books list of the 1990s, according to the ALA Web site.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Texas released a report Monday, listing all books banned, challenged or userestricted by Texas' 1,260 independent school districts.

Big Spring ISD is named in this report for handling a complaint about "That Was Then, This is Now" by S.E. Hinton.

The Marcy Elementary School Library, which houses grades kindergarten through fourth, placed the book in a restricted area because it was deemed "not suitable for the age group" for its use of gangs, sexual references and drugs.

"After looking at some of the book's language and content, we decided that we should give parents more control over book content," said principal Carie Dunnam. "Because the book caters to the secondary level, we require that parents be notified before we allow their child to read this book. If a parent signs a permission slip, the child may check-out the book."

According to OIF Director Judith F. Krug, most challenges in the past few years have been reported by school libraries (41 percent), schools (33 percent) and public libraries (18 percent).

Parents lodged 63 percent of all challenges.

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says I would do a show for a one-eyed cow and an old dog and that's about right.

"The neat thing about this show is that it's the show where World War II veterans show up in big numbers, and their numbers are declining these days at a pretty terrible rate. You can come out here and walk among this crowd, and you're walking amongst guys that flew the big bombers and fighters and took the hits. These are wonderful people that made it possible to have this air show, so for me, it's a wonderful privilege to be able to fly for them."

Collmer said his part in the show will involve plenty of heart-stopping stunts.

"What I do in a show is called a low-level solo acrobatics routine. I work from ground level, from take-off to touchdown, and the airplane is always doing something," said Collmer. "I loop it, roll it, spin it, snap it, tumble it end-over-end, back it up, put out a lot of smoke and noise with most of it coming within 10 to 20 feet of the ground."

Collmer won't be the only pilot keeping spectators on the edge of their seat, as the Masters of Disaster will also take to the skies during the show.

The Masters of Disaster, which was formed in 2002 by award-winning pilots Jimmy Franklin and Jim LeRoy, along with jet truck driver Kent Shockley, will do their own rendition of barnstorming. The act combines individual solo acts, multi-plane dogfights and a number of races between the planes and

the jet truck.

Franklin, who remains one of the most well known performers in the aeronautic industry, will be flying the world's only jet-powered biplane — a T-38 jet engine added to the underbelly of a 1940 Waco biplane. Franklin also performs with his son, Kyle Franklin, the world's only jet wing-walker.

Also scheduled to appear during the Airsho are the United States Army Golden Knights, one of the nation's premiere parachuting teams. This weekend's performance will mark the second time the Golden Knights have taken to the skies of Midland, having performed for Airsho crowds in 2001.

The Golden Knights will be performing precision aerial acrobatics and landings, an art the Army unit has been perfecting for more than 40 years. The Knights have performed more than 12,000 shows in all 50 states and in 48 foreign countries.

Also part of the weekend-long event, the Commemorative Air Force will be inducting eight World War II veterans and one combat unit into the CAF American Combat Airman Hall of Fame on Friday.

Set for 6 p.m. Friday at the Midland Center, a reception dinner will be followed by an induction ceremony for Col. Don Blakeslee, U.S. Air Force; Col. Richard Cole, U.S. Air Force; Commander Ted Crosby, U.S. Navy; Lt. Col. John Wallace Fields, U.S. Air Force; Brig. Gen. Robin Olds, U.S. Air Force; Major George Preddy, U.S. Air Force; and Capt. Paul Stephens, U.S. Navy.

Also scheduled to be inducted are the Flyboys of Chichi Jima, along with the 95th Bomb

Group combat unit.

Tickets for the event, which will be open to the public Saturday and Sunday, are \$14 for adults in advance and \$16 at the gate. Children's tickets are \$4 in advance and \$6 at

the gate. Children 5 years old and younger will be admitted free.

Advance tickets can be purchased at 7-Eleven Convenience Stores in Big Spring, Midland, Odessa, Andrews and

Lubbock, or at the CAF Headquarters from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. until through Friday.

Gates open at 7:30 a.m. on both days with flights expected to begin at 11:30 a.m.

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Mary Poissall, 81, died Tuesday. Funeral Service will be at 2:30 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

Sylvia Ann Hernandez, 37, died Saturday. Vigil Services will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma.

James Petty, 74, of Big Spring, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Symphony's season opener promises to be wonderful treat

For more than 20 years, the Big Spring Symphony has been performing some of the best classical music West Texans have had the opportunity to savor. The experiences continue Saturday night in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium as the symphony opens its 2004-2005 season.

Saturday's performance — it begins at 8 p.m. — promises to be another exciting and powerful one. For starters, the audience will have the opportunity to hear pianist Peng Peng, a true child prodigy at age 12. In addition to winning such competitions as the Julliard School's 2003-2004 Pre-college Mozart Piano Concerto Competition, he has won major competitions in his native China. Following his performance here, he will be playing with the Philharmonic Orchestra of New Jersey and will make his European debut at the Musee du Louvre in Paris.

An interesting note is that the symphony board and orchestra conductor Keith Graumann have managed to arrange for Peng Peng to play for area students on Friday morning. Conducting the symphony Saturday evening will be John Giordano, longtime music director for the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. Giordano, considered one of the world's best conductors, is also considered a friend locally, having conducted the Big Spring Symphony previously. Internationally acclaimed as a composer, educator and performer, Giordano has produced more than one Grammy Award nominated recording.

Tickets are available at the Big Symphony and Guild Office, 808 Scurry Street or by calling 264-7223. Tickets are also available at the Heritage Museum; Blum's Jewelers; First Bank of West Texas, both locations; Faye's Flowers; and the *Big Spring Herald*.

The Big Spring Symphony is truly a treasure — one that we can all be proud of. Saturday's performance promises to be a great start to a season that includes "The Messiah" on Dec. 18, guest pianist Cynthia Bauhoff Williams on Feb. 26 and the Spring Gala on April 30.

Make plans now to attend Saturday's performance and all of the performances of our wonderful orchestra. Tickets are just \$10 each for adults and even less for senior citizens and students.

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Bush: Will he take his own advice?

George W. Bush once gave me some good advice — which I never got the opportunity to use — now I'd like to return the favor. Back when he picked me to be secretary of labor in 2001, the then president-elect sat me down in the Texas governor's mansion for a little heart-to-heart talk. "You know they're going to come after you in the Senate confirmation hearings," he said, fully aware that organized labor and other left-leaning groups vociferously opposed my nomination. "I know you can take care of yourself. You could probably come right back at them, and you might be tempted to do that," he added with a smile. "But here's my advice — and you can take it or leave it: Don't get bogged down in winning the argument. Don't bite at their bait. I'm not telling you what to do," he said, leaning forward in his chair, "but it's what I'd do in your position."

I never got the chance to act on his advice, because I withdrew my name from consideration before confirmation hearings, after the press revealed I'd taken an illegal alien into my home a decade earlier. But it was great advice nonetheless. And the president could do worse than follow his own admonition in the three televised debates that start Thursday night.

Americans already know and, mostly, like the president. He can't lose. His advantage among voters, especially church-

going white men, some 70 percent of whom support him, according to a recent Gallup poll. But he has also gained support among female voters, a must-win constituency for John Kerry if the Democrats have any hopes of regaining the White House. In 2000, women overall gave Al Gore an 11-point advantage in their votes, even though married women split their votes more evenly. But most recent polls show the gender gap all but disappearing in this election. Married women now favor the president by 11 points, according to an L.A. Times poll, and several recent polls show Kerry's advantage with women overall eroding. A Pew Center Research poll taken in mid-September, shows Kerry leading by only 5 points, down from 10 points in August, while a recent Gallup poll shows Kerry's lead among women dropping from 15 points to only 4 points, 50-46.

Women will be watching the president carefully in the debates, not only for the policy positions he takes, but for the way he makes his case. Kerry's stern, almost dour, approach will aim at scaring core constituencies. He'll try to frighten moms into thinking they're less safe with George W. Bush in the White House, that Bush is trigger-happy, that he has a secret plan to draft their sons (and maybe even daughters). The president must be reassuring without going on the offensive and lashing out at Kerry. Bush doesn't have to prove he's a tough guy. He has to resist the temptation to counterpunch when it would distract from the positive messages he wants to get out. These debates won't be scored on debaters' points; they will be one or lost by

the man who best demonstrates steadfastness, trustworthiness, character and vision.

Bush's objective should not be to best Kerry in an argument. In fact, the less the president engages in arguing with or directly attacking his opponent, the better off he'll be. If he derides or belittles Kerry, he'll end up looking petty — especially to women viewers. Let Kerry be the in-your-face attacker, an unlikable bully. The president should remain presidential. That doesn't mean he shouldn't defend his record and the tough decisions he's been forced to make, but he should do so without acting defensive.

The president goes into these debates in good position. He's ahead in the polls, which should give him the confidence he needs to perform well. Bush sometimes has the tendency to be too wary when he thinks he's in the enemy's lair. That's been the case in some of his press conferences and interviews. He seems most likely to mangle his words and syntax when he's trying his best to be careful. If he can ignore his interlocutors' antagonism and not take his opponent's bait, he'll win these debates. More importantly, his performance could consign the gender gap to the dustbin of history.

Linda Chavez is the author of the new book, "Betrayal: How Union Bosses Shake Down Their Members and Corrupt American Politics." To find out more about Linda Chavez and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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LINDA CHAVEZ

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The president's jobs and growth policies have put the economy on the road to recovery, but there is more work to be done.

The president has outlined a six-point plan to create even more job opportunities for America's workers and keep America the best place in the world to do business. The plan includes: enabling families and businesses to plan for the future with confidence by making tax reductions permanent; making health care costs more affordable and predictable; reducing the burden of lawsuits on our economy; ensuring an affordable, reliable energy supply; streamlining regulations and paperwork requirements; and opening new markets for American products and services.

President Bush's pro-growth agenda, strong education system and policies to help American workers gain the skills to secure good jobs are the right ways to respond to the challenges of our growing and changing economy.

Vote the best interest for West Texas. Vote Bush/Cheney in November.

LANA STRAUB STANTON

TO THE EDITOR:

My apology to Donny Reid for the apparent offense that took place at the Republican booth on Friday, Aug. 27, during the Howard County Fair.

One of the purposes of our organization is to inform and educate people; not to antagonize.

To the best of my recollection, the offensive words attributed to one of our volunteers were not the ones used. I would agree that the comments made may not have been the wisest, though.

The young volunteer intended to say that they, the Democratic Party, according to their platform, kill babies, not Mr. Reid personally.

Unfortunately, we are forced to come to this conclusion when we carefully read their platform, which is pro-choice, meaning pro-abortion. Confirming this conclusion, I quote John Kerry's press release of Jan. 22, 2004: "We need to energize a new generation of citizens that care about freedom to stand up and make clear that we can't go back... We will never let this right (to abortion on demand) be taken away."

This is only one of his many pledges made to pro-abortion activists.

As far as homosexuality, regardless of what Vice President Cheney

feels in regards to one of his daughter's choice of sexual orientation, the fact is that the platform of the Republican party stands against "all kinds of discrimination and vigorously enforces anti-discrimination statutes; but rejects the distortion of those laws to cover sexual preference, endorsing the Defense of Marriage Act to prevent states from being forced to recognize same-sex unions."

Finally, I agree with Mr. Reid's statement: "I believe that any person should have a right to live life as they choose" as long as they do not violate the rights of others. Babies, too, have rights.

MARGARITA DURAND-HOLLIS
HOWARD COUNTY GOP CHAIRMAN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The guest column in the *Abilene Reporter News* by U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, on Aug. 15 sounded fishy. I have checked the Congressional Record to find out what really happened. Neugebauer claimed he got \$28.6 million in family housing for Dyess Air Force Base and \$3.3 million for a refueling maintenance center there. The truth is, U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm, D-Abilene, worked to secure the financing for both projects, while Neugebauer did nothing on either but claimed credit for the work of others.

Charlie has proven his ability to work with Republican Sens. Hutchison and Cornyn for Dyess funding.

Neugebauer says the criticism of his voting against additional military housing construction funding was a misunderstanding over procedure. Really, this was not merely a procedural vote, but a vote of substance on how we treat our troops. Voting with the Hastert/DeLay House leadership — as Neugebauer did and Charlie did not — knocked out the additional provision for military housing.

Neugebauer also claims credit for increasing the B-1 bombers at Dyess, but the truth is that was a result of work by Charlie and others for B-1s in defense bills that passed in May and July 2003. Neugebauer didn't even arrive in Congress until June 2003 — not in time to influence these.

Neugebauer's influence as a city councilman/civic leader in Lubbock previously wasn't even enough to keep Reese AFB operational. What effectiveness! I wonder why Randy's TV ads brag about him trying, since he failed.

ALICE M. SPIER
ABILENE

TO THE EDITOR:

On Sept. 12 the Suez Shrine Circus was held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and it was a real success.

I would like to thank our nobles who worked so hard in distributing tickets, purchasing tickets and selling coloring books. Thanks to the ladies for preparing the food for the hospitality room, which was enjoyed by our Shriners and guests.

Thanks to Stan Feaster and his staff at the coliseum for their continued assistance. They are a pleasure to work with.

We thank the business that donated the two bikes that were raffled off during the circus.

Thanks go to KBST and the *Herald* for doing a wonderful job in getting the word out and to all the businesses that gave away tickets and put up posters.

But most of all, thanks to everyone that attended. We hope you enjoyed the Shrine Circus as much as we did and we look forward to a bigger and better circus next year.

JOHN KELLER JR.
SECRETARY
BIG SPRING SHRINE CLUB

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to personally thank the *Big Spring Herald* for the coverage given to the veterans who marched to keep Big Spring VA Medical Center open in Big Spring.

Many veterans are now obliged to go hundreds of miles for medical treatment. I myself just finished a 750-mile round trip to Albuquerque, N.M. I went there for a 15-minute counsel to set up another appointment to go see a doctor as soon as possible.

This last appointment was set up back in April 2004, but had to be kept in order for me to get another appointment to just see the doctor. This is not what I consider good medical treatment for our veterans. I have now traveled a total of more than 3,500 miles back and forth trying to remedy one single medical condition. Why can't we have our hospital at the Big Spring VA staffed accordingly as it was intended?

I was appalled at the fact that not the mayor nor any of the council members were there to show support on an issue of such vital importance to your economy locally and throughout the Permian Basin.

Thank you again and God Bless America!

JESS C. AGUILAR
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► **Book Review**

In their recently purchased bed-and-breakfast, Claire Malvern wakes in the middle of the night to find her husband gone.

After searching their establishment and the forested area near the river, she can find no trace of Keith and in a panic, calls the police.



PAT WILLIAMS

In response to Claire's call, the handsome, widowed sheriff answers the call.

After Keith's body is recovered from the river at the base of a bridge, an official assumption of suicide is made.

Claire is convinced Keith would not have committed such an act, and feels she is forced to go to unusual and inventive methods to coerce law enforcement to look for other reasons for his death.

In Claire's search for answers, several acquaintances appear to make the situation more questionable — an Indian neighbor whose life is divided between native mystical beliefs and the modern world, a

frequent and furtive observer in the woods outside Claire's establishment, an employee in the sheriff's office who exhibits threatening behaviors, and strangely ambivalent reactions from Keith's former employer.

It isn't only odd responses from others that cause uneasiness in Claire, but frightening things appear outside her windows, pictures are stolen, unexpected written communications appear from her father, and most frightening, overt threats are made on her life.

The most disturbing part for the young woman is the lack of any solid evidence to back her insistent belief of foul play.

At times it's difficult to say whether "The Falls" is a mystery with romance added, or the other way around.

There is an obvious physical attraction between Claire and Sheriff Nick. Guilt, uncertainty, desire and frustration on the part of each of them restrain the development of any relationship.

The unanswered questions about Keith's death is a pressing issue which intrudes on every interaction between the two.

Solving the mystery

creates some excitement as the climax builds, but what should be a punching, suspenseful part of the novel seems to go on and on, eliminating much of the tension — especially when the outcome seems fairly predictable.

In order to make the story more current, Harper added an epilogue which speaks of Sept. 11, 2001.

This added bit of story could easily have been included within the story, making a smoother transition into a more satisfactory conclusion.

Karen Harper's books have been a favorite among readers, and "The Falls" should prove to be another success.

This is a good book for diversion. It won't add anything to your fund of knowledge, but it will offer a few hours of reading pleasure.

Stop by "The Falls" to listen to the pounding water and enjoy the view.

"The Falls" by Karen Harper. Mira Books, Ontario, Canada. 2003.

Pat Williams, wife of former Herald publisher Chuck Williams, writes this column for the "Big Spring Herald."



These raku pots by local artist Sue Bagwell are on display and for sale at the Heritage Museum. A reception for Bagwell, "An Artist's Journey" is set for 5-7 p.m. Saturday at the museum, 510 Scurry.

New fees to be implemented Friday at Howard County Library

By KENDRA WISS
Staff Writer

If a library fine looms on the horizon, today is the last day to take advantage of the Howard County Library's "food for fines" offer.

For each canned food item donated, the library will take off up to 50 cents from the patron's fine. Two cans equals \$1 off the fine. The donated food will go to Isaiah 58, an organization that assists the needy with food, clothing and other essentials of daily life.

As of Friday, the library's rates for overdue books will increase from 5 cents a day to 25 cents a day, with a \$10 cap. The charge for late books on tape and books on CD will

also increase; it will now cost 10 cents per day.

Also, if a book is damaged or lost, a \$10 processing fee will be charged.

"This cost covers our overhead to replace bar codes and covers, but it doesn't help us replace rare or older books," said Library Director Hollis McCright. "These rising costs are not for punitive purposes, they are to help remind patrons to return these books so others may use them."

McCright reminds those

who use the library that a book drop is located in the alleyway behind the library. Even when one is "on-the-run," the books can easily be returned.

For more information about Isaiah 58, call 263-3407; for more information about the Howard County Library, call 264-2260.

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► **Local briefs**

AARP Driver Safety Course

A senior citizen driver safety course will be taught at the Big Spring Senior Center starting at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 14-15 and ending at 2 p.m. each day with a half hour off for lunch. There is a \$10 fee for the books.

Most auto insurance companies give a discount on insurance premiums when one completes this course.

To register, call the Senior Center at 268-1628. Class size is limited to 35.

This course is the nation's first and largest classroom refresher for motorists age 50 and older. It deals with the physical changes of the mature driver and identifies ways that such drivers may compensate for said changes.

The course material is based on research about what is needed by this age group to update driver knowledge and skills.

Since 1979, when the course was first offered, more than 10 million have completed this course. This represents about three percent of those eligible to take it.

Benefit Garage Sale

A benefit garage sale for Cathy Kinman, cancer survivor, to help pay for follow-up treatment and medications will be from

College Park Church of God

College Park Church of God chicken fried steak dinner from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. for pick up or dine in and from 5-8 p.m. for delivery or dine in Friday. \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for children, \$7.50 for double meat dinners, which consists of steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, roll and desert. Call orders in Friday to 267-8593. Ten percent of all proceeds benefit the World Mission Fund.

9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the house behind the Knott Station.

To find the sale, from Big Spring take Highway 87 North 16 miles to Knott turnoff, then take Highway 846 five miles to Knott Station.

Items for sale include men, women and children's clothing, in a large assortment of sizes, jeans, turtleneck sweaters, sweatshirts, dresses, work clothes, shoes, household items, Christmas decorations, great Halloween costumes, dishes, bedding, curtains, pillows and decorative items for the home. Also appliances, stove, furniture, mattresses and picture frames.

For more information call Sue Robinson at 353-4417, Joann Peugh at 459-2220 or Patty Schuelke at 459-2225.

Girl Scouts

West Texas Girl Scout Council Service Unit 35 will have a Girl Scout Movie Day and Rally at the Cinema 4 Theatre at the Big Spring Mall from 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Saturday.

The film is "Shark Tale" by DreamWorks, which is rated PG. Price of admission is \$5 with a Girl Scout membership. This includes popcorn and a drink.

The movie starts at noon. Applications must be filled out and membership must be paid before admission to the movie. Cost of a Girl Scout membership is \$10 per year.

Girl Scouting is for girls ages 5-17 and/or girls in kindergarten through high school.

For more information contact Connie Schooler at (432) 263-4502 or Rachel Stinson at (432) 816-3899

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I need to point out that when I shifted into fourth and looked down at the speedometer, I realized that I was exceeding the legal speed limit by a good margin and quickly backed down on the accelerator.

While this street legal, race-inspired pickup is suitable for around town driving, it is ideal for weekend racers who compete at the local race tracks.

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— and it has a lot of potential. Powered by a 8.3-liter V-10 engine (500 horsepower/525 lb. ft. torque) and mated to a manual six-speed transmission with a Hurst shifter mechanism, the Ram SRT-10 can blast from 0-60 mph in five seconds.

Designed by Chrysler's Performance Vehicle Operations team, the Ram SRT-10 is built on the Ram 1500 platform — but with major modifications (aside from the Viper engine). Both the front and rear have

been lowered to improve performance, while engineers modified the rack-and-pinion steering system from a Ram Heavy Duty and custom tuned the independent front suspension system to accommodate the 22-inch "Viper-style" wheels.

The anti-lock braking system features new 15-inch rotors on the front, 14-inch rotors on the



The 2004 Dodge Ram SRT-10 high-performance truck.

rear that also have been modified from the Ram Heavy Duty system.

Interior modifications include analog backlit instrument gauges, and a truck load of comfort/luxury amenities including a premium 508-watt sound system.

Sure, you can haul stuff in the back, although the rear spoiler makes loading large objects impractical.

But then again, you wouldn't purchase the Ram SRT-10 to use as a work truck any more than you would buy the Viper to bring groceries home from the store.

Like the Viper, the Ram SRT-10 is made for those who feel the need for speed and have an outlet to channel their enthusiasm.

With 500 horses under the hood capable of reaching a top speed of 150 mph in a hurry, the Ram SRT-10 is not for everyone.

Indeed, it is an awe-

some vehicle with great looks and will no doubt have status appeal with consumers. But on the road in every day driving situations, at most, you'll only be using about half the truck's ability.

The Ram SRT-10 has a base price starting around \$46,000, and when it comes to fuel economy, I can tell you it takes a lot of gas to feed the 500 horses under the hood.

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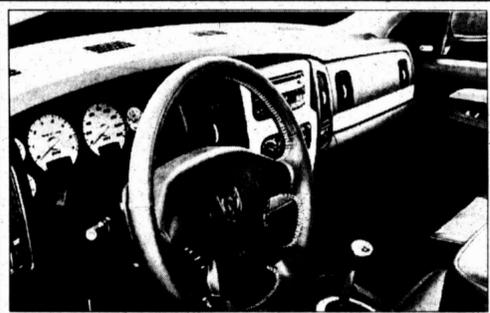
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Kerry, accused by the Bush campaign of frequently changing his position on the war in Iraq, said in an interview that he can laugh at jokes about being long-winded. In a taped interview with "Good Morning America" on ABC, Kerry said, "I deserve that, sometimes, and look forward to the opportunity to, crystal clear, let people know where I stand."

Asked why polls show Bush gaining support among women voters, Kerry said: "George Bush is scaring America."

"He's talking terror every day, and people see terrible images of what's happening in the world, and they're real."

Bush and Kerry will meet for a 90-minute debate at 9 p.m. EDT at the University of Miami.

The first of their three scheduled debates focuses on foreign policy and national security, with Kerry expected to contend he can do a better job of securing the country and Bush likely to argue that the war in Iraq is neces-

sary to the nation's safety. Bush strategist Karl Rove said, "There's an opportunity for him to talk about his vision for the way we move forward

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Kerry said no president could say he could stop any terrorist attack.

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By TROY HYD

Sports Editor
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No. 11 Bearkats, No. 1 Midland Trinity prepare for showdown

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Last year, both Garden City and Midland Trinity struggled to find wins in the traditional 11-man football style.

What a difference a year and a division makes. The Bearkats currently hold a 3-1 record and a No. 11 ranking among other public six-man schools, while Trinity is 5-0 and ranked No. 1 overall among private six-man schools.

"We are both alike in the sense that each of us struggled last year and this year we are finding some success," said Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins.

Alike or not, the two teams will do battle Friday night in Midland. It is the Bearkats final game before the District 8-six-man season begins Friday, Oct. 8, at Robert Lee.

And Hoskins is expecting a dog fight.

"To be 5-0, no matter who you play, is impressive," he added.

The Bearkats main goal Friday night on defense is to slow down Trinity running back Matt Roam, who is averaging nearly 275 yards per game on the ground. He has compiled over 1,300 yards in just five games.

"We definitely have to slow him down," said Hoskins. "I don't think we can stop him, but we must find a way to limit him."

Trinity also features quarterback Nathan Midkiff and lineman/linebacker Owen McCabe.

These two, along with Roam, have led Trinity to 45-point mercy rules in four of the team's first five games.

"Their offense is clicking right now and they are gaining confidence with every game," said Hoskins.

"Defensively, we need to make them do things they don't want to do. I hope our defense can pick up Friday where it left off last week."

Trinity's offense is primarily run-oriented, but they will mix in some play action and some bootleg passes, said Hoskins.

Midland's defense plays a 3-1 with very aggressive athletes up front.

"We want to establish the run, but we will throw the football," said Hoskins. "Turnovers and converting big plays will be the factor in this football game. We will throw

seven to nine offensive formations at them and hopefully we can get some big plays here and there."

Hoskins also feels depth could play a role Friday because Trinity plays several athletes on both sides of the ball and only goes about nine players deep.

"Our depth, as usual, may help us Friday night because they don't use a lot of people," he added.

The Bearkats should be led Friday by seniors Trey Hillger, Robert Lopez and Timothy Schniers, junior Cory Multer and sophomore Alex Halfmann.

Due to the 5A schools in Midland having their bye weeks, Hoskins and Trinity advise fans to get to the game early and/or bring a lawn chair because the field has bleachers on only one side.

"Because the bigger schools are off, we might get their fans too," said Hoskins. "I am expecting a big crowd."

The game begins at 7:30 p.m. in Midland.



HOSKINS



Garden City senior Robert Lopez gets to the outside and jaunts down the sidelines last Friday at Bearkat Stadium during the Bearkats' homecoming victory over El Paso Jesus Chapel. The 11th-ranked Bearkats challenge Midland Trinity, which is ranked No. 1 in TAPPS-six man, Friday in Midland.

Healthy Steers return to Memorial Stadium

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Fresh off its bye week, the Big Spring Steers football team is healthy and ready to go Friday night at Memorial Stadium against Class 5A San Angelo Central.

"The bye week is always good for nicks and bruises and it came at a good time for us," said Big Spring head coach

Dwight Butler.

This season has already brought several off the field injuries which have required Butler to change up his lineup.

However, the off week looks to have helped as junior quarterback Andy Lasater will start his third straight game at quarterback.

The off week, according to Butler, could also be a negative for the Steers.

"We had won two straight games and were feeling pretty good, and then we had the week off," said Butler. "Now my concern is that we could be rusty."

San Angelo Central (1-3) will bring a very good defense which uses a multiple front.

"They are strong and quick and very athletic," said Butler. "They remind us a little bit of Permian. Central does not blitz

much, but they are very aggressive."

The Steers hope to mix it up offensively.

"We have to keep them honest and not let them dictate what we try to do," said Butler. "We hope to move the chains 10 yards at time."

Offensively, the Bobcats will primarily run the ball, but they have the personnel to go to the air, said Butler.

"They don't really like to throw, but they have the capabilities to do so," he added.

The Bobcats only win this year came against a very good Abilene Cooper team. They have been defeated by Midland and Abilene High and were upset last Friday by Odessa High.

The Steers' matchup with Central puts an end to this year's non-district schedule. Big Spring (2-2) begins District 4-4A action Friday, Oct. 8, at home against rival Lake View.

The match-up against the Chiefs is the school's homecoming game.



BUTLER



Big Spring junior Andy Lasater eludes tacklers in Lubbock during the Steers' 19-0 shutout Sept. 17.

This Week

At Home:

Big Spring vs. San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m.

On the Road:

Forsan @ Sterling City, 7:30 p.m.

Garden City @ Midland Trinity, 7:30 p.m.

Bye:

Coahoma (Next Friday: Colorado City)

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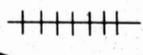
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Cleveland pitcher shot on team bus

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Cleveland Indians pitcher Kyle Denney was shot in the right calf while riding on the team bus as it was traveling to Kansas City International Airport late at night.

Denney was not seriously injured. The bullet did not go very deep and was immediately removed by Indians trainers.

The right-hander was taken to a hospital, where he was expected to spend the night, club spokesman Bart Swain said.

The rest of the team was unharmed. The Indians arrived safely at the airport and boarded a plane bound for Minneapolis early Thursday morning.

Bradley suspended after bottle throw

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dodgers outfielder Milton Bradley was suspended for the rest of the regular season by Major League Baseball, a day after a bottle-throwing tantrum during a win over Colorado.

A contrite Bradley said he will seek help to deal with his anger and wouldn't appeal the suspension.

Bradley also was fined an undisclosed amount by Bob Watson, baseball's vice president of on-field operations. Earlier this season, Bradley was suspended for four games after throwing a bag of balls onto the field following an ejection.

He has been ejected from four games this year.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule

| Event, Time | Station |
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| Friday | |
| Steers vs. Central, 6:00 p.m. | 1490/95.7 |
| Forsan @ Sterling City, 7:00 p.m. | 94.3 |
| Saturday | |
| Event, Time | Station |
| Texas vs. Baylor, 10:30 a.m. | 94.3 |
| Texas Tech @ Oklahoma, 10:45 a.m. | 95.7 |
| Baylor @ Texas, 11:00 a.m. | 1490 |
| Texas A&M vs. Kansas State, 5:00 p.m. | 1490 |
| Sunday | |
| Event, Time | Station |
| Texas vs. Raiders, 11:45 a.m. | 94.3 |

Coahoma gives 'Lil Steers first loss of new year

Special to the HERALD

In the Flag Division, the 'Lil Steers encountered another tough opponent, Mother Nature.

After battling against the Flag Division Longhorns (2-0) for the first three quarters, the 'Lil Steers had their chance at tasting victory in the final period of play.

With less than a minute to go in the game and the Longhorns leading 14-12, Mother Nature rolled in with a stiff, cold wind and plenty of rain. With the

wind blowing in the Steers face, quarterback Timothy (Bubba) Rios went around the right side but lost grip of the wet ball and the Longhorns returned the fumble for an apparent touchdown.

An offside penalty negated the score, but the play ate up much of the remaining time and the 'Lil Steers came up short again.

Both of the Steer touchdowns were on long runs by A.J. Hodnett.

The steer defensive standouts were Adrian

Olivo, Jeremiah Holguin, Isaiah Ontiveros and Tevin Decker, who had a quarterback sack.

The Division I Steers found themselves battling not only the Coahoma Bulldogs but themselves as well.

Penalties and mistakes are what seemed to be the deciding factor.

Not to undermine the tough play from Coahoma, but the Steers repeatedly shot themselves in the foot.

With the Steers leading 12-6 after two Ty Ral Menefield touchdowns,

Coahoma had the ball on the Steer 12 yard line with a fourth down and four to go.

But a pitch to the running back was stuffed by Jordan Stokes for a three-yard loss, then another Steer player came in to assist, but only came up with a hand full of Bulldog face mask.

A personal foul was called, giving the Bulldogs a first and goal to go.

Two plays later the Bulldogs tied the game at 12 apiece.

While the Steer offense

was able to move the ball with nice runs from fullback Robert Baeza and quarterback Mark Torres, the Bulldog defense did not allow them to score in the final period.

The Bulldogs were able to add another touchdown as they earned their second win of the year. They won the game by a final score of 18-12.

The Steers fall to 1-1 this season.

Other members of the Steers deserving recognition are Jahari Vanover, Devin Heffington, Cole Lyssy and Erik Flores.

Astros sweep Cards, surge into first in WC

By JOEL ANDERSON

AP Sports Writer HOUSTON — The Houston Astros can put themselves in the playoffs. They no longer need help from anyone else.

Roger Clemens, Jeff Kent and the Astros took over the NL wild-card lead Wednesday night, beating the St. Louis Cardinals 6-4 for their club-record 15th straight home victory.

Houston moved a half-game ahead of the slumping Chicago Cubs, who lost to Cincinnati, and the San Francisco Giants, who fell in San Diego.

"We've certainly made it interesting for everybody," Clemens said. "We'll take where we are right now and hope it's enough to get us in the playoffs."

Jeff Bagwell drove in two runs for the Astros and Kent hit his 300th career homer. Clemens was denied his 19th win — and almost certainly a chance at his seventh 20-win season — when he left with the score tied at 4 after the sixth. It was his worst outing in three weeks.

But Bagwell had a run-scoring single in the seventh and Lance Berkman followed with an RBI double to help the Astros eclipse their best home winning streak set in 1980 at the Astrodome.

"It's an electric atmosphere here right now," closer Brad Lidge said. "The fans are as loud as I've ever heard them."

Chad Qualls (4-0) pitched a scoreless seventh for the win, Dan Miceli struck out the side in the eighth and Lidge got three outs for his 27th save in 31 chances.

The Rocket got off to a strong start, retiring the first 10 batters before So Taguchi singled in the fourth.

Roger Cedeno followed with a double to tie the scoreboard in deep left, driving in Taguchi. Cedeno went to third on the throw and scored on Jose Vizcaino's throwing error to give St. Louis a 2-1 lead.

Scott Rolen, who

returned from an injured calf a night before, added a two-run shot in the fifth to tie the game at 4. The homer, Rolen's 34th of the season, nearly went out of the park, hitting the train tracks atop the wall in left-center.

"We were able to get a couple of things going," Rolen said. Clemens "gave us some chances and we weren't able to capitalize."

Clemens left the game after Jim Edmonds flied out to center to end the inning. He isn't scheduled to make another start before the end of the regular season, but has suggested he'd like to pitch in the regular-season finale against Colorado on Sunday.

"I'll be ready to start or do whatever we need me to do," Clemens said.

Kent became the 105th player to reach 300 homers with his second-inning shot off Jeff Suppan.

The four-time All-Star joined Tino Martinez, Edgar Martinez, Chipper Jones, Ruben Sierra, Edmonds and Vinny Castilla in reaching that mark this season.

Morgan Ensberg's two-run homer in the fourth was almost stopped by Taguchi, who stuck his glove in the air but just missed the ball as it bounced off the wall and into the right-field seats. Ensberg, who hit only his ninth home run of the season, pumped his fist and let out a yell as he rounded the bases.

Bagwell's RBI double in the fifth gave Houston a 5-4 lead it wouldn't relinquish.

"They have some momentum going," Suppan said. "It was hard to shut them down because they kept fighting back."

Suppan (16-9) went seven innings, allowing six runs on nine hits in his first road loss of the year. The right-hander struck out four and walked one.

Suppan was 10-0 in 13 road starts before Wednesday's game.



Sarah Collom, left, and Adrian Abrego were chosen as the Coahoma High School sweetheart and football hero of 2004 at last Friday's homecoming game against Clyde at Bulldog Stadium.

Rangers' playoff hopes dwindle

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer ARLINGTON — Troy Glaus hit a two-run homer in the 11th inning and the Anaheim Angels beat Texas 8-7 Wednesday night, eliminating the surprising Rangers from the playoff chase.

Glaus connected off Francisco Cordero (3-4), who hadn't given up a homer in his first 65 appearances this season. Darin Erstad reached on a one-out single and scored on Glaus' homer to center, his 18th of the season.

Anaheim (90-68) moved back into first place for the first time since June 8 by winning the first two games in Texas. The Angels began the day tied with Oakland, which played later Wednesday night at home against Seattle.

Texas (86-72) lost its fourth straight game, and fifth of six since sweeping three games from the Athletics last week. The Rangers spent most of July in first place and were a surprise contender after four straight last-place finishes when they averaged 90 losses a season.

Scot Shields (8-2) pitched two shutout innings for the win, and Troy Percival pitched the 11th for his 32nd save in 37 chances.

Eric Young tripled off Percival and scored on Hank Blalock's sacrifice fly, cutting it to 8-7.

Vladimir Guerrero's two-out single in the ninth off Cordero kept Anaheim alive, and Curtis Pride drove him in with a double that hit about halfway up the center-field wall to tie the game at 6.

It was the fifth blown save for Cordero, who has a team-record 48 saves this season.

The Rangers took a 6-5 lead in the eighth when pinch-runner Andy Fox scored on Laynce Nix's sacrifice fly.

After replacing Brian Jordan, Fox moved from first to third on two wild pitches by Francisco Rodriguez. Kevin Mench drew a leadoff walk but was thrown out on Jordan's bunt when the reliever bounced off the mound and threw to second.

Nix's flyball to center wasn't that deep, but Jeff DaVanon's throw wasn't close.

DaVanon moved from left to center, and Pride took over in left, in the bottom of the seventh when Garret Anderson left with a sore left knee. The Angels said Anderson irritated the patella tendon. It was unclear when and how he was hurt, but Anderson lined out in the top of the

seventh. Both starting pitchers gave up five runs and didn't make it out of the fifth.

Kameron Loe, making his first major league start for Texas, walked six batters, hit one and made a throwing error. If not for double plays in the second through fourth innings, the damage would have been worse.

The Angels led 3-0 in the first after DaVanon hit a two-run triple with two outs and scored when second baseman Eric Young's relay throw deflected off the sliding DaVanon.

After Loe left with the bases loaded and no outs in the fifth, Anderson hit an infield grounder. The Rangers went for the double play and got one out, but shortstop Michael Young's throwing error allowed a second run to score.

Jarrold Washburn, who gave up just an unearned run in eight innings against Texas on Sept. 19, allowed five runs on nine hits — the last two to start the fifth before he was pulled.

Jordan's second sac fly tied the game at 5-all right after Washburn left. Chad Allen then hit a flyball, and Mench was thrown out at home by right fielder Guerrero to end the inning.

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| Anaheim | 6 | 4 |
| Texas | 9 | 4 |
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Garage Sales

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Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

The Taurus moon provides much-needed grounding. It's easy to get carried away by dreamy impossibilities, which actually serve a high purpose. But a dream is nothing without a task, and a task is useless without a dream. So make sure you've got both. If you're not sure what to do next, get 10 ideas from 10 friends, and see if any of those fit.



JOYCE JILLSON

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be adding to your life, most likely in a material way. Your excellent taste will help you discern between your options — there are so many. Others might be overwhelmed by the choices, but not you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Showing respect to your elders is the key to gaining position in a family or company. Of course, you can't please everyone, but you sure will try. Fussy individuals may be ill or having personal problems. Be compassionate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's one of those cut-off days when you feel you simply can't go one day more with a situation the way it currently stands. There's no need for drastic measures because you can make a major difference with a minor move.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're growing more attached to someone — you think of this person before you make decisions. Be careful not to give away your power. It's possible to grow close and actually become more powerful in your own right, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A change of scene is featured — just when you were starting to get bored. Don't worry. A wealth of drama lies ahead. Of course, you always have the option of staying completely out of it (and seldom choose that option).

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may find yourself laboring over the simplest of choices, and rightly so. Decisions you make now deserve to be thought through completely. Consult a friend before any selections are made or agreements reached.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). That long project you've been working on seems to have taken over your entire life, but the end of the road is in sight. Remedy any neglect you've suffered lately by taking it easy and sleeping as much as you really need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Get worries out of your head and onto paper. The same goes for all of those little tasks that crop up; errands, things people have requested of you and phone calls. More time spent planning will help you spend less time doing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Friends are a huge help. You don't even have to ask; all you have to do is mention what you need. By the same token, be careful to accept only as much as you require and be extremely grateful. Manners count.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Many people couldn't deal with the level of business you're accustomed to. The way you keep the facts and figures straight in your head is truly amazing. You're an adviser to friends and family.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your breezy attitude will attract people who want to be like you. You have no idea how chaotic some people's minds get. Maybe you won't be able to teach others to have peace like you do, but you can still be a calming influence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a whimsy in your personality that is irresistible to many. When you're in a playful mood, there isn't a soul who wouldn't like to join in. Choose your company wisely, or your mood will suddenly shift to had-your-fill.

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 30, the 274th day of 2004. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 30, 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders decided to appease Adolf Hitler by allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

On this date: In 1777, the Congress of the United States forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces moved to York, Penn.

In 1791, Mozart's opera 'The Magic Flute' premiered in Vienna, Austria.

In 1846, dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time on a patient in his Boston office.

In 1927, Babe Ruth hit his 60th homer of the season to break his own major-league record.

In 1946, an international military tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany, found 22 top Nazi leaders guilty of war crimes.

In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.

In 1954, the first atomic-powered vessel, the submarine 'Nautilus,' was commissioned by the Navy.

In 1955, actor James Dean was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, Calif.

In 1962, black student James Meredith succeeded on his fourth try in registering for classes at the University of Mississippi.

In 1993, an estimated 10,000 people were killed when an earthquake measuring a magnitude of 6.4 struck southern India.

Ten years ago: The space shuttle 'Endeavour' and its six astronauts roared into orbit on an 11-day mission.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Deborah Kerr is 83. Actress Angie Dickinson is 73. Singer Cissy Houston is 71. Singer Johnny Mathis is 69. Actor Len Cariou is 65. Rock singer-musician Dewey Martin (Buffalo Springfield) is 62. Singer Marilyn McCoo is 61. Pop singer Sylvia Peterson (The Chiffons) is 58. Rock musician John Lombardo is 52. Singer Deborah Allen is 51. Actor Calvin Levels is 50. Actor Barry Williams is 50. Singer Patrice Rushen is 50. Actor Vondie Curtis-Hall is 48. Actress Fran Drescher is 47. Country singer Marty Stuart is 46. Actress Debrah Farentino is 45. Rock musician Bill Rieflin (R.E.M.) is 44. Actress Crystal Bernard is 43. Actor Eric Stoltz is 43.

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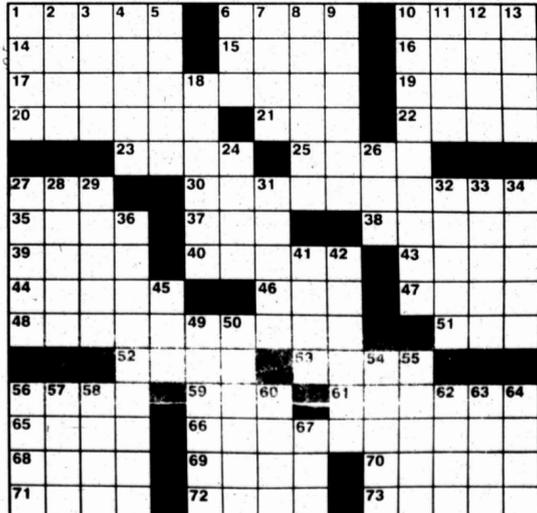
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THIS WEEK'S RACE

EA SPORTS 500

Where: Talladega Superspeedway, a 2.66-mile highly banked paved tri-oval located in Talladega, Ala.
When: Sunday at 2:30 p.m. (all times ET).
Qualifying is 4:10 p.m. Friday.
TV: NBC
Radio: Motor Racing Network
Purse: \$5,199,159.
Last year's winner: Michael Waltrip

Worth noting: Kurt Busch is the only driver that has top-five finishes in each of the first two races in the Chase for the Nextel Cup. Busch, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jeff Gordon are the only drivers with top 10s in the first two races of the Chase.



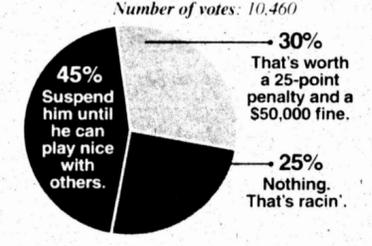
POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION
Assume for a moment that Jeff Gordon or Dale Earnhardt Jr. would have won the points title under the old system, but someone else wins under the new system. Who would you consider the "true" champion?

Cast your vote at: www.thatstracin.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Robby Gordon said he would get Greg Biffle for bumping him, then punted Biffle into a wreck that collected two other drivers. What should NASCAR do with Gordon?



STOP 'N' GO

RANDOM THOUGHTS

A list of who's hot and who's not in the Nextel Cup Series.

WHO'S HOT

- Dale Earnhardt Jr. has four top 10s in the past five races. He also has seven straight top 10s at Talladega, the longest streak among active drivers.
- Jamie McMurray has six consecutive top-10 finishes.

WHO'S NOT

- Ricky Rudd and Rusty Wallace both have competed in all 67 restrictor-plate races, without posting a restrictor-plate victory.
- Jeremy Mayfield has finished 14th or worse in his last 10 races at Talladega and has only one top-10 finish in 20 races (fifth in October 1998).

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Sept. 26:

| Rank/Driver | Points | Rank/Driver | Points |
|-------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| 1. J. Gordon (24) | 5371 | 21. J. Burton (30) | 2928 |
| 2. K. Busch (97) | 5370 | 22. R. Gordon (31) | 2854 |
| 3. D. Earnhardt Jr. (8) | 5275 | 23. T. Labonte (5) | 2847 |
| 4. J. Johnson (48) | 5314 | 24. J. Nemechek (01) | 2788 |
| 5. M. Martin (6) | 5314 | 25. B. Vickers (25) | 2771 |
| 6. E. Sadler (38) | 5275 | 26. R. Rudd (21) | 2561 |
| 7. M. Kenseth (17) | 5272 | 27. S. Wimmer (22) | 2579 |
| 8. R. Newman (12) | 5264 | 28. W. Burton (0) | 2416 |
| 9. T. Stewart (20) | 5236 | 29. S. Riggs (10) | 2409 |
| 10. J. Mayfield (19) | 5214 | 30. J. Green (43) | 2361 |
| 11. J. McMurray (42) | 3473 | 31. K. Schrader (49) | 2314 |
| 12. K. Harvick (29) | 3374 | 32. B. Gaughan (77) | 2297 |
| 13. B. Labonte (18) | 3367 | 33. K. Petty (45) | 2294 |
| 14. K. Kahne (9) | 3360 | 34. R. Craven (32) | 2013 |
| 15. D. Jarrett (88) | 3342 | 35. J. Spencer (4) | 1619 |
| 16. M. Waltrip (15) | 3056 | 36. D. Blaney | 1295 |
| 17. R. Wallace (2) | 3020 | 37. J. Sauter | 1217 |
| 18. S. Martin (40) | 2997 | 38. D. Cooper (50) | 1058 |
| 19. G. Biffle (16) | 2958 | 39. M. Shepherd (89) | 851 |
| 20. C. Mears (11) | 2934 | 40. T. Bodine (50) | 780 |

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Sept. 25:

| Rank/Driver | Points | Rank/Driver | Points |
|-----------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| 1. M. Truex Jr. | 4139 | 11. A. Lewis | 2970 |
| 2. K. Busch | 3987 | 12. C. Atwood | 2930 |
| 3. J. Leffler | 3661 | 13. D. Stremme | 2927 |
| 4. G. Biffle | 3557 | 14. B. Hamilton Jr. | 2896 |
| 5. D. Green | 3466 | 15. J. M. Wallace | 2883 |
| 6. R. Hornaday | 3382 | 16. M. Waltrip | 2875 |
| 7. J. Keller | 3346 | 17. T. Fedewa | 2873 |
| 8. M. Bliss | 3203 | 18. S. Compton | 2849 |
| 9. K. Kahne | 2990 | 19. R. Pressley | 2818 |
| 10. K. Wallace | 2971 | 20. M. Wallace | 2781 |

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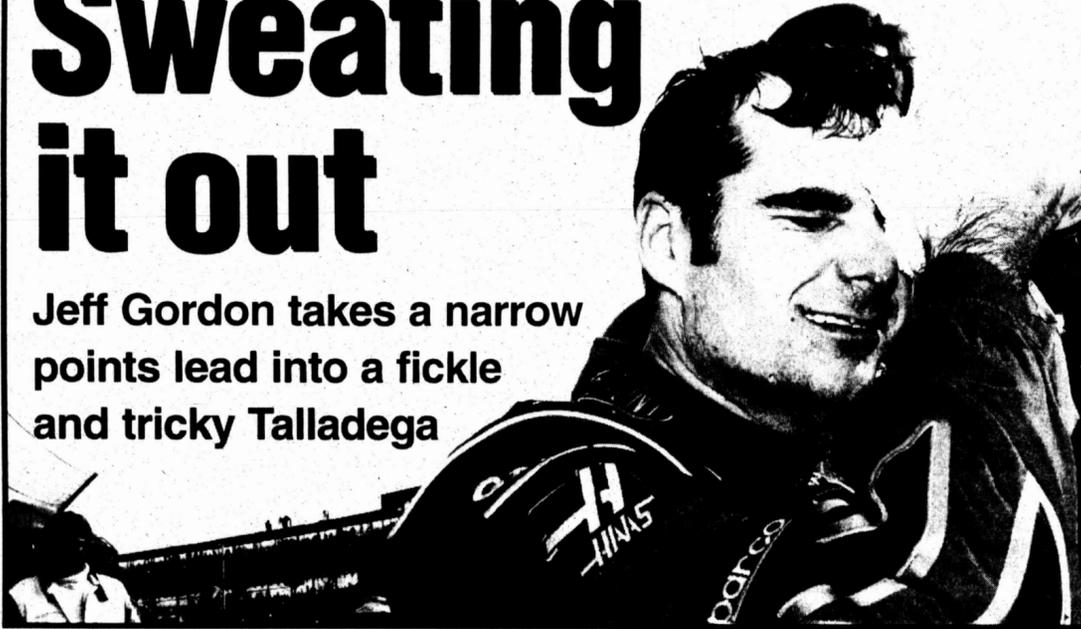
The top-10 drivers as of Sept. 25:

| Rank/Driver | Points | Rank/Driver | Points |
|----------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| 1. B. Hamilton | 2778 | 6. T. Kvapil | 2514 |
| 2. D. Setzer | 2739 | 7. C. Chaffin | 2495 |
| 3. C. Edwards | 2653 | 8. M. Skinner | 2418 |
| 4. T. Musgrave | 2603 | 9. D. Starr | 2401 |
| 5. M. Crafton | 2571 | 10. S. Park | 2371 |

NEXT RACE: Saturday, American Racing Wheels 200, Fontana, Calif.

Sweating it out

Jeff Gordon takes a narrow points lead into a fickle and tricky Talladega



By David Poole
Knight Ridder Newspapers

So now, it's Jeff Gordon's turn. In the first two races in the Chase for the Nextel Cup, drivers who fared well at tracks during the regular-season portion of the 2004 schedule have backed that up in the playoff races.

At New Hampshire, Kurt Busch won both races. Matt Kenseth, Mark Martin and Elliott Sadler both had top-15 finishes in July and each improved on his finish when the circuit returned to the track two races ago.



Martin



Busch

At Dover, Martin won in June and finished second on Sunday, while Busch improved from a 12th-place finish in the first race to a fifth place on Sunday. That makes Busch the only driver to have top-five finishes in the first two of the 10 Chase races.

Busch, however, is one point behind Gordon in the Chase standings going into Sunday's EA Sports 500 at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway. Since Gordon had the lead entering the Chase, by 30 points over Busch when the standings were reset after Richmond, Gordon's finishes of seventh at Loudon and third at Dover are enough to have the four-time champion on top of the heap.

So now it's up to Gordon to defend his turf, since he won the season's first race at Talladega in a controversial Aaron's 499 where NASCAR ruled he was barely ahead of Dale Earnhardt Jr. when a caution came out, freezing the field. When the race did not go back to green, Gordon was the winner.

"Obviously we have some momentum from our two restrictor-plate runs," said Gordon.

"You can say you're going to try to stay out of trouble but usually it's out of your control anyway."
— Jeff Gordon, on Talladega



Jeff Gordon performs a burnout to celebrate his win in the 2004 Pepsi 400 at Daytona International Speedway in July.

who also won the Pepsi 400 at Daytona in July and will be going for his third straight plate-race victory on Sunday. "But it's Talladega. ... You can say you're going to try to stay out of trouble but usually it's out of your control anyway."

"You're just along for the ride there and hope you make that surge to the front there at the end when it really counts. I feel good about our performance and how well our car is going to run but that doesn't guarantee anything."

In the first two Chase races, 13 of the 20 possible top-10 finishing spots have been occupied by the 10 cars battling for this year's championship.

That, Gordon said, doesn't surprise him at all.

"That's why they're in the top 10," he said. "I think what you're seeing happen at this point in the season is everybody is in their groove, everybody's got their stuff together."

"The guys who are in the top 10 should be the best right now going into these races. You normally see that late in the season anyway. The guys that are top 10 in points are ... usually the guys that are battling for the wins."

"Everybody in the top 10 has won a race this year. That says something right there. I would think just about every weekend, other than a couple surprises that will be thrown in there, you're going to see guys in the top 10 up there battling."

Gordon still believes that consistency — like his fifth-place average finish in the first two Chase races — will go a long way toward determining this year's champion. But he's not counting anybody out just yet.

"We talked about if you have one bad race, you're out of it," he said. "But if Ryan Newman does what he did at Dover anymore then he'll be right back in the thick of things. You can afford to have a bad weekend if you can come back and dominate like that."



Newman

RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): Two down, eight to go in his "drive for five." He won at Talladega earlier this year. Last week: 2.

2. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): This is an important week for this team. It needs to leave Talladega with the lead in the Chase. Last week: 1.

3. Kurt Busch (car No. 97): A first and a fifth out of the gate in the final 10. Eight more top fives would do nicely. Last week: 5.

4. Mark Martin (car No. 6): Talladega's a big Chase hurdle for everybody, but it seems particularly so for Martin. Last week: 6.

5. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): This team needs to find out who actually is the patron saint of lost momentum, it or another team. Last week: 3.

6. Ryan Newman (car No. 12): Impressive dominance at Dover. All this team can do is just try for the best of the rest of the way. Last week: 9.

7. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): Pit road miscue is living proof that mistakes could happen to anyone in the Chase. Last week: 4.

8. Tony Stewart (car No. 20): Could have made up ground with sixth-place finish at Dover if eight of the top 10 hadn't been in Chase. Last week: 8.

9. Elliott Sadler (car No. 38): Didn't finish out what was shaping up to be an OK Dover run. That could be costly. Last week: 7.

10. Jeremy Mayfield (car No. 19): Started on the Dover pole and ran in the top 10, but still didn't make much headway. Last week: 10.

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

Competitive fires still burn on cooperative efforts

Inside the shell of the old Holman-Moody team headquarters in Charlotte, N.C., before it was torn down to make room for more airport, there was a series of small offices lining one wall of the building.

When I went there last fall, on the last day before the family turned the property over to the city for demolition, I spoke with longtime Holman-Moody employee Howard DeHart, who used to work in those offices.

"The engine builders," he said, shaking his head. "We had to separate them. They were always fighting about something, saying somebody was spying on them trying to steal their ideas."

Holman-Moody was the stock-car racing factory for Ford's manufacturer-supported superteam between 1957 and 1973. Some of the best cars to ever race were built there, some of the best drivers to ever strap on a helmet raced out of there, and many of the great engine-builders in racing

history turned wrenches there.

DeHart remembered how much time John Holman and Ralph Moody spent refereeing disputes between engine builders like Robert Yates and Waddell Wilson. When one team's engine man would go to lunch, DeHart said, he'd leave a piece of tape on the door or a scrap of paper strategically poised on a part of the engine. If he came back and anything was disturbed, he was ready to fight until somebody fessed up to "breaking in" and "spying."

That's why it was so surreal at the start of the 2004 season to hear Yates and Jack Roush talking about working together to build engines. Even though they both own teams that race

Fords, it's not a stretch to say that was like getting a press release saying that Coca-Cola and Pepsi had agreed to work together to develop a new diet soda.

As the 2004 season progressed, however, it has become clear that the Roush-Yates engine partnership has paid dividends for both teams. Roush has three of his five teams in the Chase for the Nextel Cup, while Yates has one in with Elliott Sadler and one that just missed with Dale Jarrett. Sadler and Jarrett both picked up their performance considerably this season over 2003, and better engines played a big role in that.

Because gains in power are so incremental these days inside this rules "box" NASCAR has built around its teams, it makes sense for Ford, Chevrolet, Dodge and now Toyota to share more technology and development among their various

race teams. Computers that research better ways to build NASCAR engines and also run the machines that build the parts that go into those engines are expensive tools, and sharing that burden of cost is nothing more than prudent.

But don't be fooled.

As long as there are people working on engines, there will be people who think they can figure out a way to do some little thing better than the next guy. These are people who understand things like displacement and cylinder bore centerline on a level that comes from having an engine apart in your hands time after time after time.

Engines built on an assembly line are like the paint job on your house. Engines built by one of these guys are like paintings in a museum.

And more than anything else, it's the fine strokes by these mechanical artists that make the biggest difference come race day.



DAVID POOLE

Howard County New Teachers Guide

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Thursday, September 30, 2004

A production of the Big Spring Herald

They come from all walks of life

There are 58 new public school teachers in Howard County this year — 48 hired by Big Spring Independent School District and five each hired by Coahoma ISD and Forsan ISD.

Among them are a speech pathologist with 24 years of experience, an educational diagnostician with 27 years, an eighth grade math instructor who has been involved in education for 33 years and an assistant principal with 34 years

in the field.

In fact, most of the instructors have had some teaching experience, with about a third boasting 10 years or more. A handful are first-year instructors, many of whom just graduated, but the list includes new teachers who had careers in other fields. There is a former graphic arts designer who joined the Big Spring ISD faculty this year as a math instructor, for instance.

That's not to say that

those with educational experience don't have other backgrounds. A choir director in the Big Spring school system with 19 years in education is the former education director for the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra. Another teacher is a former editor for cotton and cattle magazines; another is a former air traffic controller for the Navy.

It's a diverse group, teaching an equally diverse curriculum. In addition to principals and assistant

principals, the schools had to replace counselors, skilled trades instructors, counselors, resource teachers and coaches. Teachers were hired to work with students from kindergarten through the 12th grade.

As has been the theme for several years now, districts are seeking individuals with experience in computer applications and business technology.

Most of the new teachers received their education in Texas or New Mexico, with

Angelo State University, Texas Tech University, University of Texas Permian Basin and Sul Ross State University being dominant choices.

These teachers have agreed to share a few facts about their lives in this special salute to new teachers. The Herald thanks all of those who participated.

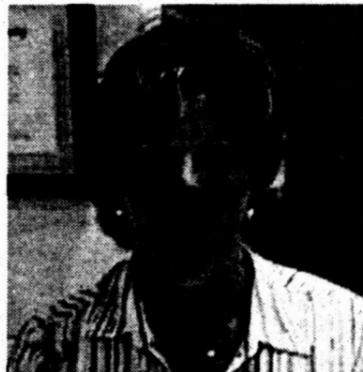
We hope you enjoy this edition and take time to give all our Howard County teachers a word of thanks.

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Jamie Anderson

Mrs. Anderson is a kindergarten teacher at Bauer Elementary. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1976. She has two children Jason and James. With 12 years in education she has also had a career in real estate.



Shana Blagrove

Mrs. Blagrove is a seventh grade math teacher at Big Spring Junior High School. She graduated from Angelo State in 1997 and has seven years of experience. She and her husband Doug have two children, Chaz and Lauren Sloan.



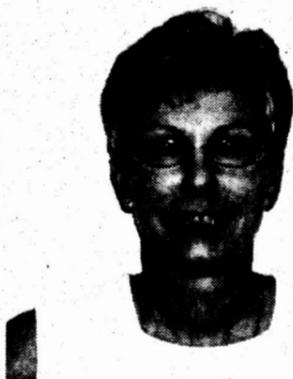
Wenda Christopher

Miss Christopher is the assistant principal at Big Spring High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1994 and 2000 and has 18 years of education experience. Besides education, she has also enjoyed careers as a legal secretary and international teaching with the U.S. Peace Corps.



Robyna J. Dean

Miss Dean teaches success math at Big Spring Junior High. A first year teacher, she graduated from Texas Tech University in 2004. She has a daughter named Brooke and also enjoyed a career as a graphic art designer.



Gay Adams

Mrs. Adams is an Educational Diagnostician at Big Spring Junior High and Big Spring High School. She attended both Texas Tech and Sul Ross State and graduated in 1976. She has 27 years of education experience. She and her husband Charles have three children Kylie, Chip and Colt.



Terre Arnett

Mrs. Arnett is a counselor at both Washington Elementary and Bauer Elementary. She graduated from Angelo State University in 1995 and Sul Ross State in 2003. She has five years of education experience and also enjoyed a career in photography. She and her husband Bill have a son named Lawson and a daughter-in-law named Carrie.



Kayla Cates

Mrs. Cates is a fifth grade teacher at Goliad Intermediate School. She graduated from Western New Mexico University in 1982. She has 17 years of education experience. She and her husband, Ken have three children, Brandon, Kambra and Blake.



Kimberly Crawford

Mrs. Crawford is a fifth grade teacher at Goliad Intermediate School. She graduated from Texas A & M Corpus Christi in 1999 and has five years of education experience. She and her husband Kip have two children, Kaylee and Kelsey.



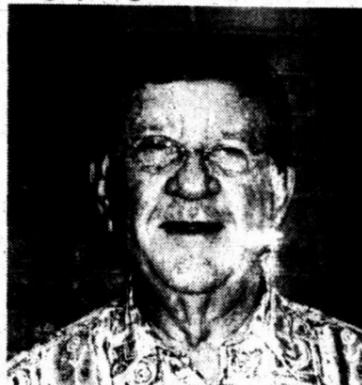
Cynthia "Tina" Dodds

Mrs. Dodds is a fifth grade teacher at Goliad Intermediate School. This first year teacher graduated from Angelo State University in 2003. She is married to Tony and also enjoyed careers in banking and retail.

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**Donald B. Dulin**

Mr. Dulin is the assistant principal at Goliad Intermediate School. He attended the University of North Texas, Baylor, Texas A & M and St. Josephs and graduated in 1958. He has 34 years of education experience.

**Janeen R. Guynn**

Mrs. Guynn teaches resource reading at Big Spring Junior High School. She graduated from Texas A & M in 1999. She is married to Chris and also enjoyed careers in non-profit and at-risk programs.

**Debra Everett**

Mrs. Everett is a speech pathologist at Moss Elementary School. She graduated from Howard Payne University in 1976 and Texas Women's University in 1999. She has 24 years of educational experience and owns the "Lone Wolf Trading Post" in Colorado City with her husband Mike. She and Mike have had three children, Justin, Jeremy and Ash and three grandchildren, Kristin, Hannah and Hallie.

**Linsey Hathorn**

Miss Hathorn teaches eighth grade health and seventh grade basketball and track at Big Spring Junior High School. She graduated from UTPB in 2002 and is enjoying her second year of teaching.

**Melissa Garcia**

Mrs. Garcia teaches fourth grade at Marcy Elementary School. She graduated from UTPB in 2003. She and her husband Johnny have two sons, Ethan and Andy.

**Tammy Helms**

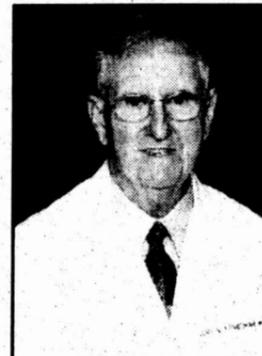
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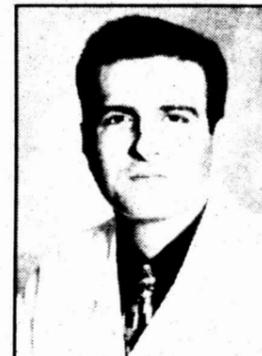
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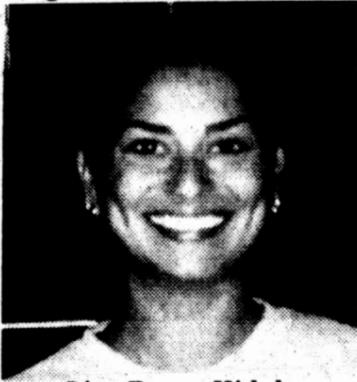
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Lisa Renee Hidalgo

Mrs. Hidalgo teaches physical education at Big Spring Junior High. She graduated from Southwest Texas University in 2003 and has two years of teaching experience. She is married to Paul who teaches at the high school.



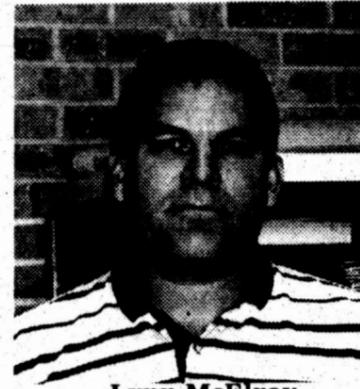
Dalene Husky

Miss Husky is the choir director for Big Spring Junior High School. She attended Jacksonville College, the University of Texas at Tyler, Silver Lake College and Texas Tech. She earned her Bachelor's degree in 1984 and her Masters degree in 1987. She has 19 years of education experience and also enjoyed a career as education director for the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra.

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Paiga Lou Marsh

Mrs. Marsh teaches sixth grade social studies and English/language arts at Goliad Intermediate School. She attended Western Texas College and McMurry University and graduated in 1982. She has two children, Austin and Koby and has 10 years of education experience.



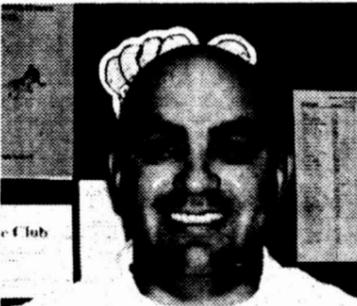
Lynn McElroy

Mr. McElroy teaches business computer information system and multimedia at Big Spring High School. He graduated from Texas Tech in 2000. He and his wife Michelle have two children, Megan and Jaret.



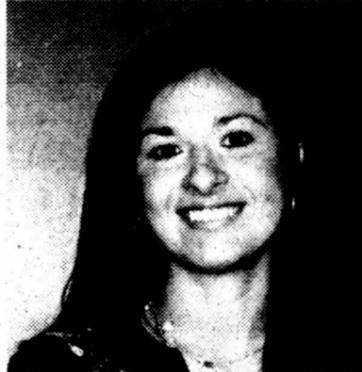
Lisa Norman

Mrs. Norman is a third grade teacher at Moss Elementary. She graduated from Texas Tech in 1990 and has 15 years of education experience. She and her husband Coby have two daughters Faith and Emma Beth.



Paul Hidalgo

Mr. Hidalgo teaches biology and coaches football at Big Spring High School. He graduated from Southwest Texas University in 1994 and has 11 years of teaching experience. He is married to Renee.



Monica Kemper

Mrs. Kemper is the Spanish I and II teacher at Big Spring High School. She graduated from college in 2000 and has four years of education experience. She and her husband Clint enjoy spending time with Monica's sisters Alexis and Marisa and her parents Cynthia and Louis.



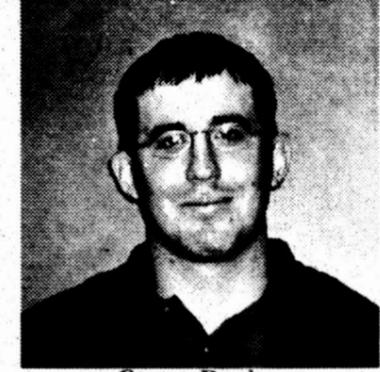
Shawn A. Martin

Mrs. Martin teaches fifth grade at Goliad Intermediate School. She attended Central Community College and Doane College and graduated in 1993. She has two children, Amanda and Erik and has 11 years of teaching experience.



Brian Morris

Mr. Morris teaches American History and is a coach at Big Spring Junior High School. He graduated from Lubbock Christian University in 2004.



Casey Pacheco

Mr. Pacheco is a teacher and swim coach at Big Spring High School. He graduated from McMurry University in 2004. Besides his career in education, he coached the YMCA swim team.



Krista L. Hughes

Mrs. Hughes is the eighth grade counselor at Big Spring Junior High School. She graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1989 and from Sul Ross State University in 1997. She has five years of education experience. She is married to John and they have three daughters, Taylor, Megan and Kallie. She also enjoyed a career working for Permian Basin Community Centers for MHMR for nine years.



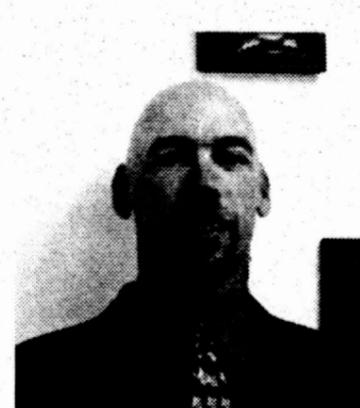
M'Lys Lloyd

Miss Lloyd is a reading resource teacher at Goliad Intermediate School. She attended Angelo State University and Texas Tech University and graduated in 1996. Besides education, she also enjoyed careers as editor of Cotton Farming Magazine and managing editor of The Beefmaster Cowman and Gulf Coast Cattleman Magazines.



Anne McAnulty

Mrs. McAnulty teaches first grade at Marcy Elementary. She graduated from Angelo State in 1985 and has 20 years of teaching experience. She and her husband Bailey have one grown son.



Coby Norman

Mr. Norman is the principal at Big Spring Junior High School. He attended Odessa College, Texas Tech and UTPB and earned his Master's degree in 1989. He and his wife Lisa have two daughters Faith and Emma Beth. Besides education, he also enjoyed a career in uniform sales, owned a pizza restaurant and was a youth/music minister.



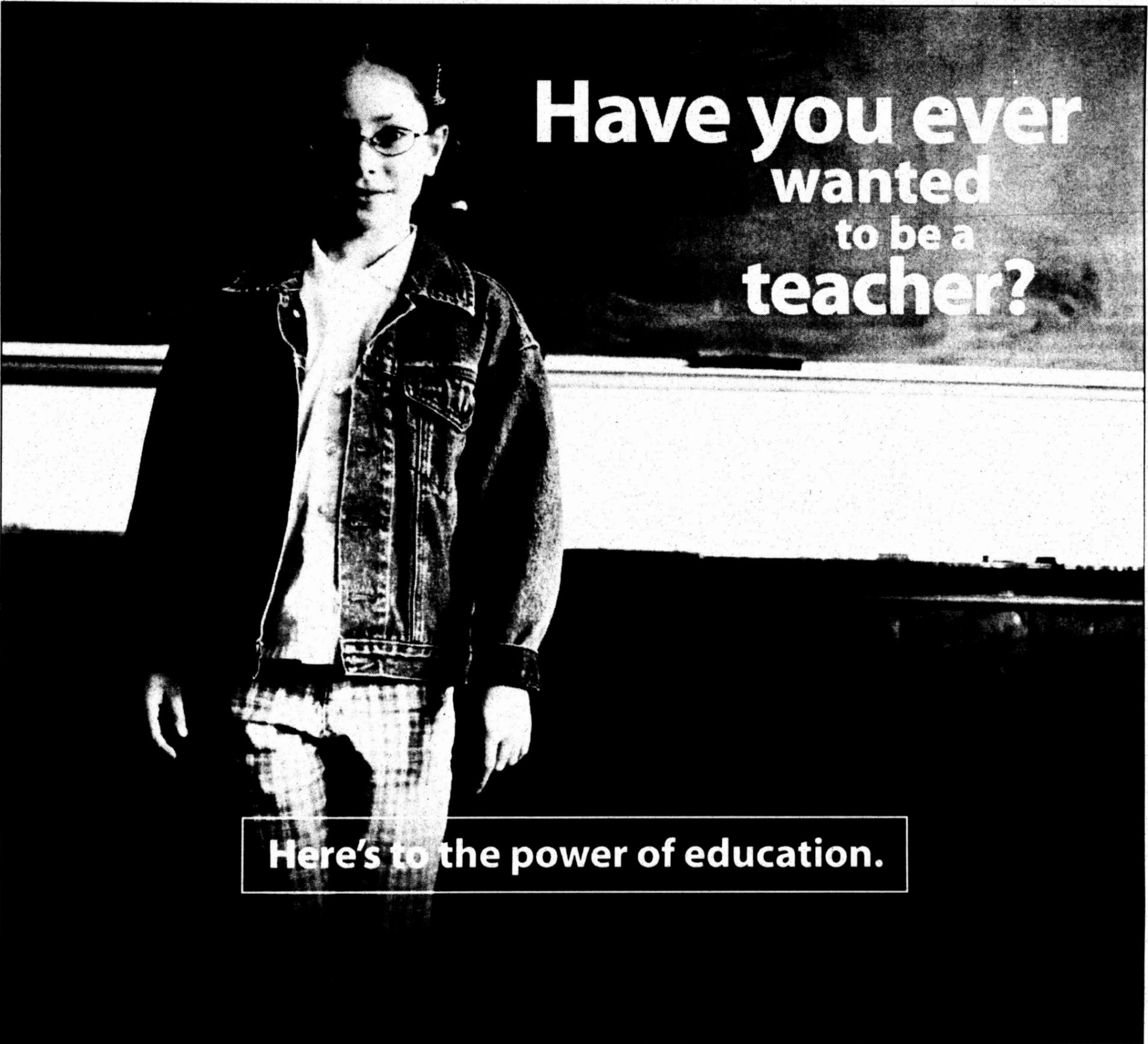
Elizabeth F. Phinny

Mrs. Phinny is the eighth grade technology applications teacher at Big Spring Junior High. She attended Howard College, Midland College, West Texas A & M and Wayland Baptist University. She graduated in 2004. She and her husband James have two children, Amanda and Leslie. Besides education, she also enjoyed careers in antique dealing, owning her own business and designing Santas.

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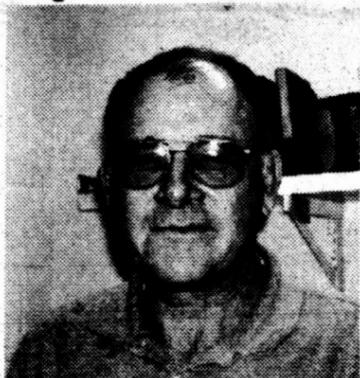
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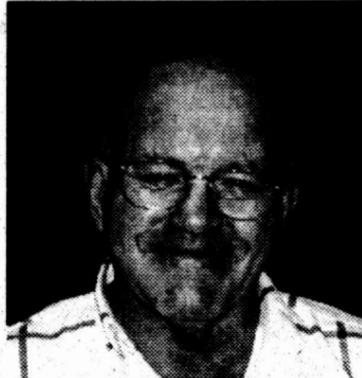
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**James Redman**

Mr. Redman teaches metal trades at Big Spring High School. He graduated from UTPB in 1975. He worked for 26 years at the chemical plant and has two grown children.

**Nick Roberson**

Mr. Roberson teaches electrical trades at Big Spring High School. He and his wife Anne have two children, Devin and Faith.

**James Salvato**

Mr. Salvato teaches math at Big Spring High School. He graduated from Angelo State University in 1967 and has 18 years of teaching experience. He has three grown children and over 20 years of experience in business.

**Amy Schwartz**

Mrs. Schwartz teaches kindergarten at Moss Elementary School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 2003. She is married to Justin.

**Stephany Sledge**

Miss Sledge teaches fifth and sixth grade physical education at Goliad Intermediate School. She graduated from Texas Tech in 2002 and has three years of education experience.

**Anne Roberson**

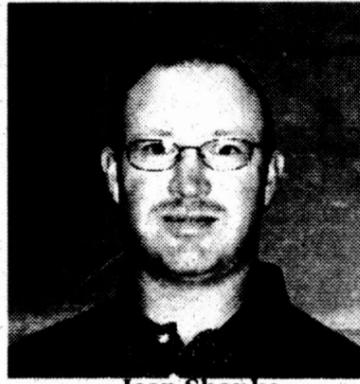
Mrs. Roberson teaches special education at Big Spring High School. She graduated from Lubbock Christian University in 2002. She and her husband Nick have two children, Devin and Faith.

**Brittany Roberson**

Miss Roberson teaches eighth grade science at Big Spring Junior High. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 2004.

**Karen Saunders**

Mrs. Saunders is the principal of Kentwood Elementary School. She graduated from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 1991 and San Angelo State University in 2000. She has eight years of education experience. She and her husband Tom have three children, Kaitlyn, Kara and Jimmy. Besides education, she also enjoyed a 12 year career as an air traffic controller in the U.S. Navy.

**Jeep Shanks**

Mr. Shanks teaches and coaches at Big Spring High School. He graduated from Oklahoma Panhandle State University in 1983 and has 22 years of teaching experience. He and his wife Patricia have two daughters, Nikki and Kami.

**Christy Smith**

Mrs. Smith teaches eighth grade math at Big Spring Junior High. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1990 and has 14 years of education experience. She and her husband Stan have five children between them.

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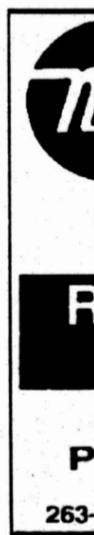
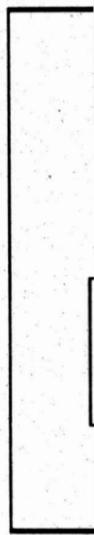
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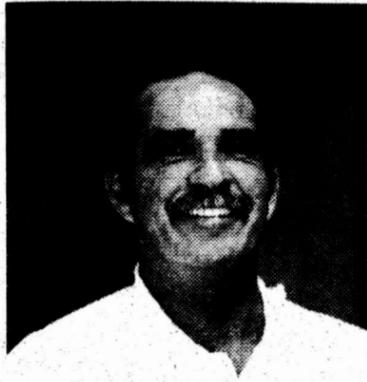
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**Tim VanHecke**

Mr. VanHecke is the girls' athletic coordinator, assistant golf coach and head girls basketball coach at Big Spring High School. He graduated from Eastern New Mexico University in 1973. He and his wife Patty three children between them. Besides education, he owned Hobbs Sporting Goods, worked as a salesman for Pipeline Construction and worked at a basketball camp for 10 years.

**Allison Wallace**

Miss Wallace teaches kindergarten at Washington Elementary School. She graduated from Texas A & M University in 2002 and has over a year of experience.

**Marie Denise Wells**

Mrs. Wells teaches world history and world geography at Big Spring High School. She graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas in 2003 and is currently working on her Master's degree at the University of North Texas. She worked as a paralegal and in the real estate field before teaching. She and her husband Cody have a son, Cameron.



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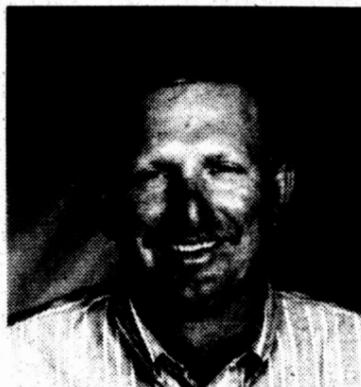
Ken Cates

Mr. Cates teaches and coaches at Coahoma High School. He graduated from Western New Mexico University in 1981 and has 23 years of education experience. He and his wife Kayla have three children; Brandon, Kambra and Blake.



Dawn Fee

Mrs. Fee teaches special education at Coahoma Junior High. She attended Texas Tech University and Wayland Baptist University and graduated in 2003. She is married to Josh and has a son, Jackson.



Ray McKinnon

Mr. McKinnon teaches eighth grade math at Coahoma Junior High. He attended Howard College and Angelo State University and graduated in 1972. He has 33 years of education experience. He and his wife Doris have two grown daughters and four grandchildren.



Jeriann Mitchell

Miss Mitchell teaches English III, speech and theatre at Coahoma High School. She attended both Howard College and Angelo State University and graduated in 1999. She completed her teaching certification in 2004.



Jennifer Roemisch

Miss Roemisch teaches and coaches at Coahoma Junior High. She attended Midland College and graduated from McMurry University in 2004.



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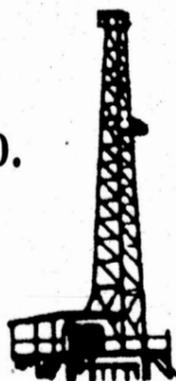
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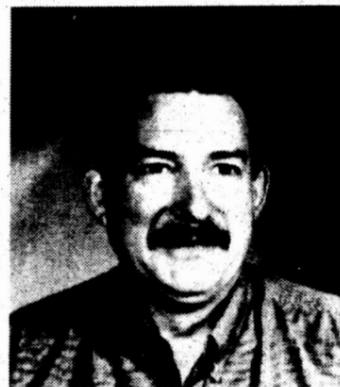
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Keith Bagnall
Mr. Bagnall is a counselor at Forsan Junior High and High School. He graduated from Southwest Texas State University in 1991 and Sul Ross State University in 1993. He has over 20 years of education experience. He and his wife Jackie have two children Dillon and Erin.

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Tera Evans
Mrs. Evans teaches sixth and seventh grade language arts at Forsan Junior High and High School. She graduated from Texas Tech in 1995 and has two years of teaching experience. She is married to Matt and they have a son named Tyler. Besides education, she has also been a director with Pampered Chef.

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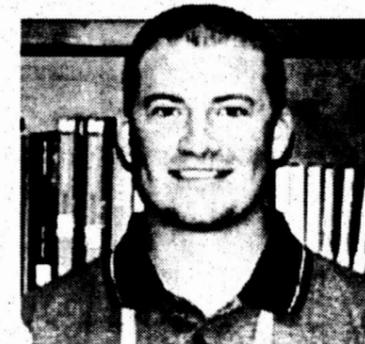
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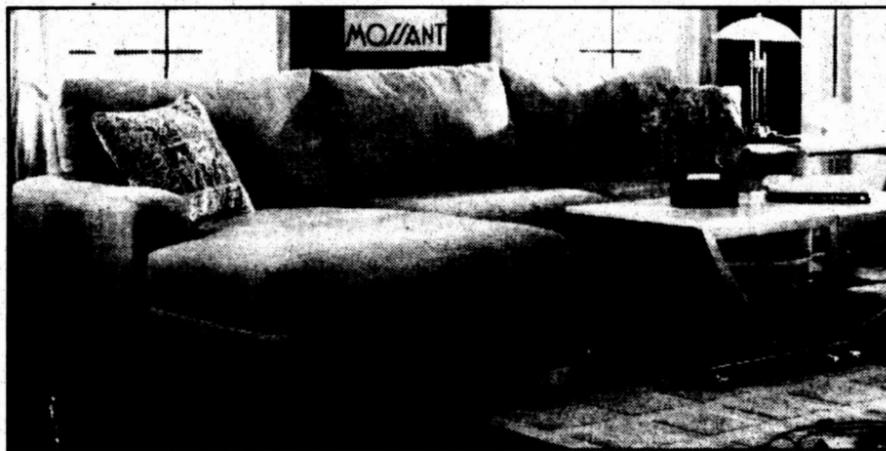
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