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Forsan will hold concert at 6:30 p.m.

The six-time award winning Forsan High School Band will present its last concert of the year at 6:30 p.m. today in the high school auditorium.

Elementary choir to perform today, Friday

The Coahoma Elementary School Choir will host its spring concert at 7 p.m. today in the campus cafeteria.

Admission is free. The program will be repeated at 9 a.m. Friday for the elementary school student body and anyone who cannot attend tonight.

Also Friday, the choir will travel to Big Spring and will sing at the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club noon meeting in the Howard College Tumbleweed Room and for residents of Park Place.

Boy Scout signup planned this evening

The Boy Scouts of America is holding a roundup tonight for boys in grades kindergarten through sixth to sign up for summer activities.

The event will be held at Goliad School Cafeteria at 7 p.m. For more information call David O'Neill at 263-3407.

American Legion sets Saturday fish fry

The American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, will hold a fish fry fund-raiser Saturday from noon until 3 p.m.

Plates are \$7 a piece and delivery is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Carry out is also available. For more information, call 263-2084.

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Community gathers to honor law officers

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Almost 10 years have passed, but the pain has not completely subsided.

On Wednesday, the family of slain Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Troy Hogue gathered with community members to remember the sacrifice Troy and many other officers have made in the line of duty.

"It's an honor people still remember him and realize the need for our officers," said Delia Hogue, Troy's mother, who along with her husband, Bobby, attended the Law Enforcement Memorial Service held at

"After serving for 10 days looking for police and firemen at ground zero in 2001, I vowed I would not allow our law enforcement to be forgotten."



Childress

Community of Hope Church of the Nazarene. "It's been nearly 10 years since he was killed and it still hurts."

According to the Rev. Ken Childress, police

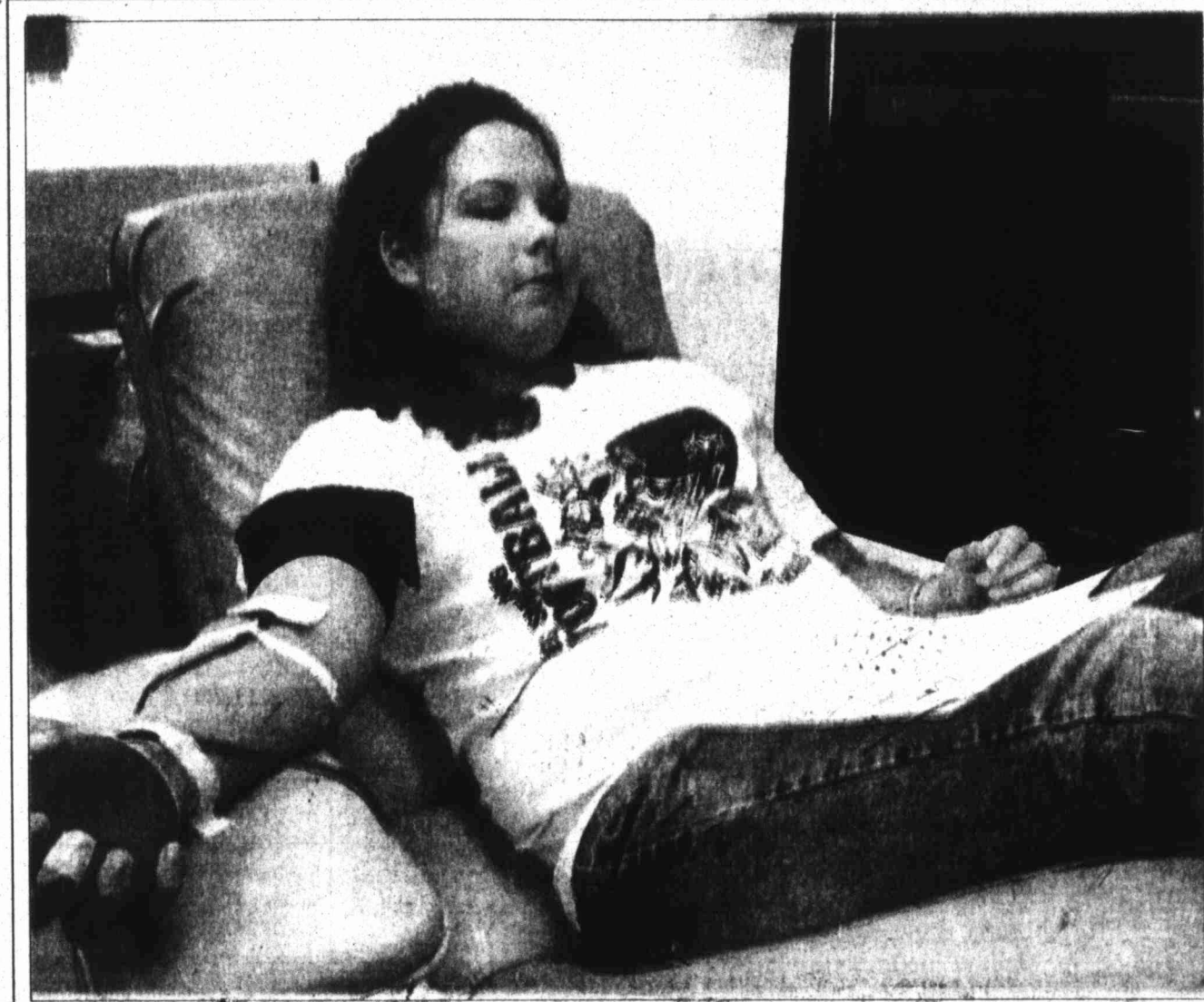
chaplain and event organizer, the names of 365 officers from the United States and Canada killed last year will be added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C., including 10 from Texas.

"City halls and county governments all over our nation are making this a special week," Childress said.

The observation not only serves to remember officers killed on duty, who are too often quickly forgotten, Childress said, but also their surviving family members.

And for Childress, the service also means

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Big Spring High School junior Julie Cadenhead patiently waits to finish donating blood Wednesday during the high school student council's blood drive for United Blood Service of Midland. The drive was held on the high school campus.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Masons honor teacher

Tarpley receives Lamar Award

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

An 18-year Big Spring education veteran was honored Wednesday by the Staked Plains Lodge 598 of the Masons of Texas with the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award.

"I wish everyone's name was on this," said a humbled second grade teacher Barbara Tarpley in front of her colleagues at Marcy Elementary. "I have always said I work with the best group of teachers. We help each other, take care of each other and I feel like everyone deserves this."

Given for excellence, the award is named after Lamar, the second president of the Republic of Texas and a Mason. He is

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Barbara Tarpley, Marcy Elementary School second grade teacher, receives the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award Wednesday from Staked Plains Lodge 508 Worshipful Master Bo Clawson. The award for excellence is named after Lamar, who is considered the father of Texas education.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Youth job fair canceled; seminar may be planned

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

A youth job fair scheduled for Monday has been canceled, though a seminar will probably be conducted in the near future, organizers have announced.

"In working to get employer participation, we discovered many employers have already hired summer workers or are unable to participate at this time," explained Virginia Belew,

Workforce Network area manager. The Network was planning to sponsor the job fair along with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Howard College and Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Belew said youth needing a job for the summer should turn to the Workforce Network office at 310 Owens.

"We encourage youth and anyone looking for a job to visit our center," said Belew. "We do have

job listings for which job seekers can have immediate access, and we get new job orders each day."

Belew said some employers prefer to wait until the end of May to create summer jobs, so youth looking for work should not give up if they don't meet with immediate success.

"There are many retail and service jobs that will emerge later this month and in June. Youth should not be very selective or

"picky" about the kind of work they chose to seek," said Belew. "There is very valuable experience to be gained by working at a fast food establishment, for example."

"Here, workers learn to work with the public, learn the importance of customer service and can begin to gain exposure to the business and management

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Jury finds McVea guilty on two counts

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

After wading through conflicting testimony in a case of "home invasion," a 118th District Court jury on Wednesday found 19-year-old Marcus Jamal McVea guilty on two counts of aggravated robbery.

The sentencing phase in the two-day trial was to be held this morning.

McVea's alleged accomplices, 23-year-old Anthony Lee Evans and 17-year-old Billy Wayne Aldridge, both took the stand Wednesday morning. Aldridge, who

was 16 years old when the crime occurred, refused to answer most of the questions he was asked during his testimony, continually referring back to a statement that he gave police at an earlier date. Evans wasn't as silent.

"We talked about a way to get some money," Evans told the court. "Marcus (McVea) came up with the idea to rob

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Neugebauer to open office in Big Spring

Special to the Herald

U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, announced this week that he will be officially opening a district field office in Big Spring.



NEUGEBAUER

The office is located in the Gary Building at 1510 Scurry, Suite B, and will be staffed by Terri Blackshear, a local resident.

Blackshear is a 1976 graduate of Big Spring High School. She attended Howard College and Texas Tech and graduated from the University of Texas Permian Basin in 1980. She is married to local businessman and former mayor Tim Blackshear and has a son, Shane, and a daughter, Timmi.

The grand opening is scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday. The public is invited.

"The people of Big Spring have a special place in my heart because of their unyielding determination to make their community better," Neugebauer said. "This new field office is just one way I can help. I invite everyone to

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TEXAS BRIEFS

Authorities search for missing girl

LUBBOCK (AP) — Authorities say foul play may be involved in the disappearance of a 16-year-old girl, who left her home in the middle of the night more than a week ago, apparently on her own volition and without her cell phone.

"Typically, teenagers today, if they have a cell phone, it's with them all the time," Lubbock County's Sheriff's Office chief deputy Paul Scarborough said Wednesday. "It's just highly unusual."

A nationwide missing persons bulletin was issued the evening of May 6, two days after Joanna Rogers went missing from her home just outside the Lubbock city limits. A regional Amber Alert was issued at the same time, officials said.

"We're trying to bump that up" to a nationwide Amber Alert, said sheriff's Sgt. Greg Parrott.

Rogers, a junior at Lubbock High School, came home from her job at a sandwich shop about 12:20 a.m. on May 4, and had a short conversation with her mother before apparently going to bed, said Kathy Rogers, the teen's mother.

Texas lawmakers see new photos of abuse

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Majority Leader Tom DeLay said Wednesday a new set of photos of prisoner abuse in Iraq are "pretty disgusting," but he reaffirmed confidence in Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

DeLay, R-Sugar Land, and other members of Congress viewed the photos behind closed doors at a House office building and at the Capitol.

"It's pretty disgusting ... Looks like someone was trying to put together a porno film or something," DeLay said.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said many of the photos were consistent with those already made public. But she said some were worse.

"It was pretty shocking. It was something that you wish you never had to see and something that you'll

never forget," Hutchison said in an interview with CNN.

Senators work toward consensus

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas senators tried again Wednesday to ferret out a way to pay for public schools with an agreeable and sufficient revenue source before the end of the special legislative session.

The 30-day session concludes next Wednesday, and key senators are in constant discussions about how to replace promised property tax relief. Sen. Florence Shapiro, who heads the Senate Education Committee, said a bill would have to be voted out of committee by Friday morning at the latest to survive this special session.

"I'm hoping, I'm hoping that we can pass a bill out of the committee of the whole at least by Friday," Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said, shortly after meeting with House Speaker Tom Craddick.

Key legislators said state-taxed video gambling is off the table because of staunch resistance in the House. That proposal likely would require a change in the state constitution, which means two-thirds of both chambers must agree before it is approved.

"We have been given many indications from a lot of the House members ... there is probably not support for 100 votes on anything," said Shapiro, R-Plano. The divided House passed a plan last week that did not generate enough money to pay for itself after several revenue options were removed.

Special memorial at Fort Hood

FORT HOOD (AP) — One by one, 15 fallen soldiers assigned to the Texas-based 1st Cavalry Division were remembered by friends and family members.

Six soldiers honored at the 1st Cavalry's Memorial Chapel were from the Arkansas National Guard, which mobilized to deploy with the Fort Hood-headquartered division, and later died in Iraq.

"Today, we honor those who did a superb job ... they answered a call to service when their nation needed them and understood that freedom is worth fighting and dying for," Lt. Col. Robert Forrester, 1st Cavalry Division's rear detachment commander, said.

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keeping a vow he made three years ago after the terror attacks of Sept. 11.

"After serving for 10 days looking for police and firemen at ground zero in 2001, I vowed I would not allow our law enforcement to be forgotten," he said.

It was a vow, Childress said, to remember his fallen brothers and sisters and to remember their families such as one New York police officer's widow. Only his badge and gear were found among the rubble of the World Trade Center.

"She was the mother of six children and she came every day to ask about her husband," Childress recalled. "I had to tell this woman that her husband is not coming back and hear a little boy ask 'did you see my daddy? Can I see my daddy?'"

More than 60 people attended the service, including law enforcement officers from various local agencies. Representatives from state Sen. Kel Seliger and from U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer also attended.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker and Stefanie Wilkerson, representative of Seliger's officer, read proclamations making

Saturday, May 15, Peace Officer's Memorial Day.

"Jesus said that those who love give their lives for others," said St. Paul Lutheran Church pastor Wayne Frost during the opening prayer. "We remember those who have sacrificed to keep evil away from others."

Family members of Hogue and Jan Forseyth, the granddaughter of Henry F. Howie, who was killed in 1940 while on duty were given a red rose with a dew drop to symbolize their loss.

As the hour-and-half long event wrapped up, Childress prompted the audience to thank law officers for the job they perform.

"That may be the little bit they need to keep their spirits up when nothing else does," he said.

Texas officers fallen in 2003 are John M. Bennett, Texas Department of Corrections officer; Charles R. Clark, Houston Police Department; Toby R. Dirickson, Ranger Police Department; Michael A. Fitzgerald, Moore County Sheriff's Office; John D. Garcia, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office; Jesus A. Garza Jr., Bexar County Sheriff's Office; Jose A. Herrera, Friona Police Department; James G. O'Brien, Temple Police Department; Wesley W. Wagstaff, Texas Parks and Wildlife; and Stanley A. Wiley, TDC officer.

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come to the grand opening and meet Terri Blackshear, a Big Spring resident who can help

folks in dealing with federal agencies. Terri is there, ready to work for you."

Congressman Neugebauer's other field offices are in Lubbock and Midland. In addition,

his staff conducts "Mobile Congressional Office Hours" in other communities on a regular basis to assist constituents.

Anyone needing help with a federal agency can call the Big Spring office

at (432) 264-0722 or reach Neugebauer's Lubbock District office toll free at 888 763-1611. Constituents can also e-mail him at randy@mail.house.gov or his Web site, www.randy.house.gov.

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this old couple. He had worked there before. The plan wasn't to hurt anyone.

"They had two pistols. One was a 9mm (handgun), but it was fake. The other was a .45 (caliber handgun) and it was real," he continued.

Evans testified that he dropped McVea and Aldridge off two blocks from the victim's home, which was located in the 1900 block of Eubanks Road.

"I dropped them off a couple of blocks away from the house and parked the truck," said Evans. "I didn't see any masks and they didn't have any on when they got out of the truck. I rode around the block a few times until I figured it was time to pick them up. They were running when they got to the truck. They got in and I drove away from there."

"I dropped Marcus off and then went back to the projects with Billy (Aldridge). He told me the old lady had gotten hurt. I was mad. No one was supposed to get hurt and we only got like \$50. I had been in trouble before and I knew this was big trouble."

During cross examination Evans explained that the three men had been to the victims' home prior to the robbery, asking for work.

"The first time we went there was someone working in the back yard, so they didn't do anything," Evans testified. "It was about two hours later when we went back."

Defense attorney Don Richard presented Evans

with a document stating that McVea had not been involved with the crime and asked Evans if he had signed it. Evans said it was his signature, but it had been written in pencil and had been altered since he signed it.

The prosecution also called Rebecca Williams, Evans' girlfriend at the time of the crime and owner of the truck the three allegedly used as a getaway vehicle. Williams testified that Evans had taken the truck the day of the incident and didn't bring it back until dusk.

The jury also heard testimony from the victims of the robbery, Robert McClure, 90, and Abby McClure, 76. Neither were able to positively identify the two men that allegedly pushed their way into the home.

"I was on the phone with my daughter," explained Abby McClure. "There was someone at the door so I told her to hold on. We live in a doublewide, and there's no screen on the door. When I opened the door one of them jumped up on the steps and grabbed the phone away from me. They pushed their way in the door and pushed me

down on the floor. That's when I saw the gun."

McClure said she offered to give the two assailants the money the couple had on hand in return for their safety.

"I told them we'd give them the money we had in the house if they wouldn't hurt me and my husband," said McClure. "That's when one of them grabbed me by my arm and pulled me up off of the floor. The skin on my arm came off and I was bleeding. I was bleeding so bad."

When asked to identify the men that were in her home, McClure said she wasn't positive, but she believed it was McVea and Evans. When asked if either of the men that were in her home were in the courtroom, she replied "I don't really remember."

After McClure's testimony the prosecution rested its case, opening the door for the defense to place McVea on the stand in his own defense.

"I was with my baby's mother when they say this happened," McVea testified moments after taking the stand. "I wasn't involved in this crime at all."

The defense went on to

present testimony from several family members of McVea's girlfriend who claimed they were with him throughout the day the robbery occurred. The defense also called Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Jay Fryar, who testified that although no fingerprints or other physical evidence was found at the scene, a single shoe print pointed the finger in a different direction.

"We found a shoe print in the garden behind the home," said Fryar.

"Were you able to find a shoe that matched that print in the possession of any of the suspects?" asked Richard.

"Yes sir. We found a pair of shoes that matched the prints in the possession of Anthony Evans," testified Fryar.

After approximately an hour of deliberation the jury found McVea guilty on both counts of aggravated robbery, a first degree felony that carries a possible sentence of five to 99 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.

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JOB FAIR

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world. They gain workplace discipline and the responsibility of keeping a job."

The Workforce Network also provides on-going job search classes for anyone who would like to improve their job search techniques. To attend a workshop, contact Carla Gross or Adrian Calvio at 263-8373 or go by the Workforce Network.

Job seekers can also access area and state jobs on the Internet at Texasworkforcecommission.org

Belew said a job search seminar geared especially toward youth is in the process of being finalized.

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considered the father of education in Texas.

Tarpley was chosen from a three-person committee by Lodge members who reviewed several nominations from the public.

"Teachers don't get enough recognition for what they do," Worshipful Master Bo Clawson of the Staked Plains Lodge told the group gathered in the school library. "We live in a negative society and we often hear about the negative things but not always about the good things."

According to Clawson, the letter nominating Tarpley stood out from the rest because of the extra things she does for

her students above her normal responsibilities.

"She does extra things for her kids outside of class such as help with lunch money, little extra things like that," Clawson said.

The Masons, the oldest organization in the world dating back to the Crusades, have always been a supporter of education such as giving out scholarships and awards, Clawson said. The Staked Plains also honors teachers during Public Schools Week by hosting a breakfast.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Do your part
be sure and
vote Saturday

You've heard it all before, how important it is to take an active role in charting the future of your schools and your community. On Saturday, it's time to take that role seriously.

The men and women who are elected that day will be our representatives in matters of education and local government. The decisions they make will shape our future and our children's future. By filing as candidates, that's a task they've agreed to do. After Saturday, these people will be asked to carry a great responsibility.

On Saturday, however, the responsibility is all ours. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Surely we can take five minutes out of that 12-hour period for a matter of such importance.

The responsibility is yours. Do your part. Vote.

Rummy's loyalty card under fire

If ever there was a group that should understand adults losing control in a group setting, ganging up on weakened individuals and then humiliating them gratuitously, it is journalists.

Alas, photographs showing the sadism of U.S. guards at Iraqi prisons seem to have brought out the worst in America's pundits. Witness the number of columnists who have called on President Bush to fire Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

Some might argue that Rumsfeld is responsible for everything that happens under his watch. Nonsense — Rumsfeld is responsible for things that he allows to happen. But as the Wall Street Journal editorial page reported Thursday, Rumsfeld's Pentagon swiftly investigated and set out to prosecute U.S. troops who mistreated Iraqi detainees. There was no cover-up. There was an investigation months before "60 Minutes II" reported these abuses.

So what's the new beef? Rumsfeld should have read the voluminous report on abuses at the Abu Ghraib prison, said New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd. (When you think about it, Dowd is attacking Rumsfeld for not reacting like a journalist — he could have at least claimed to have read the report.)

Others argue that he should have shared photos of U.S. troops humiliating prisoners with members of Congress or Bush. Good grief.

Do I suspect that administration critics want Bush to dump Rumsfeld because they think it would begin a spiral of self-recrimination? Mais oui. That's why recent press conferences have featured reporters asking Bush to please-pretty-please catalog his many mistakes.

That's one reason Bush won't fire Rummy. He realizes that the drums beating the loudest for Rumsfeld's head want it as a campaign trophy. And the blame that falls first on Rumsfeld would then spill over onto Bush.

Another reason is that Bush doesn't like to can loyal soldiers. As Secretary of State Colin Powell told Bob Woodward for his book, "Plan of Attack," one day Powell realized, "The president was not going to toss anyone over the side, not Powell, not (CIA Director George) Tenet." In return, Bush expects his people to not "jump ship."

There are exceptions, but not many. He's three years into office, yet Bush has fired Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and economic adviser Lawrence Lindsey — and he let Environmental Protection Agency chief Christine Todd Whitman leave her post — and that's about it.

The Hoover Institution's Martin Anderson, who advised Bush during the 2000 campaign, believes that the low turnover at Casa Bush has much to do with how carefully Dubya picked his Cabinet.

Anderson sat through long policy talks Bush held with Powell and Rumsfeld, as well as National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, Deputy Defense Secretary

Paul Wolfowitz and Veep Dick Cheney. Now, they're the inner circle. Bush "knew these people. He likes them. He knows them. And he tends to be loyal," Anderson noted.

University of California, Berkeley, political science professor Bruce Cain is among those who argue that Bush should fire Rumsfeld. But Cain is enough of a Beltway observer to understand that it is highly likely that "Rummy will not be let go immediately. If it happens, it will happen after the (presidential) election."

And it's not just a matter of electoral politics. Consider Tenet. If Bush hadn't kept Bill Clinton's director of the CIA when he assumed office, Bush would have been in the perfect position to blame Clinton for every intelligence failure he inherited. Bush knew that, but he kept Tenet anyway. After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Bush didn't try to dump Sept. 11 in Tenet's lap. He didn't turn his CIA chief into a scapegoat — as some Dems and Repubs wanted him to do.

"I don't think he works that way," Anderson explained. Blaming other people simply doesn't get a job done.

To think — Bush had two solid chances to blame intelligence oversights on Democrats, but instead, he chose to stick with a man who he thought was more likely to get the job done.

Bush wasn't ruthlessly partisan. He didn't discard a man for the sake of convenience. And those are qualities that Washington wags simply cannot grasp.



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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
I would like to thank Dr. Hank Hill of Western Hills Animal clinic for performing free neutering during National Pet Week.

MOLLY WEBER
BIG SPRING.

TO THE EDITOR:
I am writing this letter as sort of a call to arms for our community. It has become quite apparent to me that we are going to have to take a stand and fight to keep our physicians here because no one else is going to do it.

I was in hope that our "new" hospital administrator would make a difference, but with the recent resignation of Dr. Ruth Bernal, it seems to be business as usual.

My children have patients of Dr. Bernal's since her arrival. She is a wonderful physician and truly loves her work. All she wants to be able to care for her patients in an appropriate manner. I do not know what contract negotiations were or were not made, but I do know that it will be her patients and our community that will suffer as a result.

We have seen great doctors come and go and honestly have become complacent. Enough is enough!

This hospital administration has gone to great expense to convince us to use their facilities but continues to ignore the needs of the children in our community. The children can't do anything about these decisions that are directly affecting them. They have to rely on adults that may, or may not have their best interest at heart.

If wonder if this decision would be so easy to make if they had to look into the eyes of my son and tell him why his doctor wouldn't be here to love him anymore. It's not going to be easy for me.

If your child is a patient of Dr. Bernal's, please call the hospital's administration office and voice your concern. If your child is a patient of Chavez or Ahmed, this affects you, too. More patients for them means a longer wait for you.

Let's put an end to the physician crisis in this community. It's time to take a stand and be heard.

JENNIFER CRAVEN DOMINGUEZ
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
I totally support the issue of banning chains. I'm so glad to hear that Lonnie Smith is behind this ordinance.

It is about time that Big Spring starts dealing with animal cruelty issues.

I think it is good that you wrote the story and showed the picture of the dog's suffering. People need to be aware of the cruelty taking place right under our noses.

Animals have rights and feelings, too. They shouldn't have to endure such neglect. This was pure neglect. I think the owner should have to go to jail.

I hope the dog finds a loving home. I know it is in good hands with Dr. Burt. He is my family's vet.

AMY OSBORN
FORT WORTH

TO THE EDITOR:
The Big Spring High School Band got back from their band trip on May 3. They went to Padre Island and the trip was a true success. We could not be prouder of any group of students. They were all so well mannered and respectful.

We received compliments from the hotel staff, bus drivers and restaurant personnel. There were about five other schools staying at the same hotel. Yet, we were told that we were by far the "best" group there.

The bus drivers told us that our band students were "top notch" both on and off the stage. At the awards banquet our girls dressed elegantly and represented our band with the highest prestige and the boys acted like true gentlemen.

This trip could not have been made possible if not for the help of few people. We would like to thank our band directors for all their hard work and dedication to the band program. Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Hale also deserve a token of gratitude for being so supportive.

We also appreciate the administration of it's continual support.

The success of our trip was also made possible by our chaperones: Lee Garcia, Lana Schooler, Jennifer Duck and Charlene Dominguez. They did a great job taking care of all the band students.

Thank you to our drivers, Larry Simmons and Jim Cooley, who drove us there and back safely. They made the trip interesting and made sure our kids were taken care of.

And last but certainly not least we

would like to our band parents for allowing their children to take part in this experience. We appreciate you and your band students very much.

PATSY SANCHEZ
BAND BOOSTER PRESIDENT

TO THE EDITOR:
While attending the combination swim banquet and retirement party for Coach Harlan Smith, I must admit that my spirit was refreshed when a prayer was lifted in the name of Jesus. Then something happened that I feel I must not keep quiet about.

After the awards were given to the swim team, the program shifted its attention to honoring and saying goodbye to Coach Smith. Some of the speakers were invited in advance to say a word or two and the others were to be impulsive.

One of the guest speakers was a brazen man, who by all appearances held a deep regard for the coach. What he failed to do was show respect for anyone present, for he used more swear words in his speech than I could keep track of, not that I was counting.

I kept waiting for someone to ask him to tone it down or sit down. Never happened! I'm ashamed, but will admit that I said a silent prayer that God would cause him to choke on his own saliva or better yet, bite his own tongue. That didn't happen either. He continued until he was finished.

I could have stood up and protested his bad language as easily as anybody else, but I didn't. We simply took a couple of our kids and left. The room was full of our youth, not to mention senior adults.

What happened to our obligation to be good role models? Was it OK just because most in the room laughed? I think not!

It is irrelevant what kids hear on TV or in their own homes; what does matter is that we as adults are failing our youth when we look the other way.

We need to apologize when we are wrong. And I am sorry that I walked out instead of taking a stand for what is right.

LISA PETROWSKI
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
Once again we read about a chain on a dog. However, this time it's imbedded in the dog.

It grieves my heart and angers my spirit to see that a human being would let this happen to a dog that must depend on the owner for it's care.

We don't need to abolish the use of a chain, but we do need to enforce the laws for cruelty.

The long term negligence in which the owner did in fact do led to the chain being embedded.

This is a huge case of neglect and cruelty to a pet.

First of all, the dog should have had a collar. You don't just hook a chain around a dog's neck.

Let's not let the total neglect and abuse by one person take the right to use a chain from all the good citizens who use a chain and who take excellent care of their pet.

The owner of this dog should face charges — severe charges — and have the dog taken away.

But the responsibility of caring for a pet belongs to the owner.

It saddens me deeply to see this dog hurt as badly as it appears. So let's have the owner answer for the severe abuse, but let's not cause greater problems by outlawing the use of chains.

It is not the chain which causes the abuse, but the neglect of the owner.

HAROLD HALE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:
In reference to "Dog Chaining Decreed," May 6, I read with interest the mayor's comments regarding the possibility of bringing this matter before the city council. As I recall, he said: "It's an instance where most of the people seem to agree that animals should not be tethered at all. But then you do that and you'll have people lining up at the podium saying they can't afford to put a fence up. So if you can't afford a fence are you telling me I can't have a dog?"

What part of logic does the mayor not understand? You can't drive a vehicle in the city of Big Spring if you don't have the money for insurance, you can't have city services such as water if you don't have the money for it, ad infinitum.

So what's the problem with quickly passing this type of ordinance? Could it possibly be that a mayoral election is rapidly approaching?

JOHN H. RHEINSCHELD
BIG SPRING

Seth Huddleston
Seth Huddleston 2004 valedictorian for Monahan's High School. He is the son of Doug and Tammi Huddleston, and the grandson of Phillip and Jewel Burcham of Big Spring. While in high school, Seth has participated in the University of Texas Intercollegiate competition, chess, football, track, and Honor Society activities. He plans to attend Texas Tech University this fall.

Andrea J. Tor
Andrea J. Tor Spring High School received a McDonald's Honorary ties of the Perrin area.

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Depression E Show and Sa

Collectors of glassware will indulge their the Permian Depression E presents the 30 Depression E Show and Saturday and the Ector Coliseum, Building Odessa. The open from 10 p.m. on Saturday from 11 a.m. to Sunday. Nations will display bow-hued glass pottery, china items associated depression year variety of bow with glassware other collect also be offered. Contact Feat Big Spring H free tickets 26 236 or life@bigspring

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Army Pvt.

Amy L. O'Neal
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Who's Who

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SETH HUDDLESTON

While in high school, Seth has participated in the University Intercollegiate League competition, chess club, football, track, National Honor Society and choir. He plans to attend Texas Tech University this fall.

Andrea J. Torres

Andrea J. Torres of Big Spring High School has received a Ronald McDonald House charities of the Permian Basin

scholarship.

Ronald McDonald House charities of the Permian Basin (RMHC) will award \$18,000 in college scholarships to 18 high school seniors this year. The students will be recognized for their academic achievement and celebrates as RMHC scholarship recipients.

Every year, students have the opportunity to apply for an RMHC Scholarship through their high school counselors or the RMHC Website, and many applications are submitted for review. This year, 18 students were selected to receive a scholarship to pursue post-secondary education.

Richard Castro, a McDonald's owner and operator, began this program in 1985 after noticing an unfortunate trend among Hispanic high school students. He was concerned about the number of students who

dropped out of school and/or did not pursue a college education, sometimes due to economic reasons.

As a way to encourage and assist students, Castro looked for support from other McDonald's owner/operators and RMHC to begin the RMHC Scholarship program.

This RMHC Scholarship program of the Permian Basin has granted \$46,000 in scholarships to students in this area since 2001.

Gina K. Kilgore

Gina K. Kilgore will be receiving a master of education degree from the Texas State University San Marcos with a grade point average of 4.0.

She is the daughter of Billy and Opal Johnson and the daughter-in-law of Jerry and Darla Kilgore.

Local piano students compete

Forty-three local piano students in the classes of Linda Lindell, Dolores Lillard and Sallie Wilson

of Big Spring have registered as candidates for membership in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians, sponsored by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teacher Division of the American College of Musicians, of which their teachers are members.

This group of young pianists will perform in the national piano-playing auditions, to be held at Howard College, and will strive for pledge, local, district, hobbyist, duet, ensemble, state,

national or international honors.

The American College of Musicians will evaluate the students performances based upon their presentation of baroque, classic, romantic and modern works. Each student will perform in the presence of an adjudicator chosen by the national organization headquartered in Austin.

Adjudicator for the Big Spring Center will be Elaine Ehrlich, from Fort Worth. Ehrlich has a bachelor of music in piano and English from the University of Texas at Austin, graduate work from the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Texas at Austin.

Students of Lindell are Emilea Brumley, Caitlin Carlisle, Taylor Digby, Christina Gaw, Sarah Haney, Bianca Mancha,

Angelina Rivera, Ambrie Schaffner, Antonette Tubera and Kristina Tubera.

Students of Lillard are Ashley Billings, Katie Black, Clay Harris, Gerald Harris, Sam Harris, Courtney Long and Jackson Watkins.

Students of Wilson are Adrian Aguilar, Kodi Aguilar, Autumn Alton, Sunil Athala, Machel Barr, Erik Dominguez, Sydne Flohr, Chandler Freeman, Nadia Garcia, Nakita Garcia, Sophia Gonzalez, Ariel Johnson, Bryan Juan, Ali Knight, Jeremy Landin, Sydney Larson, Skyler Moore, Erin Pollard, Toby Rodgers, Kelly Sage, Lauren Sage, Elyse Salazar, Marcus Stallings, Brandon Stowers, Kinsey Wash, and Elizabeth Wheeler.

Lillard is the local chairperson.



ELAINE EHRLICH

Preslie Smithie wins at All Star Kids pageant

Preslie Savannah Smithie, 4, competed in the 2004 All Star Kids Pageant in April and won All Star Beauty in age class 4-6; prettiest; first place portfolio; and model of the day.

She also won first runner-up in the talent competition for age class 4-12, where she sang the theme song from "Beauty and the Beast."

She brought home four trophies, one crown and a medal.

Preslie is the daughter of Shannon and Angela Smithie and sister to Hartlie. Her grandparents are Jamie and Carla Collinsworth and Buddy and Beverly Smithie, all of Big Spring, and Bobby



Preslie Savannah Smithie

and Wilma Dennis of national competition that will be in Dallas in July. Preslie has earned her way to compete in the

In a few words

Depression Era Glass Show and Sale

Collectors of lovely glassware will be able to indulge their passion as the Permian Basin Depression Glass Club presents the 30th Annual Depression Era Glass Show and Sale on Saturday and Sunday at the Ector County Coliseum, Building A in Odessa. The show will open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Nationwide dealers will display the rainbow-hued glass as well as pottery, china and other items associated with the depression years. A broad variety of books dealing with glassware as well as other collectibles will also be offered.

Contact Features at the Big Spring Herald for free tickets 263-7331, ext. 236 or e-mail life@bigspringherald.com

Medicare recipients

All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer from condition such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, respiratory disorders and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare.

For information on Medicare eligibility contact Gregory at 1-800-810-2877.

Ellen Noel Art Museum

The Ellen Noel Art Museum presents a new public art exhibition "La Loteria: An Exploration of Mexico: Which opens May 7 and runs through June 27.

In "La Loteria: An Exploration of Mexico" artist Teresa Villegas

explores some of the ubiquitous images of Mexico by using the format of Loteria, a popular Mexican game of chance. The exhibition draws upon Mexican traditions, historical figures, gastronomy and popular culture. The exhibition's purpose is to inspire interest, understanding and dialog between the people of the United States and Mexico.

This exhibition is on loan from Teresa Villegas and is part of the Traveling Exhibitions Program through the Arizona Commission on the Arts.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum is located at 4909 E. University Blvd. in Odessa, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Call (432) 550-9696 for more information.

In the Military

Army Pvt. Amy L. O'Neal

Army Pvt. Amy L. O'Neal has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

O'Neal is the daughter of Pam O'Neal of Stanton. She is a 2003 graduate of Stanton High School.

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Special Envoy

GMC gives new dimension to sport utility with XUV

Ware indeed living in the "golden age" of the automobile. In 1902, Max Grabowski formed the Rapid Vehicle Motor Company to produce GMC trucks that began moving America. If only Max could see his invention now.

Wow! With more than two dozen makes producing more than 100 models — trucks that drive like cars, cars that have more amenities than most house-

holds, SUVs, crossovers, sports cars, minivans, wagons — well, when it comes to hitting the open road, we're living in the best auto buyers market the world has ever known. I think Max would be proud of his company's latest offering to the automotive world — the 2004 Envoy XUV.

This is no ordinary sport utility vehicle. It is unique. It is special, and I spent the week demonstrating the rear power-sliding roof to everyone who would give me three minutes of their time.

"You've got to see this," I would say, grabbing them by the arm and walking them out to the parking lot.

With the turn of the key, the roof covering the rear cargo compartment slides forward, providing the availability to haul larger items that normally wouldn't fit in the back of an SUV.

It's even got a power window behind the rear seat that provides an enclosed cabin for the

passenger area when the roof is back. And, if you need to haul something that's messy, no problem. The rear cargo area has a QuickDrain cleaning system that allows you to take a garden hose and wash it out. You can't do that in a regular SUV.

If you still need more room, the rear seat can be folded flat, the window can be lowered, and the mid-gate dropped down to allow the hauling of large items like 4X8 sheets of plywood. For those who enjoy the great outdoors, GMC even

offers an attachable tent for the rear area. With all of the amenities inside, you can leave home without feeling like you're really leaving home.

The GMC Envoy XUV — built on the same platform as the Envoy XL — is an outstanding vehicle.

Durable, versatile, powerful, comfortable, the Envoy XUV receives my hearty endorsement for anyone who needs a full-size backseat, but occasionally needs the use of a truck bed for cargo hauling.

Available in both rear-wheel and four-wheel drive configurations, the Envoy XUV handles great, rides smooth and yes, I hated to hand over the keys at the end of the week-long test drive.

Consumers have the option of two available powerplants: a 4.2-liter I-6 (275 horsepower/275 lb.-ft. torque) or the 5.3-liter V-8 (290 horsepower/325 lb.-ft. torque). Both engines are mated



The 2004 GMC Envoy XUV with power-sliding rear-roof.

to a four-speed automatic transmission, and use regular unleaded gasoline.

With seating for up to five passengers, the Envoy XUV is available in two trim lines — SLE and SLT. It has a base price starting around \$32,000.

Neal White has been covering the automotive industry for more than 10 years and is affiliated with the Texas Auto Writers Association and the Midwest Automotive Media Association. Comments may be sent to Neal at neal.white@waxa-hachidedailylight.com.

ON THE ROAD



BY NEAL WHITE

THE NUTS AND BOLTS



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Arabian Fables (I)

How the Arabs soften up world opinion with fanciful myths.

Josef Goebbels, the infamous propaganda minister of the Nazis, had it right. Just tell people big lies often enough and they will believe them. The Arabs have learned that lesson well. They have swayed world opinion by endlessly repeating myths and lies that have no basis in fact.

What are some of these myths?

The "Palestinians." That is the fundamental myth. The reality is that the concept of "Palestinians" is one that did not exist until about 1948, when the Arab inhabitants of what until then was Palestine, wished to differentiate themselves from the Jews. Until then, the Jews were the Palestinians. There was the Palestinian Brigade of Jewish volunteers in the British World War II Army (at a time when the Palestinian Arabs were in Berlin hatching plans with Adolf Hitler for world conquest and how to kill all the Jews); there was the Palestinian Symphony Orchestra (all Jews, of course); there was *The Palestine Post*, and so much more.

The Arabs, who now call themselves "Palestinians," do so in order to persuade a misinformed world that they are a distinct nationality and that "Palestine" is their ancestral homeland. But, of course, they are no distinct nationality at all. They are entirely the same — in language, customs, and tribal ties — as the Arabs of Syria, Jordan, and beyond. There is no more difference between the "Palestinians" and the other Arabs of those countries than there is between, say, the citizens of Minnesota and of Wisconsin.

What's more, many of the "Palestinians," or their immediate ancestors, came to the area attracted by the prosperity created by the Jews, in what previously had been pretty much of a wasteland.

The nationhood of the "Palestinians" is a myth. The "West Bank." Again, this is a concept that did not exist until 1948, when the army of the Kingdom of Transjordan, together with five other Arab armies, invaded the Jewish state of Israel, on the very day of its creation.

In what can almost be described as a Biblical miracle, the ragtag Jewish forces defeated the combined Arab might. But Transjordan stayed in possession of the territories of Judea and Samaria and part of the city of Jerusalem. The Jordanians promptly expelled all Jews from the area that

they occupied, destroyed all Jewish institutions and houses of worship, used Jewish cemetery headstones to build military latrines, and renamed as "West Bank" what had been Judea and Samaria since time immemorial.

The attempt, quite successful, was to persuade an uninformed world that these territories were ancestral parts of the Jordanian Arab Kingdom (itself a very recent creation of British power diplomacy). Even after the total rout of the Arabs in the 1967 Six-Day War, in which the Jordanians were driven out of Judea/Samaria and of Jerusalem, they and the world continued to call this territory the "West Bank," a geographical concept that cannot be found on any except the most recent maps.

The concept of the "West Bank" is a myth. The "Occupied Territories." After the victorious Six-Day War, during which the Israeli army defeated the same cabal of Arabs that had invaded the country in 1948, Israel remained in possession of Judea/Samaria (now renamed "West Bank"), which the Jordanians had illegally occupied for 19 years; of the Gaza strip, which had been occupied by the Egyptians but which (hundreds of miles from Egypt proper) had never been part of their country; and of the Golan Heights, a plateau of about 400 square miles, which, though originally part of Palestine, had been ceded to Syria by British-French agreement.

The last sovereign in Judea/Samaria and in Gaza was the British mandatory power — and before it was the Ottoman Empire. All of Palestine, including what is now the Kingdom of Jordan, was, by the Balfour Declaration, destined to be the Jewish National Home. How then could the Israelis be "occupiers" in their own territory? Who would be the sovereign and who the rightful inhabitants?

The concept of "occupied territories" in reference to Judea/Samaria and Gaza is a myth created by Arab propaganda.

Unable so far to destroy Israel on the battlefield — though they are feverishly preparing for their next assault — the Arabs are now trying to overcome and destroy Israel by their acknowledged "policy of stages." That policy is to get as much land as possible carved out of Israel "by peaceful and diplomatic" means, so as to make Israel indefensible and softened up for the final assault. The web of lies and myths that the Arab propaganda machine has created plays an important role in the unrelenting quest to destroy the State of Israel. What a shame that the world has accepted most of it!

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C.G.A. announces scholarship to
The Chicano Association announced a grant named that could send your child to college.

The scholarship is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Course.

The tournament will be a two-person event at a cost of \$5 per person. The tournament will be held after dark.

Mulligans will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$5 apiece.

There will be prizes on hole-in-one to the pin.

For more information, call Billy Pineda at 264-2366 (after 7 p.m.).

Big Spring Course can be contacted throughout the year at 264-2366.

Co-ed softball tournament announced

A benefit co-ed softball tournament will take place at the Trail Park from Saturday through Sunday. The \$115 per team fee includes a church league trophy. Trophies will be awarded for first through fourth place.

For more information, contact Frank at 213-0992 or V. at 432-466-1541. Leave a message.

Sweetwater Classic date

The fourth Sweetwater Classic Tournament will be held Friday, May 14, and Sunday, May 16, at Sweetwater.

This is for girls in age groups from 10 and under through high school varsity. The tournament is a team for a girls' team for three games.

For more information, contact Mike Hatley at Sweetwater Commerce at 6757 for entry.

San Angelo star classic

The 11th annual star classic tournament is scheduled for in San Angelo.

The tournament features both men's and women's teams. The cost for a team is \$100 per team, women's team. There is a maximum of 100 teams.

The men's team will be \$1,000 and the prize money given only to the winning team. The first place team will be given t-shirts. To enter, call 1-325-277-0628.

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IN BRIEF

C.G.A. announces scholarship tourney

The Chicano Golf Association has announced a golf tournament that could help send your child to college.

The scholarship tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Golf Course.

The tournament will be a two-person scramble at a cost of \$75 per person. The two-day tournament will be flighted after the first day.

Mulligans will also be available on both days for \$5 apiece.

There will be free food for players and prizes on holes closest to the pin.

For more information, call Willie Mendoza at 267-7977 or Billy Pineda at 264-7116 (after 7 p.m.)

Big Spring Golf Course can be reached throughout the day at 264-2366.

Co-ed softball tourney announced

A benefit co-ed softball tournament will take place at Comanche Trail Park Friday and Saturday. The cost is \$115 per team and church league rules apply. Trophies and t-shirts will be awarded for first through third place.

For more information contact Frank at 432-213-0992 or Vanessa at 432-466-1541 (please leave a message).

Sweetwater Spring Classic date set

The fourth annual Sweetwater Spring Classic Basketball Tournament will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Sweetwater.

This is for boys and girls in age divisions from 10 and under through high school varsity. The cost of the tournament is \$185 per team for a guaranteed three games.

For more information, contact Tournament Chairman Mike Hatley or the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-658-6757 for entry forms.

San Angelo sets all-star classic date

The 11th annual all-star classic basketball tournament has been scheduled for May 22-23 in San Angelo.

The tournament will feature both a men's and women's division. The cost for men is \$175 per team, while a women's team cost \$75. There is a 10 player maximum for both divisions.

The men's first place team will be awarded \$1,000 and t-shirts. Prize money will be given only if 10 men's teams enter the tournament. The women's first place team will be given t-shirts.

To enter, call Chris at 1-325-277-0628.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule

Event	Time	Station
Today		
Lady Steers vs. Chapin at Alpine	5:15 p.m.	1490
Friday		
Bulldogs vs. Grape Creek at Sweetwater	5:45 p.m.	1490
Bulldogs vs. Alpine at Midland	6:45 p.m.	34.3
Saturday		
Bulldogs vs. Grape Creek at Sweetwater	10:40 a.m.	1490

Area Championship

**Coahoma (12-10)
vs. Grape Creek at
Sweetwater (best of three playoff)**
Game one: Friday, 6 p.m.
Game two: Saturday, 11a.m.
Game three (if needed) will follow
game two

Projected Starting Lineup

1. Sam Tindol — second base
 2. Lance Roberts — pitcher
 3. Kelby Kemper — shortstop
 4. Adrian Abrego — catcher
 5. Chad Born — designated hitter
 6. Gene Corse — third base
 7. Owen Mansfield — first base
 8. Tad White/Luis Ramirez — right field
 9. Mitchell Gutierrez — left field
- Also: Justin Gard — center field

Bulldogs begin best of three playoff Friday in Sweetwater

By TROY HYDE

The Coahoma Bulldogs travel to Sweetwater Friday evening for the opening game of a best of three playoff series against San Angelo Grape Creek.

The first game at Mustang Field, which is located right off Highway 70 near the Nolan County Coliseum, will be played Friday at 6 p.m. and game two will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday morning. If a third game is needed, the two teams will meet immediately after game two.

The two teams did not meet in the regular season, but scrimmaged at the beginning of the year. "We did well at the scrimmage, but they have gotten a lot better," said Coach Brad Harmon.

The Bulldogs are anchored both offensively and defensively by Kelby Kemper, Adrian Abrego and Sam Tindol.

Kemper will start at shortstop and is hitting .533 at the plate this year.

Abrego, who will start at catcher, is hitting .375, while Tindol is batting .325. Tindol plays both center field and second base, but is expected to start at second Friday.

Lance Roberts will take to the hill Friday for the Bulldogs. He is 5-1 this year and is hitting .325 from the plate, as well.

Also hitting over .300 for Coahoma is Chad Born, who will be the team's designated hitter Friday.

Grape Creek's strength is its hitting, according to Harmon, but they have decent pitching.

"Our pitchers will have to throw strikes and hit the spots on the plate for us to win this series," said Harmon. "That will take away some of the offense."

"We also have to play fundamental defense and make some plays, as well."

Expect either Kemper, Tad White or Justin Gard to start on the mound in game number two.

The Bulldogs earned the right to take on Grape Creek in the area championship game after they disposed of New Deal in a best of three series last week. Coahoma won the first two games over New Deal by scores of 4-2 and 5-3.

Grape Creek earned a first round bye and has not yet played in a playoff game or series.

C.G.A. scholarship golf tourney tees off Saturday

By TROY HYDE

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association's annual scholarship golf tournament will take place this weekend at the Big Spring Golf Course located inside of Comanche Trail Park.

The C.G.A., which is one of the longest running minority associations in West Texas, will put on the tournament for the 14th straight year. The group has been in existence for 32 years total.

The scholarship money will be used for students in Howard County who are going to attend Howard College next fall.

Right now, there are 21 applicants and C.G.A. President Billy Pineda said he hopes to fulfill them all.

"Last we gave out 15 scholarships of \$300 apiece and this year we hope to fulfill all 21 applicants with scholarship money ranging anywhere from \$250-300 apiece," said Pineda. "It is not going to pay for the student's tuition, but it will help with expenses or buy their books."

The C.G.A. used to give out a few scholarships with more money, but since Pineda has become president the group has tried to fulfill everyone's

application. "It allows everybody interested to have a piece of the pie," added Pineda.

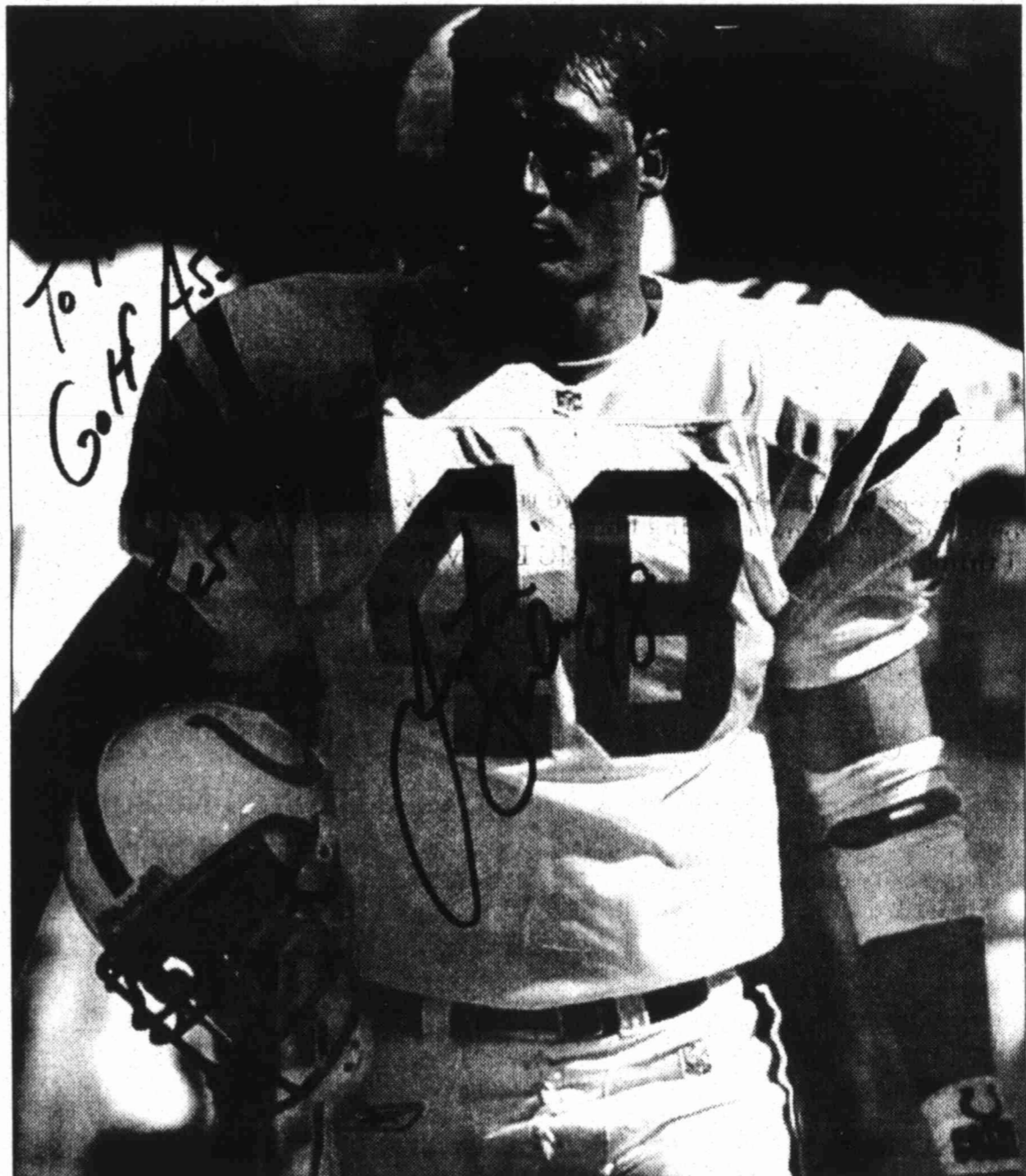
The tournament, which tees off Saturday morning and goes through Sunday afternoon, will be a two-person scramble at a cost of \$75 per person. The two-day tournament will be flighted after the first day.

Mulligans will also be available on both days for \$5 apiece and there will be free food for players and prizes on holes closest to the pin.

"The Chicano Golf Association is out here to help the kids," said Pineda. "This is for a good cause. It helps us out, yes, but it also helps the kids."

Justin Snow, who graduated from Abilene Cooper High School and Baylor University and is now the long snapper for the Indianapolis Colts NFL team, was invited to the tournament, but could not attend due to a scheduling conflict. However, Snow did sign, along with a few teammates, an NFL football that will be auctioned off this weekend at the tournament. Head coach Tony Dungy, kicker Mike Vanderjagt, tight end Dallas Clark, running back Dominic Rhodes

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The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association's scholarship golf tournament kicks off this Saturday at the Big Spring Golf Course. Justin Snow, who is the long snapper and a tight end for the Indianapolis Colts and graduate of Abilene Cooper High School, was scheduled to attend the function, but cancelled due to a scheduling conflict.

HOWARD COLLEGE ATHLETIC BANQUET Individual Team Awards

Men's Basketball

Mr. Offense: Steve Goff
Mr. Defense: Munir Shakir
Hawk Hustle Award: Jamaal Fears and Dominique Brown
Most Improved: Dwayne Abraham
Co-MVP: Steven Goff
Co-MVP: Dwayne Abraham

Baseball

Newcomer of the Year: Scott Sage and Blake Kronkosky
Big Stick: Scott Mitchell
Big Stick: Roberto Martinez
Golden Arm: Mario Perea
Golden Glove: Tanner Mattson
Fireman (top relief pitcher): Ken Bice
Hungry Hawk Award: Tanner Mattson
MVP: Scott Mitchell

Women's Basketball

Best Offensive Player: Desire Bostice
Best Defensive Player: Clara Tidwell
Lady Hawk Hustle Award: Julie Gorski and Latasha Davis
Most Improved: Dana Davis
Co-MVP: Desire Bostice
Co-MVP: Kristen Valentine

Softball

Newcomer of the Year: Michelle Teller
Big Stick: Angela Piper
Most Improved: Erin Mulvey and Amy Hitzfeld
Golden Arm: Andrea Renteria
Golden Glove: Paula Sanders
Hawk Pride: Sonya Figueroa and Angela Schraeder
Co-MVP: Monica Droz
Co-MVP: Dionne Lopez

Rodeo

Most Improved: Ryan O'Donnell
Women's high point timed event: Neelley Riley
Men's high point timed event: Bray Armes
Roughstock high point: Danny McDowell
Top Hand: Neelley Riley

Cheerleaders

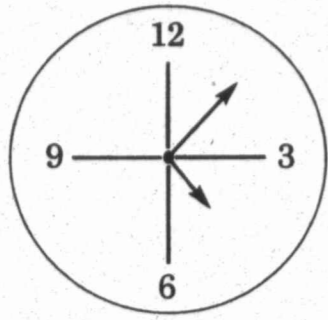
Most Spirited: Summer Davis
Best jumps-female: Dana Gonzales
Best jumps-male: Andy Nunez
Best motions-female: Jenna Schafer
Best motions-male: Jacob Lara
Best dancer: Kacie Acri
Best basket toss: Amber Ybarra
Best stunts-female: Amber Ybarra
Best stunts-male: Charles Abalos
Best tumbler-female: Dana Gonzales
Best tumbler-male: Jacob Lara
Best all-around: Hollie Gibbs

Trainers

Newcomer of the Year: Cody Bryant
Outstanding Student Trainer: Wade Green
Academic Excellence: Natalie Perez

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ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 62 degrees; 6 point 2-foot low; Black bass to 10 pounds are good on live bait, dark jigs, watermelon red flake soft plastics, and shad-colored spinnerbaits near structure. Spawning bass fair off secondary points in clear water at 15-25 feet. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water clearing; 65 degrees; 11 point 2-foot low; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and spinnerbaits near shallow rocky areas. Crappie are fair on minnows near dericks and east side bridge areas. White bass are fair on shad-colored crankbaits off windy, rocky points. Blue catfish are good on shad and large shiners in shallows in the upper end. Due to low water conditions, the only usable boat ramp is West Arrowhead Park.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 67 degrees; 4-foot low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 66 degrees; 16-foot low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 66 degrees; 17 point 4-foot low; Black bass are good on live bait, and soft plastics in greens and chartrreuse near structure. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striped are good on live bait. Catfish are good on live bait and prepared baits.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 64 degrees; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are good. Catfish are fair on live bait and prepared baits.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 63 degrees; 26-foot low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live bait and jigs. Catfish are fair on trotlines with live bait. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

O.H. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 66 degrees; 26-foot low; Black bass are fair on live baits, shad-colored spinnerbaits, and dark jigs or soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 64 degrees; 7 point 5-foot low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair. Larger white bass and smaller striped bass are fair in the upper lake areas towards the river. Channel catfish are fair on trotlines and juglines in the upper end of the lake.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 63 degrees; 62-foot low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair. Striped bass and hybrid striped are slow. Catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 62 degrees; 4-foot low; Black bass are fair on live bait and jigs. Crappie are fair on live bait and jigs. White and striped bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair on trotlines.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 61 degrees; 26-foot low; Black bass are fair on dark jigs and shad-colored spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on live bait and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are good on live bait.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained (from wind); 57 degrees; 21-foot low; Black bass are fair on shad-colored crankbaits and live baits with some topwater action. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Walleye are fair. Channel catfish are fair.

WICHITA: Water lightly stained; 67 degrees; Crappie are fair on minnows and Road Runner jigs along the dam. White bass are fair. Hybrid striped are fair. Channel catfish from 2-8 pounds are fair. The parking area behind the dam is blocked due to construction.

What you talkin' about Willis?
'D-Train' gets back on track

By JOEL ANDERSON

AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON (AP) - Dontrelle Willis pitched a six-hitter and Mike Lowell homered twice, leading the Florida Marlins over the Houston Astros 5-2 Wednesday night.

Coming off his first loss of the season against Los Angeles last week, Willis (4-1) bounced back with a strong performance facing the NL's top-hitting team.

Willis' herky-jerky delivery baffled the Astros all night, not surprising considering it was the first time Houston had faced the left-hander.

The 2003 NL Rookie of the Year walked two and

struck out one in his third career complete game.

Wade Miller (4-3) took the loss, leaving in the sixth inning because of tightness in his neck.

He was listed as day to day — he missed eight starts back in 2002 with a pinched nerve in his neck.

Lowell's second towering shot to left field in the sixth was the go-ahead run and Jeff Conine followed with an RBI single to give the Marlins a 3-1 lead.

Luis Castillo doubled in Juan Pierre in the seventh and Conine homered in the eighth. The World Series champions ended a four-game road losing streak.

Trailing by two runs,

the Astros loaded the bases with one out in the sixth.

Willis retired Lance Berkman on an RBI grounder and then scooped up Morgan Ensberg's comebacker for the third out.

The excitable 22-year-old pitcher spun around, yelled and pumped his first as he skipped back to the dugout.

Willis retired the next nine batters in order to finish off the victory.

Lowell hit a solo homer in the first. Adam Everett homered in the bottom half to tie it.

Miller, making his first start against Florida in three years, gave up three runs and four hits in 5 2-3 innings.

Blalock, Soriano lead Texas in win

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) - Hank Blalock hit his third homer in two games, and the Texas Rangers hung on to beat Tampa Bay 9-8 Wednesday night and send the Devil Rays to their seventh straight loss.

Alfonso Soriano, Kevin Mench and Brad Fullmer also homered for Texas, which has 14 homers in five games against Tampa Bay and has gone 4-1 against the Devil Rays.

Texas, which has won 13 of 17, took a 9-5 lead on Soriano's two-run double in the ninth, but in the bottom half Francisco Cordero allowed an RBI single to Rocco Baldelli and a two-run double to Aubrey Huff, who tied a career high with five RBI.

With runners at first and second, Cordero struck out Julio Lugo on three pitches for his 12th save in as many chances.

Chan Ho Park (2-3) gave up five runs and seven

hits in seven innings, and Tino Martinez and Huff homered for the Devil Rays, who have lost 14 of 16. The seven-game slide equals Tampa Bay's longest (last June 5-12) since Lou Piniella became manager at the start of the 2003 season.

John Halama (0-1) gave up three runs and three hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Martinez hit a two-run homer in the first, but David Dellucci hit a sacrifice fly in the second and Texas took a 4-2 lead in the third when Blalock had a two-run homer and Soriano followed with a solo shot.

Huff's three-run homer in the bottom half put Tampa Bay ahead 5-4, but Mench regained the lead for Texas with a two-run homer in the fourth.

Fullmer, who also had two doubles, made it 7-5 with a homer in the eighth.

Tampa Bay's Jeremi Gonzalez could soon find

himself out of the rotation after allowing four runs and five hits in three innings. He has gone 14 starts — including 10 losses — without a victory since his last win, Aug. 19 at Baltimore.

THE ODESSA ROUGHNECKS
AND BIG SPRING

The Odessa Roughnecks indoor arena football team has declared this Friday as Big Spring night at the arena.

The Roughnecks take on Amarillo at 7:30 p.m. and anyone who lives in Big Spring can attend the game for just \$7. Regular ticket prices are also available at the door for \$9.50.

There will also be a tailgating party before the game starting at 5:30 p.m. The Roughnecks are part of the Indoor Football League.

To pre-order tickets at the discounted rate, contact Roman Hines at 213-1011 no later than 6 p.m. Thursday.

Byron Nelson
respect brings
one of strongest
tourney fields

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer
IRVING, (AP) — The Byron Nelson Championship has one of the strongest fields of the year, partly out of the respect players have for the 92-year-old tournament host.

For Scott Verplank, it's more personal.

Verplank grew up in Dallas and was among the best in junior golf, winning the 1984 U.S. Amateur, an NCAA title at Oklahoma State and a PGA Tour event before he even turned pro.

His memories of the Byron Nelson go back to the early 1980s, when he carried the scoreboard signs at Preston Trail and his mother was the walking scorer.

"She got to know Byron through that, because Byron is just a generous guy and he'd go talk to all the scorers and all the volunteers," Verplank said.

His mother told Nelson her son was a good player. Nelson had read about him and called Verplank one day to ask if he would like Nelson to come watch him hit balls.

"We went out to Preston Trail when I was 17, which is taboo," Verplank said. "It's a men's club, and you had to be 21. Byron was a member there."

Win a Scholarship to
Texas Tech's Football Camp

Must be in grades 3-8 for Fall 2004 Semester

The Big Spring Herald will select two students to attend Texas Tech University's Junior Football Camp. To enter:

- Entry must be completed on an original entry form.
- Entry form must be signed by parent/guardian.
- Only one entry per person.
- You must be able to attend camp June 4-6, 2004 either as a day camper or overnight camper. Transportation to and from Lubbock is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
- Provide physician exam form by May 24, 2004 as required by TTU)
- Camp fee will be paid, which includes meals, but does not include spending money for soft drinks, etc.
- Winners will be contacted to see if they can meet ALL eligibility requirements of Texas Tech Football Camp. If not, another name will be drawn until both scholarships are filled. Winners will be announced in the paper.

Deadline to receive entries: Noon, Monday May 17r

ENTRY FORM:

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Parent/Guardian Signature _____

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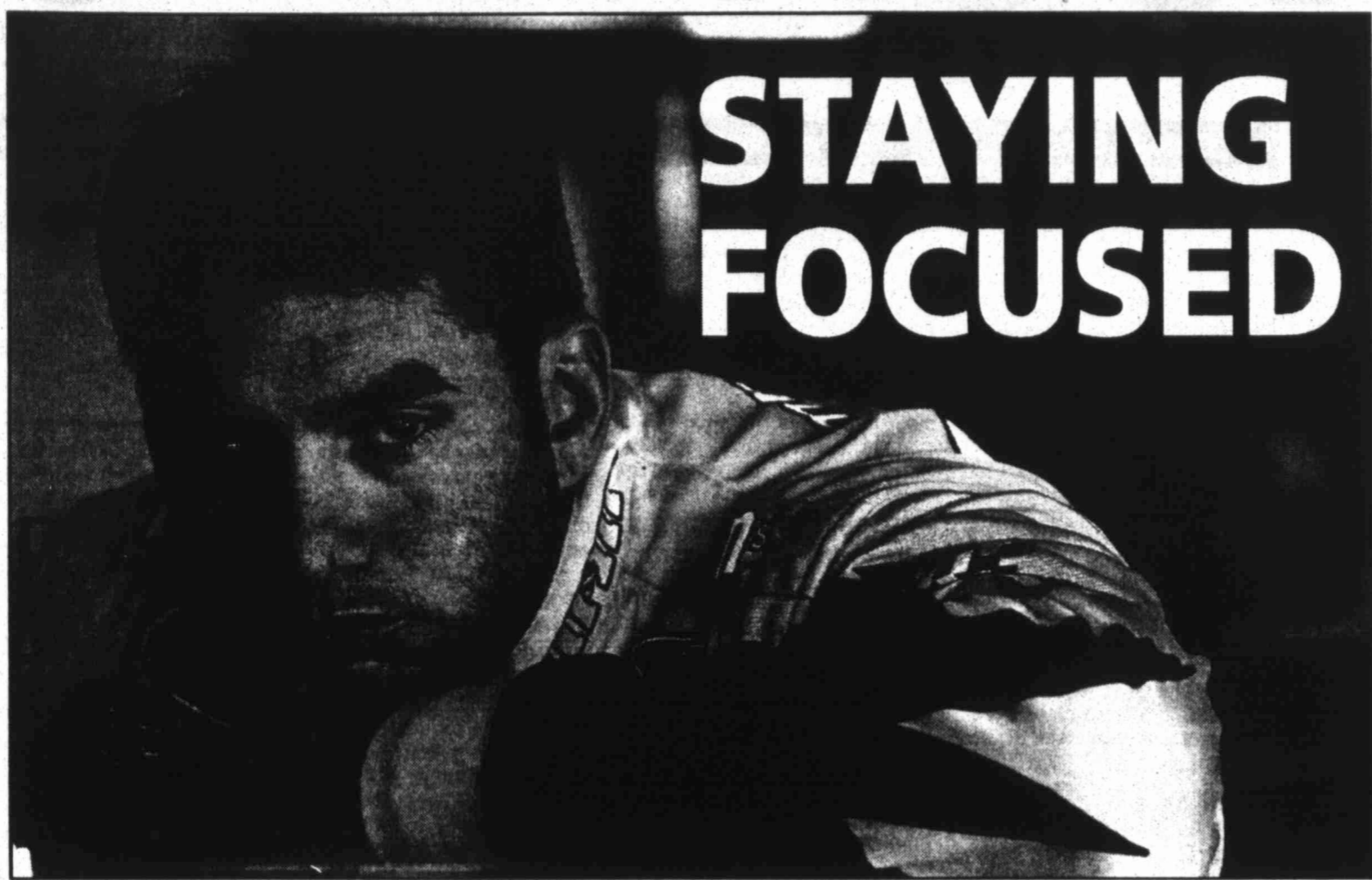
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STAYING FOCUSED

Elliott Sadler has begun the 2004 Nextel Cup season with four top-10 and two top-five finishes. He has been in the top 10 in points all year.

Sadler looks to continue strong start at Richmond

By JIM UTTER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Elliott Sadler has been in this position before, just not as long. Shortly after his first Nextel Cup Series victory in the 2001 season at Bristol, Tenn., Sadler bolted into the top 10 in points for two consecutive weeks. He would eventually finish 20th.

In 2002, Sadler started the year in second place in the points standings after the Daytona 500, but never made it back in the top 10 and ended the season in 23rd.

Last season, Sadler managed a three-week stretch in the top 10, but dropped to 22nd by its conclusion.

Once again, Sadler has earned an early-season victory — April 4 at Texas Motor Speedway — and he is in the top 10 in points, but this time he remains there. In fact, Sadler is one of four drivers — Dale Earnhardt Jr., Matt Kenseth and Tony Stewart are the others — who have remained in the top 10 in points this season after all 10 races.

"I've been watching the points really, really close every week. I actually study them Monday and Tuesday to know whom I'm racing the next weekend and things like that," said Sadler, who is 10th in points, 203 behind leader

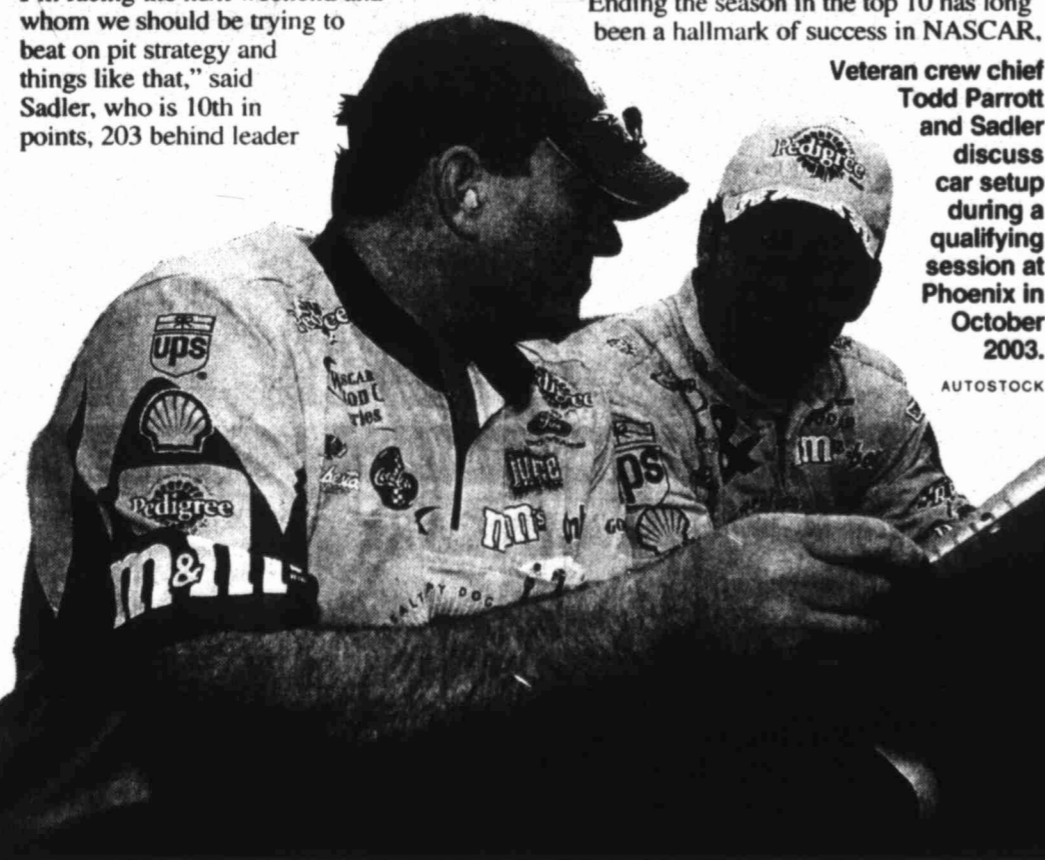


Sadler celebrates his first victory of the season at Texas Motor Speedway in April.

Earnhardt Jr. "The guys have given me great race cars, it's just that the last three weeks we've had some terrible rotten luck. We had some brake fans break at Martinsville (Va.); we overheated at Talladega (Ala.); and we had a fuel line pickup problem at California. "We've given up some points here and there on just some stuff not going our way. Our cars have been fast, now we've just got to figure out how to stop letting the little things bite us."

Ending the season in the top 10 has long been a hallmark of success in NASCAR.

Veteran crew chief Todd Parrott and Sadler discuss car setup during a qualifying session at Phoenix in October 2003.



but that threshold holds more meaning this year.

The addition of the Chase for the Cup title that includes the top 10 in points and those within 400 points the leader — has added additional importance.

"There's a sense of urgency every single week. We're one of only a few teams that have been in the top 10 the whole time, so we want to keep that," said Sadler, 29.

"We want to do whatever we've got to do to make sure we can stay in that top 10 the whole time. We're just over 200 points out from (Earnhardt Jr.). We need to try to finish in front of him, as many times as we can, to close that gap."

Sadler's success this season is evident in virtually every statistic.

Before this season, Sadler had never compiled more than two top-five finishes in a season. Through 10 races in 2004, he has matched that mark.

Sadler is also one of four drivers in the top 10 — Kevin Harvick, Stewart and Bobby Labonte are the others — to be running at the finish of all 10 races.

The addition last August of veteran Todd Parrott as crew chief has also brought some much-needed experience to the No. 28 Robert Yates Racing team.

"Todd has really surrounded himself with some great engineers and great people for this race team and we have a lot of security now. Nobody is going anywhere," Sadler said.

"Everybody is having a ball working with each other and we've got some confidence." That confidence and experience will be needed to help Sadler remain in the top 10 as the Cup series moves this weekend to Richmond, Va. — a track on which the Virginia native has not had much success.

"We've built a brand new race car just for Richmond for that point — to come and try to put on a great show in front of my hometown family and friends," Sadler said.

"Right now, we're pretty happy with everything and we've got some great momentum, so we think we've got a good shot at it. If the ball bounces the right way, we should have just as good a chance as anybody else to win."

THIS WEEK'S RACE

CHEVY AMERICAN REVOLUTION 400

Where: Richmond International Raceway, a 0.75-mile slightly banked paved oval located in Richmond, Va.

When: Saturday at 7:30 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 3:10 p.m. Friday.

TV: FX.

Radio: Motor Racing Network.

Purse: \$4,897,954.

Last year's winner: Joe Nemechek

Worth noting: There have been 10 different race winners in the past 12 races at Richmond. Only Tony Stewart has repeated at Richmond since 1998, winning three times (fall 1999, spring 2001 and spring 2002).



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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

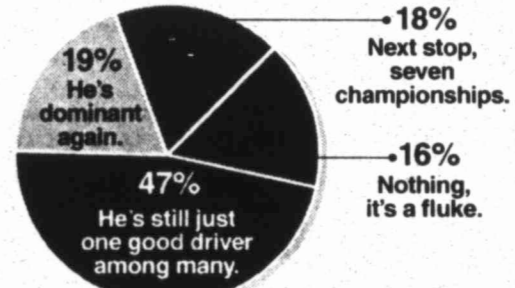
The Nextel All-Star Challenge this year includes a provision for fan voting that will advance one driver from the preliminary race to the main event. Who do you think will win this "Pity Pass"?

Cast your vote at: www.thatstracin.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Jeff Gordon has won two straight races, and with a little luck might have won four straight. What does the streak mean?

Number of votes: 7,805



STOP 'N' GO

RANDOM THOUGHTS

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

WHO'S HOT

■ **Jeff Gordon** is the only driver with eight top-10 finishes this season. He has two consecutive wins and top 10s in five consecutive races.

■ **Jimmie Johnson** has four consecutive top-10s.

■ **Casey Mears** has finished eighth in his past two races.

WHO'S NOT

■ **Elliott Sadler** has finished 17th or worse in all 10 of his races at Richmond.

■ **Michael Waltrip** has finished 12th or worse in all 36 of his races at Richmond.

■ **Scott Wimmer** has dropped from third to 25th in points since the season opener.

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of May 2:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. D. Earnhardt Jr. (8)	1453	21. T. Labonte (5)	1011
2. J. Johnson (48)	1428	22. B. Gaughan (77)	995
3. J. Gordon (24)	1426	23. G. Biffle (16)	995
4. M. Kenseth (17)	1357	24. W. Burton (0)	988
5. K. Busch (97)	1316	25. S. Wimmer (22)	982
6. K. Harvick (29)	1316	26. J. Sauter (30)	965
7. R. Newman (12)	1299	27. B. Vickers (25)	926
8. T. Stewart (20)	1284	28. R. Rudd (21)	904
9. B. Labonte (18)	1265	29. J. Burton (99)	901
10. E. Sadler (38)	1250	30. M. Waltrip (15)	876
11. K. Kahne (9)	1209	31. K. Schrader (49)	875
12. J. McMurray (42)	1200	32. K. Petty (45)	857
13. M. Martin (6)	1135	33. R. Craven (32)	831
14. R. Wallace (2)	1132	34. J. Green (43)	784
15. S. Martin (40)	1112	35. S. Flips (10)	780
16. J. Mayfield (19)	1106	36. D. Cope (50)	667
17. C. Mears (41)	1083	37. K. Lepage	426
18. D. Jarrett (88)	1066	38. D. Blaney (23)	424
19. R. Gordon (31)	1033	39. J. Spencer (4)	378
20. J. Nemechek (0)	1014	40. K. Shelmerdine (72)	274

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of May 8:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. M. Truex Jr.	1472	11. J. Leffler	1148
2. M. Waltrip	1456	12. T. Fedewa	1122
3. K. Busch	1443	13. K. Wallace	1095
4. D. Green	1386	14. M. Bliss	1091
5. R. Gordon	1379	15. S. Compton	1076
6. J. Keller	1322	16. K. Kahne	1071
7. R. Hornaday Jr.	1259	17. J. Benson	1060
8. B. Hamilton Jr.	1255	18. D. Stremme	1053
9. G. Biffle	1223	19. A. Lewis	1003
10. J. Sauter	1188	20. C. Atwood	980

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

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of April 17:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. C. Edwards	486	6. M. Crafton	407
2. T. Kvapil	464	7. R. Crawford	406
3. D. Setzer	455	8. C. Chaffin	396
4. D. Reutimann	455	9. B. Hamilton	395
5. M. Skinner	424	10. J. Wood	388

NEXT RACE: Sunday, UAW/GM Ohio 250, Mansfield, Ohio

Penske working with NASA on clean air solution

What's next? Race teams, the good ones at least, do more than just keep up with the pace of their sport — the day-to-day, week-to-week grind of getting cars and crews ready to go to the track for the next race.

Somewhere, in some room down some hallway where fans never go when they visit a NASCAR team's shop, there are always people who're working on something better.

It might be an improvement to shock absorbers or a better way to keep lug nuts from falling off the hub during a pit stop. It could be any of a thousand things that someday might provide just a little bit of an edge in a business where the smallest advantage can be significant.

It could be, for instance, a new take on removing carbon monoxide from the driver's cockpit. That's what engineer Paul Rochotte and a group from Penske Racing and NASA — yes, the

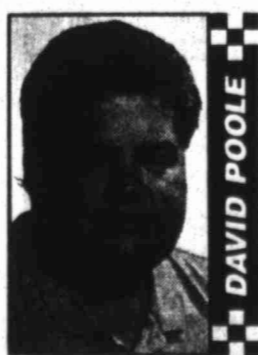
rocket science people — have been toiling on for more than a year now.

The device weighs less than 3 pounds and looks like a large Thermo bottle.

The black carbon-fiber housing contains two filters. The first uses carbon to take out nasty things like sulfur dioxide from race car emissions.

Carbon monoxide goes right through that, however, so the second filter contains a catalyst with a platinum base that was developed by NASA. That catalyst converts carbon monoxide, which is poisonous, into carbon dioxide, which is the natural by-product of breathing.

Brendan Gaughan gave the unit an on-track tryout May 5 at Richmond (Va.) International Raceway during his team's test there. Gaughan and



DAVID POOLE

teammate Ryan Newman plan to use the unit in Saturday night's Chevy 400 at the 0.75-mile track.

Carbon monoxide poisoning became a major issue last year when driver Rick Mast announced that its effects had forced him to end his driving career.

Other competitors have complained about having severe headaches and other symptoms after races. Some drivers still take oxygen immediately after races to help clean the dangerous gas out of their system.

The team became focused on carbon monoxide after Newman took a big dose in a race in 2002. Rochotte joined the project last summer, and has worked with Matt Davis of a company called Smoke Mask and Dr. Frank Farmer, who has retired from NASA

since the inception of the project.

The carbon monoxide removal unit was tested for eight hours with carbon monoxide levels at 500 parts per million — more than 10 times the amount considered acceptable for any work environment — and it removed more than 90 percent.

The net result is that Newman and Gaughan should have cleaner air to breathe inside their race cars. The long-term effect could be longer careers for both of them, with one less potential hazard for them to face over the course of those careers.

Paul Rochotte won't be in Victory Lane the next time Newman or Gaughan or any other driver whose team buys one of these new units from the Penske Racing folks goes there to celebrate a win.

But like hundreds of more just like him, people who go to work every day figuring out what's next, those drivers will be there in part because of him.

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Prudence says...

Dear Prudie: I met "Liz" 12 years ago. We both worked for the same company and became good friends. As time went on, the friendship became strained at times due to her ongoing mental health issues. These included panic attacks and severe depression.



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During her bouts with depression, she would use me as her analyst, something I am certainly not qualified for, and I would always beg her to

seek professional help. Finally, about six years ago, she started taking anti-anxiety medication, but the prescription came from her gynecologist, never a licensed psychopharmacologist, much to my dismay.

She did get better, however, and when she became involved with a guy, all the symptoms went completely away. For the past four years — since she broke up with the guy — all symptoms have returned. This took quite a toll on me because when she was in a low period, I had to "talk her down." I finally told her that I was feeling quite overwhelmed by it all and said she must seek professional

guidance. She did not take this well at all.

Now she has entered into an affair with a married man who has moved into her home and is waiting for his divorce so they can marry. My problem now? She has asked me to be her matron of honor, something I do not want to do both because of the 12-year history and thinking it's just wrong, what she and this man did to his wife. Any advice? — Dazed by Friendship

Dear Daze: This would be a natural point at which to ring off from this woman who has been leaning on you for 12 years. You've been held hostage to her neurosis for more than a decade, and it's time for your declaration of independence.

Tell her you wish her well, but, for many reasons, you would not feel comfortable being part of her wedding. Do not succumb to any entreaties. It will feel good, and you will have your life back. — Prudie, unwaveringly

Dear Prudence: For the past two years, I have shared an apartment with my boyfriend. I no longer wish to be with him, but we have a lease in both of our names. I lived there for four years before he moved in. When we fight, he refuses to sleep on the couch. The bed, along with all the furniture, belongs to me. He's actually tried to kick me out of the bedroom!

I have two questions: 1) Is it unreasonable for me to feel he shouldn't be able to sleep in MY bed? 2) He refuses to move out, so am I really stuck living with him until the lease is up several months from now? I also don't want to lose the apartment, and I am the one who paid the security deposit six years ago. What can I do? — Looking for a Sofa Bed

Dear Look: The thing to do is tell Mr. Sensitive the romance is O-V-E-R and, with it, the living arrangements. Tell him you will be happy to sign a document stating that you are fully responsible for the rent until the lease is up, should he throw up a supposed legal roadblock.

Also tell him you're sure he's not the kind of guy who would stay with a woman who no longer wants him there. If he balks, threaten to take him to court. (Since Prudie has no idea which municipal court evicts former boyfriends, call Legal Aid and ask for advice.) Good luck. — Prudie, solitarily

Dear Prudence is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via e-mail to dearprudence@creators.com. Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.

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CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date/time for the Lease of the below listed equipment.

A. Date/Time: Friday, May 28, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. for the following:

1. THREE (3) Each, BACKHOE/LOADERS, Three Year Lease

Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Conference Room, Upstairs, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas, 79720, with award to be

made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s). Handicapped individuals attending the opening that are unable to traverse the stairs must notify the purchasing office at 432-264-2388 a minimum of 48 working hours prior to bid opening.

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities #4213 May 6 & 13, 2004

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NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ST. LAWRENCE ZONE BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION PROGRAM

In accordance with Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, § 74.118 (Vernon Supp. 2001) and 4 Tex. Admin. Code § 3.73, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (the Foundation) hereby provides notice to cotton producers in the St. Lawrence Boll Weevil Eradication Zone that they are required to participate in the eradication program established by referendum for the St. Lawrence Zone. The St. Lawrence Boll Weevil Eradication Zone is in that area of Midland County south of a line 15 miles south of Interstate 20 running from the Ector County line east to the Glasscock County line; Glasscock, Reagan, and Upton counties.

Participation includes: (1) reporting information to the Foundation regarding acreage and location of all commercial and noncommercial cotton and all cotton grown for ornamental, research or any other purposes, not later than the reporting date established for each county by the Farm Service Agency either by certifying acreage with the appropriate FSA office or by filing with the Foundation an acreage report form obtained from the Foundation, in accordance with 4 Tex. Admin. Code § 3.72; (2) payment of the assessment established by referendum ending on April 16, 2004, in the amount and manner approved for the St. Lawrence Zone; and (3) compliance with any rules or procedures established by the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) or the Foundation for implementation of the eradication program in the St. Lawrence Zone. Upon notification by the Foundation of a producer's failure to timely comply with participation requirements stated above, the Department may assess an administrative penalty in accordance with 4 Tex. Admin. Code § 3.74 or take other appropriate remedial action as provided by Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D. Any questions regarding the participation requirements may be directed to Brian Murray, Special Assistant for Producers Relations, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, (512)463-7593.

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED ENTRY INTO FIELDS

Notice of Scheduled Entry Into Fields, Pursuant to Tex. Agric. Code Ann., Section 74.117 (Vernon Supp. 2001). Cotton producers in the St. Lawrence Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which is in that area of Midland County south of a line 15 miles south of Interstate 20 running from the Ector County line east to the Glasscock County line; Glasscock, Reagan, and Upton counties are hereby notified that Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation personnel will be conducting eradication activities in and around their fields, beginning May 21, 2004. All cottons fields will be mapped, and treatment will begin during late season. For notification prior to any chemical treatment, call 1-800-687-1212 with the exact location of your field and appropriate telephone numbers. Field entry and treatment is expected to last until all cotton is harvested in the zone. For more information regarding this program, please call the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 800-687-1212. #4208 April 29 & May 6, 13, 2004

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
When the moon is in Pisces, as it is now, it's very natural to do an emotional inventory. Pisces gets us ready for our next opportunity to grow by making sure we've got the lessons of the last month. If there's something stuck in your craw, now matter how insignificant it might seem, be willing to bring it up, feel the emotions and let it go.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's almost impossible to hide your intentions, so you may as well state them out loud! Though dreams are important, it's the doing that makes a difference. Roll up your sleeves — even the big bosses will get their hands dirty today.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There is a surge of interest in your ideas; guard against potential vampires. Don't show all

your cards. You provide plenty for others — turn that nurturing spirit toward yourself. You can accomplish this without shopping!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Keeping to routine is pleasant, actually, as you have an increased need for security today. It's helpful to develop a cordial relationship with your neighbor if you don't have one already. This prevents a problem later in the month.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be doing spiritual work. That doesn't mean you sit around all day dreaming in your own universe. You're working toward a harmonious existence. Romantic relationships benefit from a change of pace.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Enter new career arenas instead of waiting until you're invited. Presentations and interviews go off brilliantly.

Your confidence makes up for any lack of experience. You could hit the jackpot through commissions or pitching ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Ask questions, and find out where other people are coming from — they just may give you the keys to their world. Prioritize carefully — a loved one needs more time and attention and will act out if this need isn't met.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your schedule fills up fast, so make sure to do the important things first. You like that certain someone in a special way, so if you're single, why deny it? Make your move! You're the leader at work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Excellent fortune befalls you this morning! Exercise diplomacy, though — a situation becomes volatile if improperly handled. A chance to invest with friends is tempting, but there are (much) better uses for your money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're at your best when taking steps to achieve something. In matters of romance, ease up. Once you accept people just as

they are, they will surprise you by being more wonderful than you ever anticipated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Relationships that are growing are, by definition, also changing. Yes, holding on is difficult. But strength is measured not by holding on but by letting go. Once you do, the new incarnation of this relationship can come back to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are noticing your own power today, but this can be dangerous, too. Be careful not to try and control another person. No one can truly respect someone who is manipulating him or her like a puppet!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Love and friendship mix nicely — a new sense of balance in close relationships creates security. You are vulnerable to mathematical mistakes. Keep tabs on accounts, and save your statements.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Please, I need help! I was born July 23, 1966, and my ex-

boyfriend was born Aug. 7, 1973. I love him so much, but he moved into his own place. I think he just used me, but I still love him. Do you think we can ever have a relationship again?"

Although you were born on the first day of Leo, your chart is dominated by Cancer influences with your moon, Venus, Mars and Jupiter all deposited in this highly emotional water sign.

You have an overwhelming need to be needed and feel most comfortable at home with close friends and your soul mate at your side. Your ex is a Leo with his moon in Sagittarius and Mars in Aries, a strong fire-sign contingent that makes him outgoing and well-liked, with a tendency toward impulsive behavior. His Mars in Aries makes a difficult aspect to your Cancer influences, so his impetuous nature will continue to cause emotional turmoil for you. Your chart shows you to be wise beyond your years if you choose to learn from your

choices. This may be one of your more difficult periods, but by this time next year, you'll be with someone who truly appreciates you for who you are.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: As "Angel" wraps up, David Boreanaz has a movie career all lined up for himself. First off, he will appear as a satanic biker in "Wicked Prayer." After the release of this film, I predict Boreanaz will go in a different and less dark on-screen direction. A Taurus may be slow to embrace change but can justify it when it is for the good of career. Look for Boreanaz in lighter fare in the new year.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have had a marijuana habit since my teens and recently decided to quit. It is no longer something I enjoy, and I cannot reach the goals I plan to achieve in life if I continue to smoke pot. I haven't used for nearly six weeks.

The problem is that my husband, "Eddie," refuses to quit. He says it's his way of dealing with stress, depression and life in general. He likens it to a daily medication. Eddie once tried quitting by taking the prescribed medication route, but he didn't like the side effects.

I have threatened to leave if he continues to smoke, because I don't believe it is healthy for our children to stay in that lifestyle. He did agree to smoke outside, but I don't think that's enough. One of the reasons the smoking bothers me so much is because it seems Eddie needs to be stoned in order to deal with anything.

I am tired of fighting about it. I don't want to split up our family, but I am afraid it's the only answer. He is a great father and a good husband and takes responsibility for his actions. Please advise me. — SOS in California

Dear SOS: Since you say he is a "great father and a good husband," it's too bad he can't see that his pot habit is damaging his family (not to mention it is illegal). You cannot force Eddie to quit, but you might find assistance through Nar-Anon World Services (naranon.com), a 12-step program for families and friends of addicts. The address is: 22527 Crenshaw Blvd., Suite 200B, Torrance, CA 90505.

Dear Annie: I received an invitation for a double graduation party that a co-worker is giving for her two sons. One will be graduating from high school, the other from junior high. My stepson also will be graduating from high school this month, and my stepdaughter will be turning 16 on the same day.

Here's the problem: My husband has been unemployed for the past nine months. Money is tight, and we're in danger of losing our house if he doesn't find work soon. My co-worker knows this and is sympathetic to our



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

situation, but her two sons will still expect some kind of gift if we attend their party.

I prefer to spend what little money I have on my stepson and stepdaughter for their big events, but I feel obligated to get gifts for my co-worker's sons. If I don't attend her party, am I obligated to buy gifts anyway? If I do attend, would it be wrong to show up empty-handed? — Tapped Out in New Jersey

Dear Tapped Out: Send your regrets and a lovely card congratulating the graduates. You are not obligated to send gifts, but it would be a stretch to show up at the party empty-handed. We say, sit this one out.

Dear Annie: I went to a movie last night with three of my friends. We sat in front of two women who began a low-voiced conversation during the previews, and continued with their running commentary into the first 40 minutes of the movie.

I finally turned around and said, "Will you please be quiet?" One woman gave a "har-rumph," but the conversation stopped. After the movie ended, the woman tapped my shoulder and told me that she and her friend were "appropriately whispering" and that I was the one with the problem. I informed her that the only appropriate conversation during a movie is NONE.

I hope you will print this to remind others to refrain from conversing until the movie is over. — Annoyed in Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Annoyed: OK, here it is: Please, folks, don't talk during a movie unless it's an emergency. Even whispering is distracting and rude. If you must talk, wait until the movie comes out on DVD or video and watch it at home. Thanks.

Dear Annie: I am very concerned that my stepson is a pedophile in progress. "Warren" is nearly 15 years old and is erotically obsessed with little girls. He collects pictures, makes pornographic drawings and recently wrote an erotic story describing his seduction of a young girl. We also found a list of his "future plans," which include, in part, seeking out underage girls for sex.

Warren has been seeing a counselor for years, but when we approached the counselor with our concerns, he says he's "watching him closely." So are we, and we are absolutely sickened.

Warren will not discuss his obsession with us. What should our next step be? If you print this, please sign me — Worried in Wyoming

Dear Worried: You must be at your wits' end about this boy. Keep in mind that Warren may be deliberately mimicking the obsessive behavior of pedophiles that he sees in movies or on television. It may not mean that he is actually going to do any of these things, but you must be vigilant nonetheless.

Warren may need more in-depth therapy than he is getting. Ask the counselor to discuss Warren's progress with you. If he refuses to provide any reassurance, it might be time to have Warren see someone else. Meanwhile, you and your husband could benefit from some therapy as well, and some suggestions to help Warren. Ask your doctor for a referral, or contact the Alliance for Children and Families at 1-800-221-2681 (alliance1.org), the YMCA or United Way, for a low-cost recommendation.

Dear Annie: I am a 16-year-old girl, and my parents have been divorced for 13 years. I haven't seen or heard from my father for 12 of them.

Recently, I was searching online and came upon my father's current address. Now I'm debating whether I should write him. My dad is not a bad person. It's just that his relationship with my mother (who is seriously like a saint) was preventing him from seeing me. I realize this is no excuse, but I'd still like to write him.

I know if I contact my father, it will hurt my mother. I am so torn. Can you help me decide what to do? — Torn in the States

Dear Torn: As long as you don't have any great expectations about seeing Dad again, we recommend that you get in touch, but we don't think you should keep it a secret from Mom. You may be wrong about how she will react, especially if she is a "saint." Show her this letter and tell her you wrote it. It's time for a long talk.

Dear Annie: I just found out that a distant

cousin is giving me a bridal shower in two weeks (it was supposed to be a surprise). It is virtually impossible for me to get that Saturday off work. What's worse, in order for the shower to be centrally located for everyone, it is a five-hour round-trip drive for me.

I've asked if the location could be moved closer to me, or if the time could be set earlier so that I could still make it back to work a bit late, but the hostess says no to both. This shower has become a huge inconvenience. Is it unreasonable to ask that it be

called off? — Exhausted Bride-To-Be

Dear Exhausted: A bridal shower should be given when it is convenient for the bride. Your cousin no doubt thinks she's doing you a big favor, but, in fact, it is downright inconsiderate to make it so difficult. If you are willing to jump through the necessary hoops to attend, it would probably spare some family unpleasantness. Otherwise, tell your cousin that you appreciate her thoughtfulness, but it won't be possible for you to be there.

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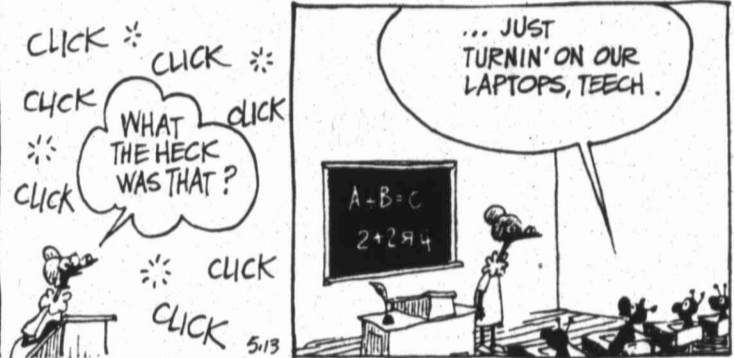
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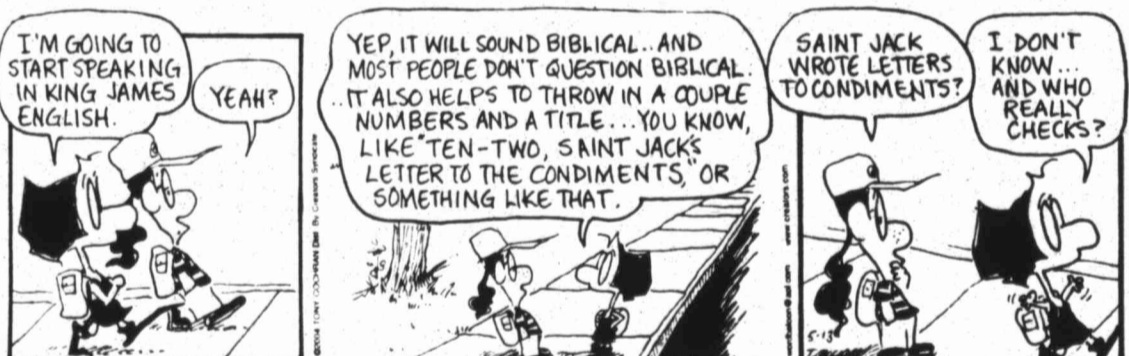
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 13th, the 134th day of 2004. There are 232 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca.

On this date:

In 1607, the English colony at Jamestown, Va., was settled.

In 1842, composer Sir Arthur Sullivan, who collaborated with Sir William Gilbert in writing 14 comic operas, was born in London.

In 1846, the United States declared that a state of war already existed against Mexico.

In 1917, three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, reported seeing a

vision of the Virgin Mary. In 1918, the first U.S. air-mail stamps, featuring a picture of an airplane, were introduced. (On some of the stamps, the airplane was printed upside-down, making them collector's items.)

In 1940, in his first speech as prime minister of Britain, Winston Churchill told the House of Commons, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

In 1954, 50 years ago, President Eisenhower signed into law the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Act.

In 1958, Vice President Nixon's limousine was battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezuela.

In 1985, a confrontation between Philadelphia authorities and the radical group MOVE ended as police dropped an explosive onto the group's headquarters; 11 people died in the resulting fire.

Five years ago: Russian lawmakers opened hearings on whether President Boris

Yeltsin should be impeached. (The lower chamber of parliament ended up rejecting all five charges raised against Yeltsin, including one accusing him of starting the Chechen War.) Pulitzer Prize-winning editor and columnist Meg Greenfield died in Washington at age 68.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Beatrice Arthur is 77. Critic Clive Barnes is 77. Actor Buck Taylor is 66. Actor Harvey Keitel is 65. Author Charles Baxter is 57. Actor Franklin Ajaye is 55. Singer Stevie Wonder is 54. Basketball player Dennis Rodman is 43.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

NO SMALL FEAT by Bob Frank
Edited by Stanley Newman

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 - 10 Playwright Henley
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 - 15 Peace goddess
 - 16 Lotion additive
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 - 19 Primary color
 - 20 *Roots* Emmy winner
 - 21 Farm area
 - 23 Toy bears
 - 26 H.S. atlas class
 - 27 Spoken language
 - 29 Line of work
 - 33 Buddy
 - 37 Aesthetic expression
 - 38 Sports association
 - 39 Mata _
 - 40 Pittsburgh product
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 - 32 Wiggly fish
 - 33 Bloke
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 - 35 Celestial bear
 - 36 Head honcho
 - 38 Peruvian pack animal
 - 41 Important periods
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 - 48 Dress for some parties
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 - 53 Steam bath
 - 54 Ready for battle
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