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ALON USA is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Big Spring Refinery with special events this week. Among them:

Friday, May 21

• 11 a.m. — Special preview of the Big Spring Refinery 75th Anniversary Exhibit at the Heritage Museum.

• 12:30 p.m. — Kick-off luncheon at the refinery, featuring an anniversary program and musical entertainment.

• 2 p.m. — Refinery tours.

Saturday, May 22

• 9:30 a.m. — Tours of downtown area.

• 7 p.m. — Free community festival and concert featuring Asleep at the Wheel, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Doors open at 6 p.m., tickets required.

Store to host Kerry party

Special to the Herald

The Hollywood Metro is hosting a house party for Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry on Saturday. The event, scheduled from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., is one of more than 1,700 parties to be held for Kerry across the country.

The party will include special sales and other fund-raisers with all profits going to Kerry's campaign. A highlight

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Several dignitaries to attend celebration

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

As ALON USA employees and administration prepare to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Big Spring Refinery on Friday, the list of dignitaries scheduled to attend the event reads much like a "who's who" of state government.

According to ALON officials, Texas Gov. Rick Perry is scheduled to attend the presentation and luncheon slated for Friday at the refinery. Perry's office refused to confirm or deny the governor's attendance at the event.

For one of the many government officials

"My father made a career out of the refinery in Big Spring, my grandfather worked there and my uncle was an employee."



Sen. Troy Fraser

planning to attend, however, the celebration and being in the Big Spring area is more like a homecoming than just another public out-

ing. "I grew up in Coahoma and graduated from Coahoma High School," said Troy Fraser, District 24 State Senator. "All of my family lived in that area and worked at the refinery. My father made a career out of the refinery in Big Spring, my grandfather worked there and my uncle was an employee. So not only do I have a lot of ties to the area, they all revolve around the refinery."

Fraser said he planned to attend the 75th Anniversary celebration because of those ties, and when he learned that former Big

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Heritage Museum employee Amanda Lee Marrow adds the finishing touches to the Big Spring Refinery's permanent exhibit. The new exhibit will be unveiled at 11 a.m. Friday in conjunction with the refinery's 75th anniversary celebration this weekend.

Refinery fete to begin with look at the past

Unveiling of exhibit slated Friday at Heritage Museum

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

The Big Spring Refinery's 75th anniversary celebration will begin with a look back on the past as a little part of its history will be permanently displayed at the Heritage Museum.

The unveiling of the Big Spring Refinery exhibit will take place at 11 a.m. Friday at the museum, 510 Scurry, in conjunction with the number of activities scheduled for this weekend's celebration.

"Full service gas stations are part of the past and we are featuring a 'Cosden' station from the 1950s-1960s era," said museum director Nancy Raney. "The exhibit includes the rear of a 1964 Ford Galaxie 500XL. We have a motion sensor installed that sets off the gas bell, makes the car horn honk and the lights flash."

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Hise, Christian named top graduates at Forsan High

HERALD Staff Report

Heather Dawn Hise and Kesha Kay Christian are the top students in the Forsan High School 2004 graduating class and will be among 41 students to walk across the stage Friday for commencement ceremonies.

Hise, the daughter of Sally and Gary "Barney" Hise, is the class valedictorian and plans to attend the University of Texas in the fall.

During her high school career,



HISE CHRISTIAN

mention state cast and received the District All Academic Award for tennis.

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Stanton High School names Briggs, Bridges as top grads

HERALD Staff Report

Stanton High School has announced Rebecca Briggs as the valedictorian and Kristi Bridges as the salutatorian of the 2004 graduating class.

Briggs is the daughter of Marc Briggs of Midland and Patti Quine of Stanton and will graduate with a 3.89 grade point average.

During her high school career, she has been a member of the National Honor Society; student



BRIGGS BRIDGES

and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) leadership team. She has served as class vice

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Sands High School to hold graduation Friday

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Sands High School will hold commencement ceremonies for the 22-member graduating class of 2004 at 8 p.m. Friday.

Guest speaker for the event, which will take place in the high school auditorium, will be Dawson County veterinarian Bo Brock.

"He's a highly respected veterinarian and many of our farmers and ranchers take animals to him," said Principal Zelda Bilbo. "He writes an article occasionally for a local paper."

Larry Marshall will give the opening invocation following the processional of graduates. Next, the class will give the annual

presentation of the roses. "The graduates give a rose to their parents or grandparents or someone who has been very special in their life," Bilbo said.

Brock will address the crowd following the presentation of roses. The following students will also give addresses: salutatorian Audra Kenemer, historian

Cindy Martinez, Marcelo Barraza, Krista Blagrove, Chelsy Ybarra and valedictorian Steven Barraza.

Members of the 2004 graduating class are: Steven Barraza, Jose Brisen, John Chandler, Graciela Diaz, John Paul Hernandez, Kennemer, Stephanie Lucio, Julian Mojica, Ana Plata, Chris Rose, Roseanna Sanchez,

Brandon Woods, Blagrove, Ben Campbell, Jon Cluck, Jessica Flores, Martinez, Antonio Perez, T'Auna Reed, Esmeralda Sanchez, Brandy Timmins and Ybarra.

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Bush meets with Republican leaders to discuss Iraq war

By SCOTT LINDLAW Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush met with Republican congressional leaders today on Capitol Hill to discuss the situation in Iraq, including the prisoner abuse scandal at Abu Ghraib prison.

Arriving at the Capitol this morning, the president strode through the hallways flanked by Senate Majority Leader Bill

Frist, R-Tenn., and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.

The trip will give the president a chance to discuss the Iraq war with lawmakers, and "thank members for their hard work before they head into recess," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Wednesday.

With the transfer of sovereignty in Iraq fewer than six weeks away, Bush's schedule is intently focused on the war.

On Monday, Bush visits the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., to give the first in a series of speeches laying out the details of the handover of political power, a senior administration official said.

Bush's closed-door meeting on Capitol Hill likely will include discussion of U.S. soldiers' abuse of Iraqi prisoners, the campaign against terrorism, the economy, the budget, soaring gasoline

prices and the nation's energy policy.

Lawmakers will have a chance to ask Bush questions after he makes his remarks.

Some in Congress have criticized the Bush administration for not keeping Congress abreast of the cost of the Iraq war and reconstruction, the abuse of Iraqi detainees and the June 30 transfer of power to an interim Iraqi government.

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Obituaries

Callie A. Mutters



Callie A. Mutters, 87, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, May 16, 2004, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services were at 11 a.m. May 19, 2004, in Mount Olive Memorial Park with Dr. Howard Hornsby officiating.

She was born on Feb. 3, 1917, in Rochelle and married James Turner Mutters on Nov. 4, 1937, in LaPryor. He preceded her in death on March 10, 1999.

Mrs. Mutters had lived in Missouri, LaPryor, Pleasanton and Kentucky before moving to Big Spring in 1994. She was a stay at home "Mom" who enjoyed painting, sewing and crafts. She especially enjoyed teaching her grandchildren to crochet. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two sons and one daughter-in-law, James Alvin Mutters of Goodrich and H. Frank and Dorothy Mutters of Tryon, Okla.; two daughters and one son-in-law, Lorena L. and Larry McWhorter of Big Spring, and Mary Grace Hobbs of Sterling, Okla.; two sisters, Lula Leigh of Edna and Dorothy Futschik of Pasadena; one brother, Allen Hibdon of Denton; 19 grandchildren; 36 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Jerry Allen; one son-in-law, Robert Lee Hobbs; one brother; four sisters; one grandson, Jeffrey Lee Hobbs; and one great grandson, Nicholas.

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

Paid obituary

Pearl V. Phillips

Pearl V. Phillips, 93, of Waco, formerly of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 21, 2004, in the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

The family will receive friends today from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Phillips was married to John Phillips Jr., who preceded her in death in 1977.

She was a member of Western Heights Baptist Church in Waco, and a former member of College Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Mrs. Phillips was a teacher, a caregiver and a housewife. She was a very loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Survivors include one son Don Phillips, and his wife Shirley of Fort Worth; one daughter, Twila Tapp of Waco; six grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter and three sisters.

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

Paid obituary

Weather

Tonight — Low around 67.
Friday — Mostly sunny. High around 91, low in the high 60s.
Saturday — Sunny. High around 96, low in the high 60s.
Sunday — Partly cloudy. High near 98, low around 66.
Sunny — Sunny. High around 97, low near 70.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 11-23-34-32-43. Bonus Ball: 30.
Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$61 Million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-10-20-23-35.
Number matching five of five: 2.
Prize per winner: \$18,587.
Winning tickets sold in: Terrell, Houston
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-8-5

Adam York Kemp

Adam York Kemp, 19, of Snyder, formerly of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2004, at the Christ's Community Church in Big Spring with Don Swinney, officiating.

Adam was born on Feb. 12, 1985, in Big Spring. He was a member of Christ's Community Church.

Survivors include his son, Gauge Vigneau Kemp of Big Spring; his mother and stepfather, Rhonda and Charles Bronaugh of Big Spring; two brothers, Paul Moreno Jr. and Robert Kemp, both of Big Spring; one sister, Rose Mills of Big Spring; his maternal grandparents, Geri and Ron York of Big Spring; and his girlfriend, Caliber Vigneau.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Kemp.

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

Robert "Paw Paw" Carr

Robert "Paw Paw" Carr, 61, of Bedford, formerly of Big Spring, died May 15, 2004, in a car accident in Hurst. Memorial services were today at 12:30 p.m. in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Chapel in Hurst.

He was born Jan. 15, 1942, in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1961. He owned ATM Sales and Service in Hurst.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Pat Carr; one daughter, Carrie Carr of Bedford; one son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth Carr and his wife Judy Cauble Carr, of North Richland Hills; one sister, Billie Hall of Little Rock, Ark.; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home.

Mike G. Ramirez

Mike G. Ramirez, 72, died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- MICHAEL NALL, 25, of 1605 Bluebird, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ERICK SHERROD FRANKS, 29, of 2209 Cecilia, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MICHAEL BRYANT, 27, of 1608 Stadium, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- MARK RIOMINE, 31, of 1906 Highway 350, was arrested Wednesday on a probation violation.
- JEFFERY SPENCER, 45, of Lamesa, was arrested Wednesday on four local traffic warrants and two citations.
- PILAR ANN HILARIO, 24, of 1708 W. Third Street, was arrested Wednesday on six local warrants.
- SMYTHIA HILARIO, 36, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested Wednesday on two local traffic warrants.
- RUBEN ANTHONY GONZALES, 20, of 1503 Robin, was arrested Wednesday on four local citations.
- MARIO PEREZ-LAZARO, 18, of Mexico, was arrested Thursday and held for INS.
- ALMA WAYDEAN GRAY, 27, of 129 Jonesboro, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:
 - in the 4100 block of Muir.
 - in the 1300 block of Pennsylvania.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1500 block of Lincoln.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 1300 block of Bluebird.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Heritage Museum offers a special preview of the Big Spring Refinery 75th anniversary exhibit. The exhibit opens at 11 a.m. and is open to the public. The museum is located at 510 Scurry. Free admission to Heritage Museum throughout the weekend.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- ALON USA 75th anniversary celebration community begins with a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. followed at 2 p.m. by tours of the refinery.
- Parents Who Care, an organization of parents of the junior class of Big Spring High school, have a work day scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the high school to set up for the prom. Please contact Teresa Warrington at 267-7884 or Varonda Vassar at 263-0497.
- Forsan 2004 graduation ceremonies at 8 p.m. in the Forsan gymnasium.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- A reception honoring Eleanor Garrett for her years of dedicated service to the city of Coahoma is set for Saturday from 2-4 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave. The public is invited.
- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and 1st streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Asleep at the Wheel in concert along with a community festival sponsored by ALON USA celebrating the refinery's 75th anniversary at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are invited.

Sheriff's report

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

- CASEY JAMES HENRY, 26, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- MICHAEL BRYANT, 27, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance - more than 4 grams, less than 200 grams.
- KEVIN JAMES BELCHER, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury/family violence.
- MARIO HERNANDEZ BATALLA, 54, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on an Arizona warrant for violation of parole - aggravated driving under the influence, fourth offense.
- RAMONA OLIVAREZ, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- MARK STEVEN ROMINE, 31, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation.
- BILLY WAYNE ALDRIDGE, 44, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of revocation of parole.
- ERICK FRANKS, 29, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance - more than 4 grams, less than 200 grams.
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president.

Following graduation attend Texas Tech pharmacy school.

Bridges, the daughter of Bridges of Stanton, GPA of 3.86.

During her time served as president of Society, vice president of Youth In Texas.

was named the player in basketball district first team.

She plans to attend University and marketing and financial.

Graduation was in Stanton.

Graduating in class are Bridgette Karyn Lyn Cook, Mary Alaina Klein, Krystle Richardo Saenz, Tullison.

Also graduates Aguirre, Dexter Blake Anderson, Armendarez, D. James William, Erica Jane Castillo.

DIGNITY

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Spring Refinery manager Paul would be there icing on the cake.

"We started pallet business was younger and Spring Refinery first customer Fraser. "They order for 50 pallets a week and that company, Industries, its start.

"I've known Paul, er, and he was getting us into business. We worked with the company and later sold German company was a major success."

District 31 State Kel Seliger says making his address the refinery a success will present a situation of congressional.

MUSEUM

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The permanent is located on the floor of the museum also features a 14-foot mural of refinery at dawn in optics. An interactive touch screen will offer the observer into the refinery present and future.

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president.

Following graduation, Briggs plans to attend Texas Tech University and later pharmacy school.

Bridges, the daughter of Bill and Mary Bridges of Stanton, will graduate with a GPA of 3.86.

During her high school years, she served as president of the National Honor Society, vice president of Drug Free Youth In Texas, a member of FCA and was named the district's most valuable player in basketball. She was also on the district first team in golf.

She plans to attend Hardin Simmons University and major in business marketing and finance.

Graduation will be held at 8 p.m. Friday in Stanton.

Graduating in the top 10 percent of the class are Bridges, Briggs, Ezekiel Bryant, Karyn Lyn Cook, Shelby Jessalyn Harp, Mary Alaina Hedrick, Mary Elizabeth Klein, Krystle Dion Mauldin, Roberto Richardo Saenz Jr. and Haley Marissa Tollison.

Also graduating are Yasmin Patricia Aguirre, Dexter Clayton Allred, David Blake Anderson, Amanda Joyce Armendarez, Danielle Faith Bedingfield, James William Bradley, Ester Carrillo, Erica Jane Castillo and Joe Robert Castillo.

Jason Fidenzio Castrejon, Frank Chapa Jr., Linda Chapa, Luis Antonio Chapa Jr., Stephanie Marie DeLao, Harry James Doshier, Andres Garcia, Eric D. Lynn Giddens Chapman, Kourtney Dawn Graves, Jason Gutierrez, Daniel Paul Harris and Eric Hernandez.

Victor Joe Hernandez, Arnulfo Sanchez Hinojosa, Sarah Ann Hinojosa, Keegan Tyler Johnson, Sarah Elizabeth Juarez, Michelle Nicole Mabry, Crystal Salgado Mendoza, Joshua Michael Mendoza, Genny Ann Montez and Dakota Sharel Norris.

Amy L. O'Neal, Adelita Padilla, Danny Salgado Perez, Tanner Heath Riley, Carlos Rodriguez, Israel Lorenzo Rosa, Jessica Renee Saenz, Alayna Gayle Smith, Manuel Benny Tarango Jr., Darryl Lamont Williams, Kirby Gayle Wilson and Jessica Michelle Woody.

KERRY

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of the fund-raiser will be a nationwide conference call with the senator.

Funds raised will be in memory of Lucille Hooper, a lifelong Democrat who died last December. The event is being co-sponsored by her grandson, Daniel Ryan.

The newly opened Hollywood Metro is located at 109 Second St. and features high speed internet access, coffee and sodas and a second hand collectible store with a Hollywood theme.

FORSAN

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A member of the award-winning Forsan High School band, she was captain of the color guard, a member of the fourth place 2003 state marching band and has received the band director's award.

Her extra curricular activities include serving as president of her junior class, participating in UIL academic meets and volunteering at the VA Hospital. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Club. Hise is also active in her church, Trinity Baptist.

Christian, the daughter of Johnny and Pam Christian, has been named salutatorian and will attend Trinity Valley Community College in Athens. She plans to major in theater.

During high school, Christian has received several awards including

best actress award, all-star cast and honorable mention honors for her work in theater.

She was also a member of the 2001 One Act Play cast that participated in the UIL state contest.

Also a member of the Forsan band, Christian was presented the John Phillip Sousa Award her senior year.

She has also participated in UIL academic meets, power lifting, cheer leading and basketball and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Graduation ceremonies will be held at 8 p.m. in the high school gymnasium and will feature guest speaker Ken Jackson, head football coach at Sweetwater High School.

The following 2004 graduates are also members of the National Honor Society: Lyndsey Jenise Allen, Audra Lynn Bailey, Jeremy Kane Bedwell, Kenneth Ross Berry, Staci Lynn Borel, Charles Benjamin Breyman, Brandon Blake

Burleson and Christian.

Also, Lacy Michelle Eggleston, Krista Pauline Gamble, Jonathan Micah Harrison, Timothy Joshua Helmstetter, Augustine Hilario, Heather Dawn Hise, Jaclyn Lane Hise, Kacy Lea Liles, Adrianna Marie Marlow, Misty Kay McGuire, Amanda Fay Moreno and Felicia Lyn Osburn.

Also graduating are: Codee Richard Barraza, Kara Christine Bingham, Michael Wayne Daniels, Stetson Gene Earls, Jonathan Sean Gomez, Michael Thomas Hall, Casie Beth Harmon, Mitchell Lee Hooper and Chad Allen James.

Christina Lea Kistler, Douglas Dean Livengood, Richard Everret Merritt, Angela Nichole Pace, Michael Jon Paredes, Erin Denise Posey, Chance Doyle Rainer, Chanz Logan Reed, Melody Ann Riley, Kandis Rae Snowden, Stefan Daniel Stone and Amanda Elizabeth Wallace.

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Spring Refinery plant manager Paul Meek would be there, it was icing on the cake.

"We started a wooden pallet business when I was younger and the Big Spring Refinery was our first customer," said Fraser. "They put in an order for 50 pallets each week and that gave our company, Fraser Industries, its first real start.

"I've known Paul forever, and he was a big part of getting us that start in business. We went public with the company in 1996 and later sold it to a German company, so he was a major part of our success."

District 31 State Senator Kel Seliger says he's not making his admiration of the refinery a secret, and will present a Senate resolution of congratulations

to the citizens of Big Spring during the event.

"I am deeply honored to attend this ceremony as your state senator," said Sen. Seliger. "The Big Spring Refinery is more than a good corporate citizen — it is Big Spring Independent School District's largest single taxpayer, benefiting students, teachers, and administrators, as well as the community as a whole. The economic impact of the refinery for the last 75 years cannot be measured. It is truly a symbol of Big Spring and all that this community has contributed to the heritage of the State of Texas.

"With 142 employees and a rich history of contribution to the community, the Big Spring Refinery is the last surviving refinery in the central Permian Basin. It has employed generations of West Texans and served as the backbone for dozens of local contrac-

tors during the past three-quarters of a century."

Congressman Charles Stenholm will also be attending and said he looks forward to once again seeing the friends and acquaintances he's made at the facility over the years

"I'm pleased the Big Spring Refinery invited me to help them celebrate 75 years of delivering reliable energy to the citizens of rural West Texas.

"I have worked with the folks at the Big Spring Refinery many times over the years on issues that concerned their ability to deliver energy to the surrounding area. Through working with current and past management and employees, I have developed a strong relationship with this important local industry. I wish the refinery another 75 prosperous years in Big Spring."

District 85 Texas Representative Pete Laney is also expected to attend the festivities and

said it marks a milestone in West Texas history.

"The Big Spring Refinery is a great asset for West Texas and has played a vital role in the history and economy of the Big Spring community," said Laney. "Having survived for 75 years in the highly competitive oil and gas industry is a tribute to all the men and women who have worked to make it efficient and profitable. We are all grateful for the Big Spring Refinery and look forward to many years of continued success."

The anniversary events will begin Friday at 11

a.m. with the unveiling of a new ALON USA Big Spring Refinery exhibit at the Heritage Museum. At 12:30 p.m. the company will hold a luncheon, along with a special presentation, at the refinery, to be followed by tours of the facility at 2 p.m.

ALON USA will honor its employees that evening with an employee appreciation dinner, set for 6:30 at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The celebration will continue on Saturday morning with an employee golf tournament at the Big Spring Country Club,

held in conjunction with tours of the local antique stores for the wives of the golfers.

The festivities will wrap up Saturday evening with a community concert at 7 p.m.

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Mike G. Ramirez, 72, died Wednesday, May 19, 2004 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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The permanent exhibit is located on the second floor of the museum and also features a 10-foot by 14-foot mural of the refinery at dawn lit by fiber optics. An interactive touch screen booth will offer the observer a look into the refinery's past, present and future.

On the museum's

ground floor, in the temporary galley, an eight-foot by eight-foot mural of the Big Spring Refinery's 75th anniversary logo and enlarged black and white photographs of various refinery scenes will greet visitors when they walk in the door.

"The display cases are used to show off memorabilia from the refinery's retirees and current employees," said Raney.

Following the unveil-

ing, the public is invited to a luncheon on the refinery grounds at 12:30 p.m. with tours of the facility to begin at 2 p.m.

On Saturday, the Grammy Award winning country band Asleep at the Wheel will take the stage at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for ALON's community concert. Although the concert is free, a person must have a ticket in order to be admitted into the coliseum.

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OUR VIEWS

Plan to be part of refinery's big 75th celebration

It's time to celebrate the Big Spring Refinery's 75th anniversary and ALON USA officials are doing their best to make sure that this coming weekend will be one for the entire community to remember for a long, long time.

Planning for the celebration has taken months, but it appears all the time and effort will begin paying off when the party officially gets under way on Friday.

The celebration begins at 11 a.m. Friday as the Heritage Museum premieres its ALON USA, Big Spring Refinery exhibit. The public is welcome to attend.

A section of the museum is being permanently dedicated to the history of the refinery and features a 10-foot by 14-foot mural of the refinery at dawn, lit by fiber optics and a display of a full-service gasoline station.

Following that, the public is invited a 12:30 p.m. luncheon on the refinery grounds that will feature entertainment and an anniversary program. In addition, bus tours of the refinery will be conducted from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The celebration will draw a number of dignitaries. Gov. Rick Perry is expected to attend, as are State Sen. Kel Seliger and State Rep. Pete Laney. In addition, Congressmen Randy Neugebauer and Charles Stenholm are tentatively scheduled to attend.

But the celebration's centerpiece will come on Saturday when ALON treats 7,000 people to a free concert featuring Asleep at the Wheel. The concert begins at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Before Asleep at the Wheel takes the stage, up-and-coming country western star Cory Morrow will perform.

The opening act is Jimmy and David Lee Kaiser, who will also perform at the VIP party on Friday. Jody Nix will serve as the master of ceremonies for Saturday's concert.

For the past month, ALON has distributed some 6,000 tickets to the community through KBST live remotes held at 7-Eleven stores in Big Spring. Only people who have a ticket will be admitted to the concert.

A number of other events, some honoring past and current employees of the refinery and others ranging from a golf tournament to tours of downtown Big Spring are scheduled as part of the observance.

We encourage everyone to take part in at least some part of the weekend's activities.

ALON officials have obviously spared no expense to make sure their anniversary is one the entire community can enjoy and we laud them for that effort.

Furthermore, we here at the Herald take our collective hat off all those who've made the Big Spring Refinery an institution in our community for the past 75 years. They have indeed been a lifeblood during that span and certainly deserve not only our attention this weekend, but our gratitude as well.

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Story the media has dismissed

You would have thought that the discovery of an actual weapon of mass destruction in Iraq would be big news, especially since it was aimed at American soldiers. But apparently not in the eyes of most U.S. newspaper editors and network television producers, who chose largely to ignore one of the major stories coming out of Iraq this week.

On Monday, the Iraqi Survey Group, which is tasked with searching for Saddam Hussein's WMD, confirmed that an artillery round containing weaponized sarin nerve gas was detonated in an improvised explosive device (IED) aimed at U.S. troops in Baghdad on Saturday. Thankfully, the IED didn't kill anyone, and the sarin components dispersed without causing real harm because the 155-mm shell had not been used as an artillery round, as it was intended. The weapon's design required the shell to be fired from a launcher that would have allowed the binary components of the sarin to mix as the shell spun at high speed, which would have turned the relatively small artillery round into a devastating killer. Instead, the device detonated in an IED, and most of the 3-4 liters of sarin were not activated.

So how did the major dailies treat this story? They buried it. The Washington Post carried a story on page 14, with a subtitle that dismissed its significance,

"Weapon Probably Not Part of a Stockpile, Experts Say." But despite the headline, the story said nothing of the sort. The Post reported that David Kay, the man previously in charge of the Pentagon's search for WMD, "said the discovery did not conclusively prove the existence of stockpiles of concealed chemical and biological weapons," which is very different than saying somehow it proved the contrary. The story goes on to quote Raymond Zilinskas, a former U.N. weapons inspector: "The question is: Was it part of a cache that contains another 10 or 20 of these, or is it one of a kind? ... We have no way of knowing at this point."

The New York Times headline on page 11 was also dismissive. "Army Discovers Old Iraqi Shell Holding Sarin, Illicit Weapon." Most of the story was a re-hash of the complaints that the Bush administration had failed to find the WMD the president and his advisers had said Hussein possessed. The Times only grudgingly admitted that the existence of the shell offers "some of the most substantial evidence to date that Mr. Hussein did not destroy all of the banned chemical agent, as he claimed before the war last year."

One shell does not a stockpile make -- but where there is one such weapon there are likely to be others, dozens, maybe hundreds. No matter how you slice it, this story is important. But most of the liberal media have been too busy focusing on the Abu Ghraib prison scandal or other bad news from Iraq to pay attention.

On the same day the Times put the WMD story on page 11, it ran

a front-page piece breathlessly reporting that "M.P.s Received Orders to Strip Iraqi Detainees." Since "strip-searches" are a routine fact of life in most U.S. jails and prisons, and these detainees are arguably more dangerous than common criminals, this "revelation" seems a little overblown. Furthermore, nothing in the story suggests that there were any orders to force the prisoners to engage in sexually degrading behavior or to encourage soldiers take pictures of naked prisoners, much less to jump on them, punch them or have others abuse them.

No matter how hard the media try to turn a prison scandal involving a handful of rogue soldiers into an official policy of abuse, they haven't yet been able to produce a smoking gun. Yes, the soldiers involved should be punished, but that appears likely. Four soldiers will face military courts this week, with one having already pled guilty. The only foot-dragging by the military so far involves the three female soldiers who are implicated in the scandal but who have yet to be charged. Oddly, the media aren't screaming foul on this apparent double standard.

Mark my words, these proceedings will dominate the news in the days ahead, even if we stumble across more of Hussein's WMD in Iraq.

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Strategy leading to election day

Matthew Dowd, 42, works in an anonymous, red-brick high-rise in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, a building that bears no hint on the outside that it houses the George W. Bush re-election campaign on the inside.

Through the glass doors there is the usual security — friendly guards with large sidearms — and beavies of young and earnest campaign workers dressed in strict business attire: ties knotted, slacks pressed. With the exception, that is, of Matthew Dowd.

Dowd is the campaign's chief strategist, and he is dressed this day as if he were about to attend a picnic. He is wearing a dark, shapeless sweater and dark wash-pants. He can't wait for the election to be over so he can get back to his home in Austin, Texas, and he seems to be dressing in anticipation of that day.

He is sitting in a small, windowless conference room that has a smiling, color picture of Laura Bush on one wall and a whiteboard that is scrawled with an unintelligible formula, no doubt for a Bush victory on Nov. 2, on the other.

"The long-term outlook is good," Dowd says. "We've made it harder for Kerry to convey a message about the president to the public. They want to drive our approval down. But we've cut his net positives in half."

This is the world that Dowd lives in, the world of political polling: approval ratings, favorable/unfavorable ratings and right-tracks/wrong-tracks.

Both campaigns seek not just to define their own candidate, but to define their opponent. From the Bush campaign's point of view it goes something like: The president is a strong, wartime leader, who will safeguard the economy and the homeland, and John Kerry is a

flip-flopper, a waffler and a liar.

Just as the Bush campaign succeeded to a certain extent in portraying Al Gore as a fabricator in 2000 (Did he really invent the Internet?), it now believes it is succeeding in portraying Kerry the same way.

The importance of this is obvious: If you can't believe Kerry about his Vietnam service (Did he really throw away his medals?), then you can't believe him about George W. Bush, either.

"Voters filter out what Kerry says about the president, because they don't trust Kerry," Dowd says.

While Dowd is quick to not take full credit for this — "Kerry has done a lot to himself," he says, "saying and doing things then re-enforce negative preconceptions" — there is no doubt the Bush campaign has played a role in shaping public perceptions about Kerry.

Yet it is hard to detect any air of great exuberance when one talks to Bush's people. They believe he will win, but nobody is predicting a landslide. Unless you redefine landslide.

"A 4-5 point victory on Election Day would be a landslide for the kind of country we are in today," Dowd says. "If the election were held today, it would be a Bush victory by a couple of points, 51-49."

The Democrats say this is nonsense and point to a recent CBS News/New York Times poll, in which only 36 percent of those interviewed believed the country was on the right track while 55 percent believed it was on the wrong track.

Dowd is not worried by this, however. He has his own polls. And his own strategy. "The race is close and will remain close due to the divided and polarized nature of the country," he says. "You will get 45 to 46 percent of the vote no matter what you are for or against. This is not like the Reagan years when you had 20 percent of the vote you could move. Today, there is about 8 percent you can move. Our range is very small. We have two goals: Motivate our base on Election Day and get a share of the swing vote."



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Though just who makes up the swing vote in America is a matter of some disagreement, Dowd identifies it as three groups: Suburban married working women; younger working-class males; and Hispanics.

He expects these groups to swing back and forth as the months proceed — giving Kerry a boost in the polls after the Democratic National Convention in late July and then giving Bush a boost after the Republican National Convention in late August. "Then it is 60 days to the finish," he says. "I have 10 brothers and sisters, and they split about the way the country does," Dowd, a former Democrat, once said. "On any given day it is 50-50."

The number that Dowd watches closely is the president's job approval rating. "The incumbent president usually gets a vote right at his approval rating," Dowd says. "If we are at a 51 to 52 approval (on Election Day), we will win by 1 or 2 points. If the president is at a 49 percent approval, he will get 50 percent of the vote, especially with a third-party candidate in the race."

The most recent Gallup Poll shows Bush with a 52 percent approval rating, the ABC News/Washington Post poll has him at 51 percent, the Pew Research Center poll has him at 48 percent, and the CBS News/New York Times poll released last week has him at 46 percent. As the Times explained, however, "In statistical terms, these are virtually the same."

Which ought to keep things interesting. So interesting, in fact, might we not have another election where the winner is not known weeks after Election Day? "We are all watching that," Dowd says. "Closely."

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5th Grade- Rachel Barbee, Morgan Barker, Joshua Castilaw, Joanna Gonzales, Victoria Gonzales, Brayden Iden, Rachel Kennedy, Mia Medina, Shelbie Reid, Cody Riddle, Brandi Smith, Michael Weihert, John Williams, Brent Wright
6th Grade- Alexandra Cordes, Katie Dunn, Kirk Hahn, Jordan Martin, Hayli McCullough, Ashleigh McFadden, Kalea Neff, Megan Parr
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"A" Honor Roll
1st Grade- Oscar Barraza, Charlie Boling, Joshua Brown, Tyler Bryan, Oasis Cervantes, Carlee Daniel, Alyssa Deanda, Ryan Garmoe, Angela Garza, Breeana Jeter, Jensen Jeter, Isaiah Luna, Whitney Luna, Emily McKinley, Jared Nieto, Serena Payen, Rebecka Quillen, Julianna Rodriguez, Dylan Ross, Bailey Sharp, Jennie Steel, Gloria Stinson, Tobyn Tannehill, Madison Verastegui, Leksy Yarbar, Kristian Yeats
2nd Grade- Taylor Arista, Casedy Cervantes, Zach Crabtree, Corbin Foster, Adam Franco, Kelsie Guinn, Catherine Harris, Alex Hughes, Tabitha Keaton, Evan Leib, Isaiah Ludington, Brady Mikeska, Austin Mize, Mayra Ortega, Devin Roberson, Jourdan Rodriguez, Kayla Sigman, Brandon Soliz, Jessica Spears, Connor Steel, Gabbie Trevino, Briana Valencia, Garrett Wheeler, Amy Winters
3rd Grade- Vanessa Alvarado, Kylee Borchardt, Caleb Brown, Connor Furqueron, Austin Gibson, Chris Hughes, Sydney Larson, Caleb Lewis, Adam Lloyd, Kasey Osborne, Allison Payen, Sterling Phernetton, Bryanna Raney, Logan Yarbar, Ariel York
4th Grade- Katie Black, Kassie Gross, Nicholas Islas, Drew Long, Michael Luna, Mckenzie Metcalf, Scarlet Robertson, Morgan Slaughter, Selene Sosa, Danielle Strickland, Matt Tompkins, Seth Trevino, Sydney Winters
"A-B" Honor Roll
1st Grade- Karina Alvarado, Kyra Cox, Chase Dunnam, Shawn Garcia, Destiny Gilliam, Taryn Haynes, Kaeli Hines, Adrian Lopez, Anais Martinez, Jimmy Olivares, Adam Olivas, Taylor Olivo, Marisol Ortega, Savannah Robinson, Priscilla Salazar, Tatiana Sanchez, Ty Sealy, Camron Torres, Katie Wilson.
2nd Grade- Elizabeth Arnet, Dalton Bradbury, Cassidy Feaster, Daric Gill, Harley Gray, Miranda Hernandez, Omar Hernandez,
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4th Grade-Brandon Aguilar, Robert Aguilar, Brian Beauchamp, Cassie Boehringer, Elias Bustamante, Robyn Castle, Daniel Coyle, Crystal Garcia, Samantha Munoz, Jessica Oliva, Caleb Pirkle, Colby Ritter, Alma Rodriguez, Emily Salas, Mark Segundo, Brandon Shook, Joshua Smith, Garrett Stuteville, Krissy Thomas, Alexis Torres, Austin Valimont.

Big Spring Junior High School "A" Honor Roll

7th GRADE-Cecilia Acosta, Jennifer Beauchamp, Hollie Biermert, Mylia Black, James Bowen, Karl Brode, Christopher Brooks, Daniel Budke, Casey Carroll, Andrea Claxton, Hutton Evans, Brittany Farmer, Baylea Fox, Matthew Gwin, Nathaniel Hughey, Ariel Johnson, Brandon Kinard, Catherine Leubner, Channing Martin, Ricardo Najera, Rachel Overby, Brionna Palmer, Kade Parker, Suraj Patel, Jordan Pointon, Ambrie Schafner, Shelbi Stewart, Jonathan Stiles, Jessica Stone, Haylea Stuteville, Katherine Tompkins, Mykel Wagner, Jimmy Watson, Turquoise White.
8th Grade-Mistie Aguilar, Allison Banks, Samantha Boehringer, Lauren Bryant, Malle Carrasco, Jacob Cerda, Zack Dawson, Lauren Dorn, Bree Feaster, Casey Fraley, Nadia Garcia, Casie Guinn, Harry Han, Emily Hanes, Stormy Hart, Christina Hernandez, Laurin Jeter, Charity Kelley, Kathryn Krager, Michelle McMurtrey, Jacquelin Morgan, Meredith Morgan, Chelsey Nanny, Ainhao Nghiem, Ashley Oliver, Callie Partee, Hadden Phillips, Kevin Porras, Lauren Sage, Mark Salazar, Emily Slape, Jonathan Smith, Antonette Tubera, Megan Tunstall, Allison Ward, Crystal Ward, Eric Welch, Jared Wilkerson.
"A-B" Honor Roll
7th Grade-Sophia Acosta, Marilyn Anguiano, Sarah Armentrout, Dean Barney, Caitlin Carlisle,

Melissa Chase, Ethan Coker, Breanna Conner, Stassney Davis, Michael Dobek, Brianna Downes, Steven Fierro, Kara Fraley, Chelse Franco, Eric Galaviz, Antoinette Garcia, Laura Garcia, Heather Gentry, Cadry Gibbs, Carlita Green, Kadrian Graoge, Audrey Hagland, Lanny Hall, Oscar Hernandez, Megan Hilario, Jo Hirzel, Gracie Ho-Gland, Cade Hollandsworth, Laurel Kerr, Kristin King, Ryan Klaassen, Coby Landis, Doporto Leos, Mandy Martinez, Rory Matthews, Caroline Morgan, Lloyd Morgan, Arealle Ortega, Stephen Parker, Anastashia Parra-Johnson, Cassandra Phillips, Holly Platte, Jacklyn Porras, Wesley Rawls, Anthony Richey, Joey Rios, Briana Rodriguez, Marisa Rodriguez, Zoie Salgado, Samuel Segundo, Mallory Smith, Karla Sorola, Zachary Stephens, Matthew Stokes, Shelby Swinney, Rance Terry, Christopher Valle, Jordan Valle, Julia Villa, Jennifer-Rae Vincent, Elizabeth Wheeler, Whitney Worthan, Brittany York.
8th Grade-Moises Acevedo, Holly Bancroft, Ashley Banister, Jeremy Becj, Shane Bowles, Johnathon Bustamante, Thomas Canales, Amanda Caskey, Jordan Chesworth, Michael Cuvuello, Joshua Daniels, Ashton Fillingim, Lance Fitzgibbons, Alejandra Garcia, Adela Garfias, Sergio Gatica, SophiaGonzalez, Lance Gross, Tano Handova, Jordan Herrod, Madeleine Hopkins, Rebekah Horton, Brittany Huckabee, Keaton Hughes, Mark Iturralde, Roger Kauss, Jordan Kinnear, Kady Knox, Jeremy Landin, Whitney Lewis, Larry Luna, Judy Martinez, Kyle McDaniel, Taylor McKee, Vaughn Medina, Daniel Mendoza, James Moore, Adrienne Moreno, Meredith Nieto, Justin O'Brien, James Obenchain, Dillon Phernetton, Randy Phillippe, Logan Pierce, Stephanie Ramirez, Rebecca Rawls, Bianca Rivera, Timothy Roberts, Joshua Rodriguez, Severiano Rodriguez, Traci Rodriguez, Matthew Rodriguez, Braden Rodriguez, Sklyer Scherrod, Amber Simer, Lydia Teichrobe, Hali Torres, Geoffrey Treech, Floyd Tumej, Dimas Valles, Samantha Whitehead, Whitney Wilkins, Desiree Yanez, Jacqueline Yanez, John Ybarra, Miguel Zermenon.

Elbow Elementary School "A" Honor Roll

1st Grade-Ryan Armstrong, Taylor Clark, Mason Coor, Ashley Garcia, Sam Harris, Emily Hatfield, Trace Hearn, Alicia Hernandez, Zachary Long, Breana Madry, Hannah Minchew, Nicole

Niklasch, Dalton Taylor, Hannah Thomposn, Nick Williams.
2nd Grade-John Tyler Breyman, Covan Davidson, Eric Edwards, Tyler Evans, Chandler Freeman, Clayton Galloway, Ali Knight, Eindra Lwin, Matthew Mims, Polo Morin, Mikael Pappajohn, Elizabeth Rhodes, Kelcy Truszkowski, Colton Wheeler.
3rd Grade-Alexis Armstrong, Dillon Bagnall, Tanner Ballard, Gabrielle Borel, Trevor Burchett, Shea Campbell, Tommy Dawson, Jesse Harmon, Kie Jones, Leah Kay Lloyd, Cole Long, Jansen McDonald, Bethany Roach.
4th Grade-Foster Burchett, Hope Cimino, Cheyenne Galloway, Alejandra Hernandez, Sydney Holdampf, Jodi Jones, Lindsey Roach, Kyle Stevenson.
5th Grade-Sterling Chaney, Cameron Churchwell, Timothy Davila, Zane Herrin, Michael Mims, Regan Newsom.

A-B Honor Roll

1st Grade-Tristen Anderson, Erin Bagnall, Kole Carter, Darby DePauw, Chris Gomez, Patrick Goodgame, Alicia Heaton, Ian Heiden, Ashlie Knox, Gabriel Leal, Walker Massingill, Mary-Ashley McDaniel, Christopher Mims, Jessica Mince, Alexa Motega, Zachery Norman, Erin Payne, Ryan Pearson, Andy Qualls, Alexis Smith, Kaleb Stanley, Brianna Welch, Garrett Willard.
2nd Grade-Jammie Armstead, Kenna Colvin, Caleb Davenport, Bryson Dunn, Kade Fannin, Taybor Flores, Austin Grantham, Rachel Haggard, Raegan Haggard, Tristan Hearn, Marisol Hernandez, Lily Hsu, BreAnna Martinez, Falon Newton, Karissa Ramirez, Aaron Salazar, Ke'Arra Scroggins, Kolby Self, Sara Stevenson, Whitnee Walker.
3rd Grade-Landon Boeker, Landon Carpenter, Anthony Chappell, Madison Churchwell, Dustin Crider, Diego DeHoyos, Nicholas Emerson, Amanda Grisham, Olivia Gutierrez, Case Ingram, P.J. Madrigal, Alexis Mello, Max Pappajohn, Brianna Park, Copeland Riddell, Shelby Roemer, Shelby Rotan, Kayla Tilley, Brian Tribolet, Kelsey Westbrook, Jordan Whetsel, Dakota Witkowski, Samuel Wright.
4th Grade-LaShaunte Anderson, Courtney Blair, Ashley Buzbee, Austin Bynum, April Cevallos, Phillip Cummings, Jared Del Toro, Victoria Dunnam, Patrick Greer, Kandice Hodnett, Shelby Hudgins, Kara Hughey, Miranda Jennings, Alex Massingill, Amber Neighbors, Felixanna Pantoja, Payton Parker, Kaidie Saverance, Mara Sheets, Elgen Sauzo, Darien Walker, Kayla Warnick, Spencer Wells, Garrett Willey, Stevie Wilson.
5th Grade-Jacquelin Civello, Shelby Clark, Cory Davenport, Erica Garrett, Jessica Gutierrez, Rebekah Hall, Zach Hatfield, Stephanie Hesson, Steven Johnson, John Lyons, Lindsey

Mince, Kevy O'Brien, Miranda Park, Summer Peddy, Kelsee Paerkins, Chase Pierce, Michael Rangel, Jake Rhoton, Amber Rodriguez, Kayla Schlipf, Kolten Self, KayC Stanley, Hali Wells, James Wheeler.

SANDS CISD A-B Honor Roll

A Honor Roll
1ST Grade-Austin Blount, Davis Browne, Ben Lester.
2nd Grade-Cornelius Geisbrecht, Maria Gonzales, Aaron Ragle, Kendra Staggs;
3rd Grade-Jake Browne, Ryan Reid.
4th Grade-Hayden Ware.
5th Grade-Meagan Yarbrough, Morgan Yarbrough.
6th Grade-Noemi Martinez, Kimberly Wigington.
7th Grade-Brittini Blagrave, William Carson, Logan Gaskins, Tamara Nichols.
9th Grade-Erik Gutierrez, James Reid.
10th Grade-Matthew Benavides, Dan Campbell, Dee Fryar, Tyler Kinman, Hannah Lester, Brenda Martinez, Cevan Smithson, Javier Varela.
11th Grade-Marcelo Barraza, Tisha Lucio.
12th Grade-Steven Barraza, Krista Blagrave, Jose Briseno, Ben Campbell, Gracie Diaz, Jessica Flores, Audra Kennemer, Stephanie Lucio, Cindy Martinez, Ana Plata, T'Auna Reed, Emy Sanchez, Roseanna Sanchez, Brandon Woods, Chelsy Ybarra.

A & B Honor Roll

1st Grade-Michell Diaz, George Elias, Isabella Flores, Agatha Friesen, Luis Gonzales, Colten Hughes, Eva Loewen, Elizabeth Martinez, Sergio Plata, Sloan Shaw;
2nd Grade-Jorge Pena, Sloan Robinson, Jerad Staggs.
3rd Grade-Aris Diaz, Jennifer Franco, Preston Zant.
4th Grade-Franz Elias, Michael Gomez, Nora Gomez, Zaira Pena, Ryan Stockton, Albert Ybarra, Priscilla Ybarra.
5th Grade-Celeste Hamilton, Caleb Lester, Kelsea Moore, Landon Parker.
6th Grade-Abril Garcia, Johnny Rogers.
7th Grade-Christina Chavera, Kayla Franco, Miranda Gutierrez, Richard Lucio, David Martinez, Mason Parker, Valinda Saldivar, Ethan Zant.
8th Grade-Ronnie Peacock, Crystal Ybarra.
9th Grade-Carol Martinez, Garrett Nichols, Samantha Peacock.
10th Grade-Mark Daily, Clemente Gomez, Juan Mojica, Trent Rogers, Santos Ybarra;
11th Grade-Kandis Carson, Marlena Gomez.
12th Grade-Julian Mojica.

Grady Elementary School "A" Honor Roll

2nd Grade-Bayli Barnhill, Kristen Blocker, Sadie Fields, Billy Froses, Macey Oppgard.
3rd Grade-Brett Glaze, Jack Kennady, Jason Klassen, Martha Klassen, Sarah Matthews, Cayley Oppgard, Gustina Wiebe.
4th Grade-Abigail Hanson, Anna Klassen, Carly Krug, Morgan McDonald.

5th Grade-Natasha Enriquez, Cody Mitchell, John Ramirez, Zane Robinson, Josue Rodriquez, Carsten Russell, Shane Teague, Johan Wiebe.
6th Grade-Meagan Blocker, Dylan Cox, Sam Harryman, Maxwell Kennady, Tyler Matthews, Aubry Spradling.

A-B Honor Roll

2nd Grade-Bernadette Adkins
3rd Grade-Brandi Pechacek, Savannah Sawyer, Charley Ann Wells, Ivan Sanjuan, George Krahn.
4th Grade-Johnny Hildebrand
5th Grade-Julia Schuelke
6th Grade-Christian Medina

Grady Secondary School A Honor Roll

7th Grade-Kaitlyn Blocker, Benjamin Kennady, Lauren Robinson, Anita Wiebe.
8th Grade-Ericka Medina, Roy Rodriguez, Kandace Schuelke, Justin Tubb.
9th Grade-Emily Krug, Justin Pribyla, Kiersten Russell, Jonathan Tunnell.
11th Grade-Lynsey Pinkerton, Brianna Pribyla, Kelsey Tubb, Micah Wesson.
12th Grade-Lauren Hanks, Callie Harryman, Mary Harryman, Brent Madison, Trent May, Jason Pribyla, Jessica Spradling, Miranda Spradling, Andrew Swinson.

A-B Honor Roll

7th Grade-Justina Klassen, Matthew Meeks, Casey Shands, Parker McDonald, Geoffrey Schuette.
8th Grade-Santos Montoya, Luciano Najera, Lane Shands, Matthew Webb.
9th Grade-Caleb Guthrie, Sandi Cox, Kelsi Howard, Taylor Fields, Israel Sanjuan.
10th Grade-Alisha Almand, Michaela Pruitt.
11th Grade-Gustavo Rodriquez, Nayeli Median, Douglas Rutledge, Cole Mitchell.
12th Grade-Kendell Cook, Ashton Houston, Whitney Oppgard.

Forsan High School A Honor Roll

6th Grade-Noelle McDowell, Laura Spence.
7th Grade-Jade Hughey, Whitney Price, Jeremy Robbins, Charlene Stanley.
8th Grade-Janica Ceniza, Catilin Jones, John Kaelin, Tara Kuykendall, Rowena Sauzo, Rachael Wheeler.
9th Grade-Dani Borel, Cayley Eggleston, Seth Johnson, Brandon

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10th Grade-Kimberly Berry, Victoria McDowell, Audrey Montgomery, Shiloh Pool, Jarrod Price, Kayla Spence, Jon Sutton.
11th Grade-Rachel Clinton, Casi Graves, Abby Janca, Levi Johnson, Micaela Purcell, Cory Reyna.
12th Grade-Ross Berry, Staci Borel, Brandon Burleson, Keshia Christian, Micah Harrison, Josh Helmstetler, Heather Hise, Jaclyn Hise, Kacy Liles, Adrianna Marlow, Misty Mcgruie, Amanda Moreno, Angie Pace.

A-B Honor Roll

6th Grade-Sheree Atkerson, Amanda Barber, Macy Briggs, Evan Burton, Cole Campbell, Katryna Ceriza, Kyle Dariel, Eric Denton, Aaron Johnson, Claudia Jones, Kelsey Jones, Shelby Jones, Amanda Longorio, Brittney Rosmer, Reagan Rotan.
7th Grade-Faith Belw, Tori Gauer, Valarie Goff, Zachary Herrin, Brittani Huit, Melanie McDonald, Shelby McDonald, Tia McQuatters, Alyx Pappajohn, Michael Steelman, Tiffany Strong, Ryan Welch, Kaleb Willey, Stephanie Williams.
8th Grade-Jessica Ballard, Morgan Garrett, Blake Grantham, Kristan Halford, Jessica Hood, Aaron Hughes, Carissa Jensen, Laci Lamb, Michael Leal, Clint Lockhart, Alexandria Newsom, Jeremy Rainey, Kaela Strickland, John Williamson.
9th Grade-Kyle Bailey, Tori Carter, Eric Elis, Michael Gomez, Michelle Hanlins, Courtney Holdampf, Meagan Mancha, Tessa Montgomery, Jonathan Purcell, Kaylon Stanley.
10th Grade-Anthony Acosta, Type Baker, Taylor Barber, Lauren Butler, Samantha Charlton, Samantha Flores, Justin Forshee, Laura Hale, Casey Huit, Claire Koenes, Amber Nichols, Kayla Nichols, Jessica Page, Shiloh Sanders, Aarika Thixton, Grace Walker.
11th Grade-Christin Ballard, James Branham, Hillary Burks, Sean Dunnam, Ruth Kaelin, Clay Kuykendall, Melissa Marlow, Brandon Tant, Emilee Trammell.
12th Grade-Lyndsey Allen, Audra Bailey, Codee Barraza, Ben Breyman, Lacy Eggleston, Krista Gamble, Jonathan Gomez, Augustine Hilario, Felicia Osburn, Michael Paredes, Chanz Reed, Melody Riley, Kandis Snowden, Stefan Stone, Amanda Wallace.

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring Country Club tourney set

A parent and child two-person scramble tournament has been announced by the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament (either open division or trophy division) will take place June 5-6 with shotgun starts both days. Saturday's competition begins at 9 a.m. and Sunday tees off at 1 p.m.

The open division tournament will cost \$80, while the trophy division is \$30. Carts are not included. However, private carts are welcome.

The divisions are broken up into ages 5-11, 12-15 and 16-18. A parent may play with more than one child. The entry fee on the second team is half price. There will also be barbeque served on the course Saturday.

If interested, call 432-267-5354 to sign up.

Over 80 scramble set for mid-June

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting an over 80 golf scramble June 19-20.

There will be a \$60 per player fee plus golf cart, but private carts are welcome, as well.

The tournament will have a shotgun start and will begin at 1 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

The entry fee includes a barbeque on the course Saturday and a practice round Friday (golf cart extra.) The field will be flighted by first round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of entries.

For more information, contact the pro shop at 432-0267-5354.

First-annual generic softball tourney set

The first-annual "generic brand" softball tournament will take place May 22-23 at Cotton Mize Field at Comanche Trail Park in Big Spring.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$115 and the tournament is for class D and E only. Trophies and t-shirts will also be awarded to first through third place.

For more information, contact Ray Deleon Jr. at 432-213-0594, Dominique Gonzales at 432-263-8219 or Chris Carrillo at 432-816-6695.

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.

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

ON THE AIR

| Sports Broadcast Schedule | | |
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| Event, Time | Station | Station |
| Lady Hawks vs. Wabash Valley, 1:00 p.m. | 1480 | 1480 |
| Lady Hawks @ National Tourney, 6:45 p.m. | 1480 | 1480 |
| Friday | | |
| Bulldogs vs. Post @ Midland, 6:45 p.m. | 94.3 | 94.3 |
| Saturday | | |
| Lady Hawks vs. Crowley @ Abilene, 1:45 p.m. | 1480 | 1480 |
| Bulldogs vs. Post @ Midland, 1:45 p.m. | 94.3 | 94.3 |

Defense could tell Coahoma story against Post

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
Coahoma baseball Coach Brad Harmon says the key to the Bulldogs' best of three Regional Quarterfinal series against Post this weekend comes on the defensive end.

"Post is a lot like us in the fact that they hit the ball very well," said Harmon. "The team that moves on this week will be the team that makes the fewest errors in the field."

Junior Lance Roberts will start on the mound in game number one, which takes place Friday at Christenson Stadium in Midland. Harmon is undecided on game two's starter, but fans can expect to see either senior Kelby Kemper or senior Justin Gard.

"Our pitchers are going to have to hit their spots against Post's strong hitting," said Harmon. "I don't know who is starting for them. They have four or five guys that are good, but no one really stands out as being the best. Having four or five guys like they do is definitely a good thing."

The Bulldogs are lead offensively by Kemper, Roberts, junior Adrian Abrego, senior Sam Tindol and Chad Born. Kemper and Abrego will start at shortstop and catcher, respectively, while Tindol, who can also play centerfield, will play game one at second base.

Born is the team's designated hitter.

Christenson Stadium is



Coahoma baseball coach Brad Harmon, second from left in center, talks with his infield during a previous game in Coahoma. The Bulldogs will take on Post Friday in Midland at Christenson Stadium in the Region 1-2A Quarterfinal. Friday is game number one of a best of three series. Game two will start Saturday at 2 p.m. game three (if needed) will begin after game two.

located at the corner of Loop 250 and Lamesa and Harmon expects to win

the battle of fan support. "We need to get some people there to watch,"

added Harmon. "They are a lot further away from Midland than we are, so

there shouldn't be excuses if we don't have more fans than Post."

UIL PLAYOFFS

Softball Regional Semifinal:
Big Spring (32-4-1) vs. Crowley
@ Abilene Christian University, Saturday 2 p.m. (please note the start time changed from 1 p.m.)

Baseball Regional Quarterfinal:
Coahoma (14-11) vs. Post in best of three series @ Christenson Stadium in Midland
Game 1: Friday, 7 p.m.
Game 2: Saturday, 2 p.m. (time change)
Game 3: Saturday after game two (if needed)

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- #3 Gulf Coast vs. #14 Carl Albert, noon (field 1)
- #6 Texarkana vs. #11 Briarcliffe, 2 p.m. (field 1)
- #7 Neosho vs. #10 Young Harris, noon (field 2)
- #2 Pima vs. #15 Central Alabama, 2 p.m. (field 2)
- #1 Indian River vs. #16 N. C. Missouri, noon (field 3)
- #8 Wabash Valley vs. #9 Howard, 2 p.m. (field 3)
- #5 Salt Lake vs. #12 Indian Hills, noon (field 4)
- #4 Chattanooga vs. #13 Kansas City Kansas, 2 p.m. (field 4)

*Wabash Valley has a record of 44-7.

*Howard College enters the National Tournament with a no. 17 national ranking.

Berkman's hot hitting leads Houston past Marlins again

By MARK LONG

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI - A night after handing the Florida Marlins their most-lopsided loss of the season, the Houston Astros did it again.

Lance Berkman homered for the second time in as many nights, and Morgan Ensberg drove in three runs to lead the Astros over the slumping Marlins, 10-2, Wednesday. Houston beat Florida 9-2 Tuesday and have outhit

the defending World Series champions 30-12 in the two games.

The Marlins have lost four of five since winning two of three at Houston. The loss prompted manager Jack McKeon to give the team a tongue-lashing after the game.

"We're playing bad baseball right now — all around," outfielder Jeff Conine said. "That sums it up. Every team in baseball goes through a slump. There's no magic formula, no drink you take that make it go 'poof.' We've got to work through it."

Tim Redding allowed two unearned runs and three hits in 6 2-3 innings, improving to 3-0 in four career starts against the Marlins.

Redding (2-3) beat the Marlins twice last season and had a no-decision against them last week. He has allowed six runs — only four earned — in the four starts.

"There are certain teams you throw well against, and this is one of them for me," said Redding, who helped the Astros improve to 12-4 on the road. "I would rather do it against teams from our division, teams that we face more than just a few times a year. But I'll take it against whoever I can."

"It's just something that has worked out for me."

Berkman gave the Astros an early lead with his seventh homer, a solo shot in the second. He added an RBI double in a four-run ninth against Nate Bump.

Jeff Kent had a run-scoring single in Houston's three-run third and a sacrifice fly in the ninth.

Ensberg had a sacrifice fly in the sixth that made it 5-2, an RBI single in the eighth and doubled home Berkman in the ninth.

Carl Pavano (3-2) allowed five runs and nine hits in seven innings, striking out five.

"We've been through these slumps before, but good teams get out of it quick," Pavano said. "We've got to dig deep and do the little things."

McKeon declined to give details about his postgame team meeting.

"We just had a little get together," he said. "I just told them they're a better club than this. We've got to grind it out, do something different."

Trailing 4-0 in the fourth, the Marlins cut the lead in half on Hee Seop Choi's inside-the-park homer.

It came with two outs and Miguel Cabrera on first.

Cabrera reached base on an error by Adam Everett.

Choi drove Redding's fastball over Craig Biggio in center. The ball caromed off an angled part of the wall and started rolling down the warning track toward right field.

By the time Biggio picked it up, Cabrera had scored and Choi was nearing third.

Choi barely beat Kent's strong relay throw home.

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Park continues to struggle as Rangers fall to Royals

ARLINGTON - Chan Ho Park made a mistake, and Juan Gonzalez made him pay.

Gonzalez hit a three-run homer against his former team, Jimmy Gobble held the Texas offense in check and the Kansas City Royals beat the Rangers 5-3 Wednesday night.

Park retired Gonzalez on breaking pitches in his first three at-bats. But Park's 0-1 slider in the seventh was flat, and Gonzalez drove it into the left-field seats to extend Kansas City's lead to 5-1.

"My slider was working good except for that one pitch that really hurt," Park said. Gonzalez, signed as a free agent last winter to provide the Royals with power, had only four homers in his first 121 at-bats for Kansas City until Wednesday night's shot.

"Anytime he swings the bat, he can carry a ball-club," Royals manager Tony Pena said. "He's doing a lot of things different, but mostly he's

being more selective at the plate and starting to get confidence."

Gonzalez, the Rangers' career leader in homers and RBIs, has been taking extra swings in batting practice, trying to regain his power stroke.

"I respect everybody here in Texas, but we got the win," Gonzalez said. "I've been working on my mechanics and putting more weight on my back leg."

Gobble (2-2) gave up three runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings, helping the Royals earn their fifth road win this season and second in two nights.

Angel Berroa and Ken Harvey each added a solo shot for the Royals, who have six homers in the first two games of the three-game set. Jaime Cerda retired Hank Blalock with two on to end the seventh, and Justin Huisman got six outs for his first major league save.

Park (2-4) gave up five runs and four hits in 6 2-3 innings. He struck out

three and walked four.

The Rangers, a big surprise early, lost their third in a row and have dropped five of six.

"It's hard not to press," Herbert Perry said. "We got spoiled. We'd been able to unleash the hounds early, and now we're not able to do that. But baseball is a funny game. We might go out and score 20 runs tomorrow."

Berroa's one-out homer in the third and Harvey's drive in the fourth gave Kansas City a 2-0 lead.

Blalock hit his 11th homer leading off the fourth.

In the seventh, Park walked Carlos Beltran and hit Mike Sweeney with a pitch, the third batter Park plunked in the game. Gonzalez's homer made it 5-1.

The Rangers loaded the bases with one out in the seventh, chasing Gobble. Shawn Camp hit Gerald Laird with a pitch, forcing in a run, and Michael Young's sacrifice fly made it 5-3.

Former-Cowboy Goodrich reunites with jail

DALLAS - Former Dallas Cowboys defensive back Dwayne Goodrich was jailed Thursday after his bond was revoked in the hit-and-run deaths of two good Samaritans.

The athlete's bond was revoked on the request of his bail bondsman, who asked to be released from his responsibilities. A judge agreed, and Goodrich was taken into custody.

Goodrich was held with no bond in Dallas County jail on the bond revocation of two manslaughter charges and one count of

aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, Dallas County sheriff's Sgt. Don Peritz told The Dallas Morning News in Thursday's editions.

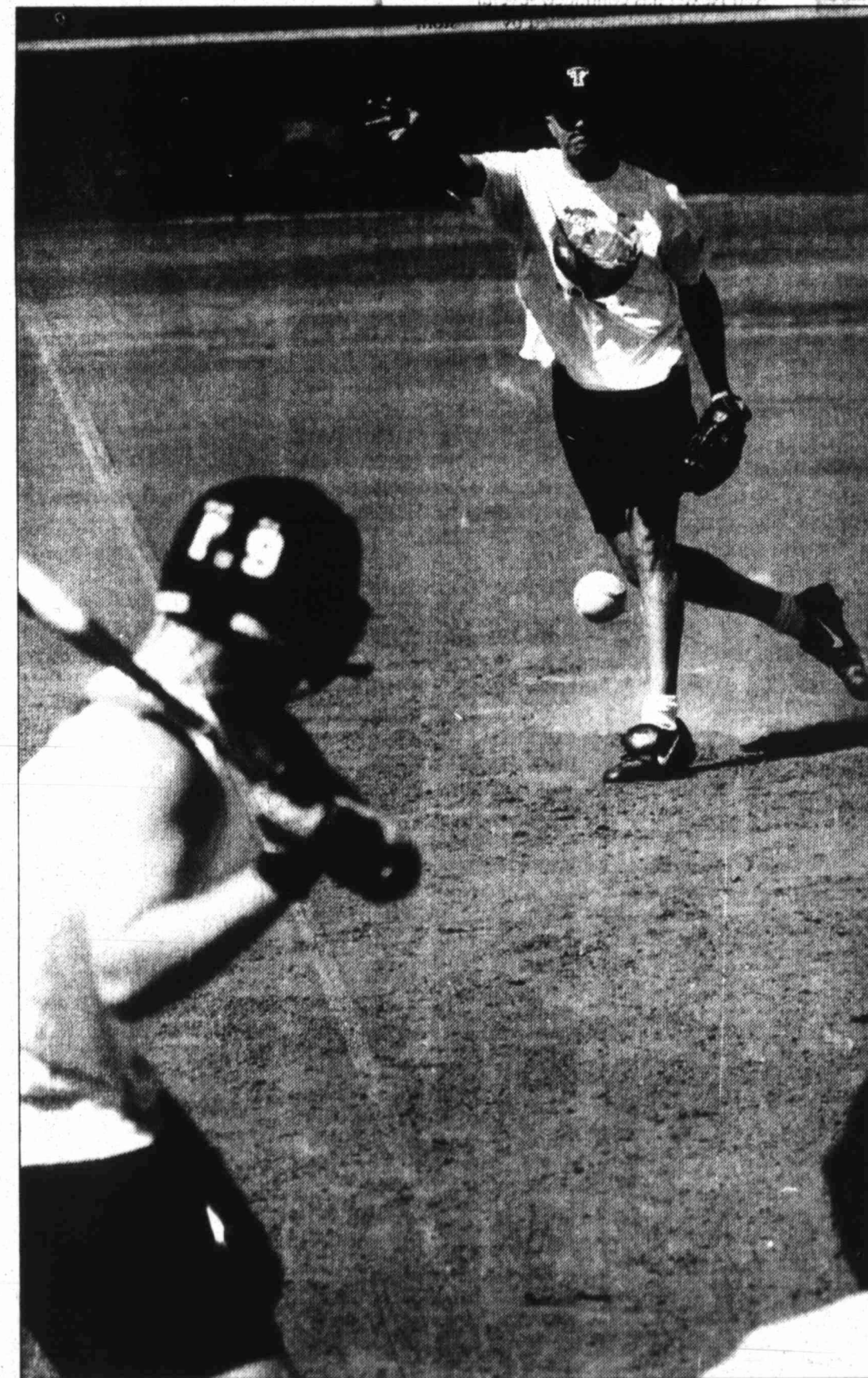
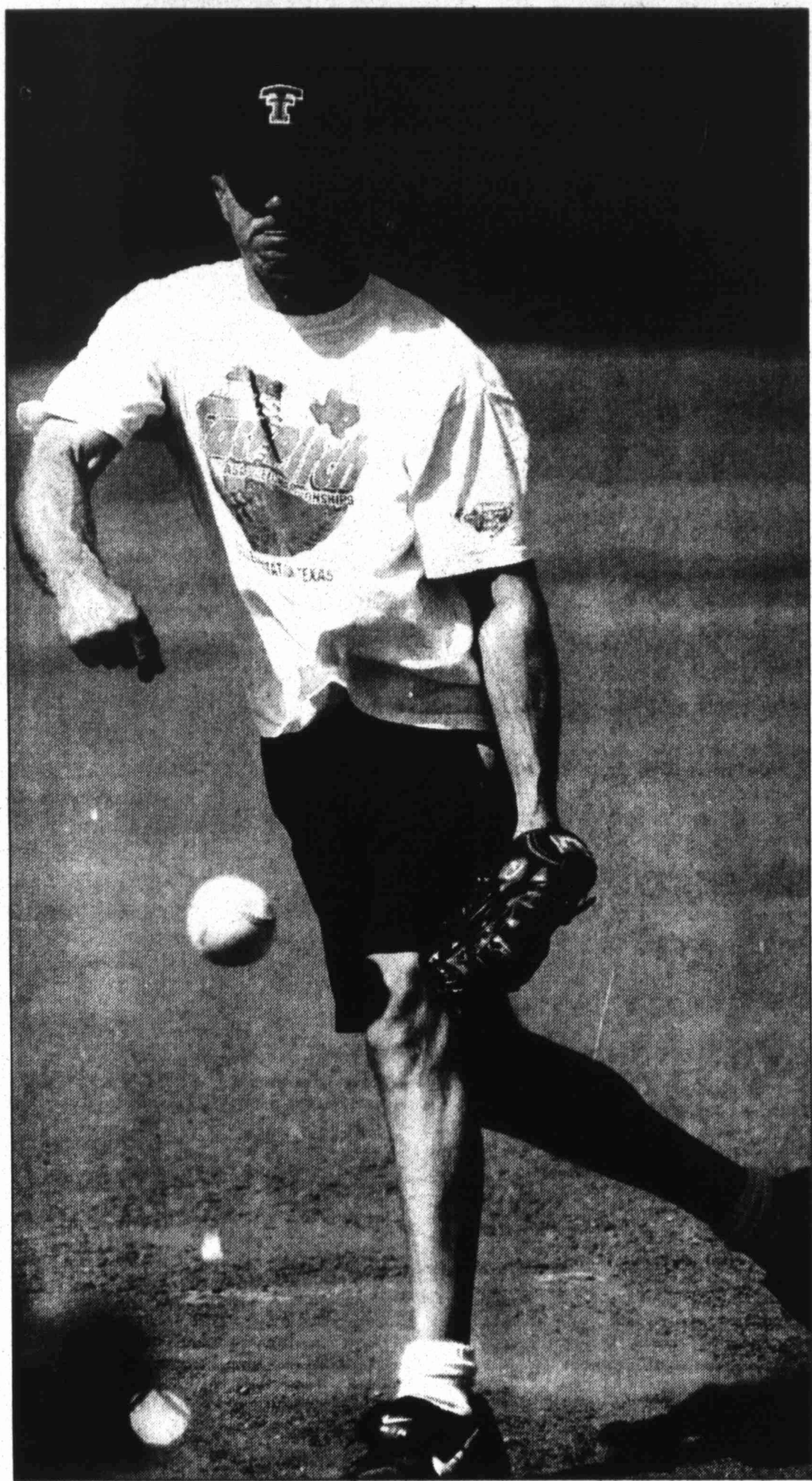
The ex-player had been free on \$150,000 bond while his 7 1/2-year prison sentence was on appeal. He was also fined \$20,000 after his conviction in August on two counts of criminally negligent homicide.

The Plano victims were rescuing a driver from a burning car on Interstate 35E in January 2003 when they were struck by

Goodrich's BMW as he was driving home about 2 a.m. He left the scene.

Witnesses said Goodrich was traveling more than 100 mph before he veered onto the freeway shoulder to avoid the burning car and struck three men trying to free the trapped motorist. The third man was seriously injured.

This week, Goodrich had also been sought on two traffic warrants from the Dallas suburb of Farmers Branch, alleging speeding and failure to have insurance.



Above: Big Spring graduate Johnny Mize warms up during the Lady Steers' practice Wednesday before throwing through the softball team's lineup several times in hopes of getting them prepared for its Regional Semifinal game against Crowley Saturday. Below: Mize silngs one to the mound against Big Spring pitcher and clean up hitter Alex Watkins. Mize graduated from Big Spring in 1978 and played first base on the baseball team. He is now a fastpitch pitcher in the Amateur Softball Association. On Thursday, Mize consistently threw around 62 miles per hour and gave the girls several looks at a lot of different pitches. The Lady Steers' pitching opponent Saturday will be Megan Dinney, who has signed a letter of intent to pitch for the University of Texas next season. Dinney pitches around 70 miles per hour for the defending state champions.

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By JIM UTTER
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There could not be a clearer sign. As the national media gathered last weekend at Richmond (Va.) International Raceway to hear details of a massive lawsuit settlement and changes in the 2005 schedule of NASCAR's biggest series, the involvement of the series' sponsor, Nextel, was negligible at best.

Its biggest presence? The logos adorning many of the press releases outlining the vast changes to the sport.

Thirty years or more ago, it may well have been a different story.

When R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and its Winston brand took over the sponsorship of NASCAR's Cup series, their involvement went far beyond simply selling a product.

But times change, circumstances change and roles change.

For the most part, officials with Nextel Communications have made no secret they have little — if any — role in the development of the rules or race schedules in NASCAR, nor are they interested in having such influence.

"NASCAR is a fully functioning grown-up sport, the No. 2 sport in the country. They didn't get that way falling all over themselves," said Michael Robichaud, Nextel's senior director of sports marketing.

"They have full operations, full staffing, they make up the rules.

"They control all those elements, including the two that have been talked about most recently — the schedule and the rules of competition. It's their decisions to make."

Winston, however, found itself deeply ingrained in many aspects of NASCAR when it joined as the Cup series' sponsor. Former Winston officials say much of that came from immersion.

In 1970, soon after the Nixon administration signed a bill banning cigarette manufacturers from advertising on TV or radio, RJR went to NASCAR to see if it could put its advertising dollars into sponsoring an elite division of NASCAR.

NASCAR and the France family agreed and beginning in the 1971 season, the top division of NASCAR became known as the Winston Cup Series.

Winston not only brought money, but also public relations assistance and marketing strategies.

"Naturally, if you are involved in those kind of activities, you become immersed in the com-

Nextel's low-key role in NASCAR is to sell its product

petition side of the sport," said Cliff Pennell, a former president of RJR's Sports Marketing Enterprises group, which ran the Winston sponsorship.

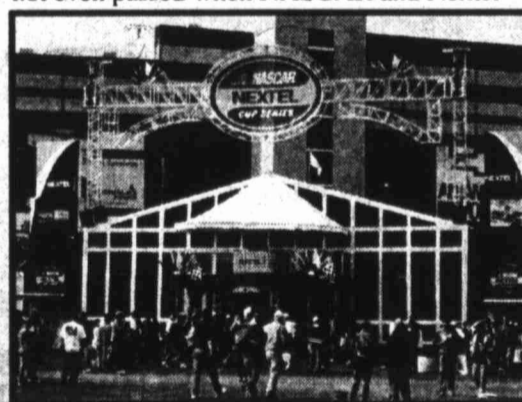
By the 1990s, the fast-growing sport of NASCAR developed its own identity, trained its own PR staff, and had opened marketing offices in Los Angeles and New York.

At the same time, the tobacco industry was hitting on hard times. Lawsuits were picking up steam and tobacco companies' advertising was constrained by law and its audience limited to adults.

It should not have been a complete shock then when Winston notified NASCAR at the start of the 2003 season that it could search for another sponsor, if one could be found before Winston's contract expired.

What was shocking was the relatively smooth and quick manner in which NASCAR found a replacement.

The midway point of the 2003 season had not even passed when NASCAR and Nextel



Fans visit the 6,400-square-foot Nextel Experience, an interactive mobile exhibit.

unveiled their new 10-year, \$750 million deal during a news conference in New York's Times Square.

And there was no mistake about Nextel's intentions and reasons for the partnership — it was there to sell phones.

And it would bring with it something Winston could not — the ability to target young audiences and advertise on TV. It was win-win for NASCAR and Nextel.

"One of the big reasons we do any sponsorship is to make our messaging look bigger than it generally does through just pure media buying. This offered an unprecedented opportunity to get the name out there just in its form," Robichaud said.

Although Nextel took a deliberate and low-key approach in joining NASCAR — raising the eyebrows of many in the media — it has hit the ground full-force since the start of the 2004 season.

Each race weekend, there is an army of black-and-yellow dressed personnel roaming the track, inside and out, spearheading several fan initiatives.

— And Nextel has continued several media-related functions started by Winston, including Saturday morning breakfasts with drivers.

The biggest Nextel presence each weekend is the 6,400-square-foot Nextel Experience, an interactive mobile exhibit that features 1/4-scale race car simulators, pit crew demonstrations and displays of Nextel technology.

"We try not to have a 'buy, buy, buy' used-car salesman approach. We'll come in, introduce them to us, provide a neat experience and intermingling in there is showcasing our product," Robichaud said.

"It's a double-edge sword. If you want to be associated with the sport and have sort of this larger-than-life association as the series sponsor, you have to take the good with the bad," he said.

"Generally the way we try to deal with that is to be up-front and honest and people respect that. If there are things that happened we actively or passively supported and they don't like it, then — hey — they don't like it and then we have to stand up for that.

"We try to help in the communication and help in the understanding. Communication is what we do best."

Jim Utter covers NASCAR for *That's Racin.com*, part of the Knight Ridder Digital network.

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

NASCAR last week made big changes to the Nextel Cup schedule for 2004. What change do you most expect for 2005?

Cast your vote at:
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LAST 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"?

Number of votes: 9,844

| DRIVER | NO. OF VOTES | PERCENT |
|-----------------|--------------|---------|
| Kerry Earnhardt | 2269 | 23% |
| Kyle Petty | 1576 | 16% |
| Ricky Rudd | 1348 | 14% |
| Jimmy Spencer | 1270 | 13% |
| Jeff Burton | 1156 | 12% |
| Someone else | 1348 | 10% |
| Jeremy Mayfield | 742 | 7.5% |
| Ward Burton | 454 | 4.5% |

THIS WEEK'S RACE

NEXTEL ALL-STAR CHALLENGE

Where: Lowe's Motor Speedway, a 1.5-mile banked paved quad-oval located in Concord, N.C.

When: Saturday at 9 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 6:05 p.m. Friday.

TV: FX

Radio: Motor Racing Network

Purse: \$3,195,000 (\$1,003,500 to winner)

Last year's winner: Jimmie Johnson



Johnson

How it works: Teams must make a mandatory green-flag, four-tire pit stop between the completion of Lap 10 and the completion of Lap 35. Between Segments 1 and 2, there will be a 10-minute break during which a random drawing will be held to determine the starting order of the second segment. Teams will pit and may elect to change tires, add fuel and make normal chassis adjustments. Between Segments 2 and 3 there will be a yellow flag during which teams may elect to pit. They may add fuel, change tires and make normal chassis adjustments. Teams pitting will not retain their position. Only green-flag laps count during the third segment. All restarts will be double file and lapped cars will start at the rear.

The Nextel Open: Any driver not already eligible for the all-star event can enter. Winner receives \$48,200 and advances into the All-Star Challenge.

Also this week: Dennis Setzer took over the points lead in the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series following his second-place finish at Mansfield, Ohio, on Sunday. He leads Carl Edwards by 32 points entering Friday night's Infineon 200 at Lowe's Motor Speedway. ... Rookie Kyle Busch takes his points lead to Nazareth, Pa., for Sunday's Goulds Pumps/ITT Industries 200.

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of May 16:

| Rank/Driver | Points | Rank/Driver | Points |
|-------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| 1. D. Earnhardt Jr. (8) | 1643 | 21. G. Biffle (16) | 1095 |
| 2. J. Johnson (48) | 1603 | 22. W. Burton (0) | 1091 |
| 3. J. Gordon (24) | 1581 | 23. B. Vickers (25) | 1073 |
| 4. M. Kenseth (17) | 1517 | 24. J. Sauter (30) | 1071 |
| 5. T. Stewart (20) | 1449 | 25. J. Nemechek (01) | 1069 |
| 6. R. Newman (12) | 1442 | 26. B. Gaughan (77) | 1056 |
| 7. B. Labonte (18) | 1430 | 27. S. Wimmer (22) | 1055 |
| 8. Kevin Harvick (29) | 1404 | 28. R. Rudd (21) | 1039 |
| 9. K. Busch (97) | 1391 | 29. J. Burton (99) | 1022 |
| 10. E. Sadler (38) | 1377 | 30. M. Waltrip (15) | 1015 |
| 11. K. Kahne (9) | 1288 | 31. K. Schrader (49) | 969 |
| 12. M. Martin (6) | 1281 | 32. K. Petty (45) | 939 |
| 13. J. McMurray (42) | 1249 | 33. R. Craven (32) | 916 |
| 14. R. Wallace (2) | 1247 | 34. S. Riggs (10) | 838 |
| 15. S. Martin (40) | 1230 | 35. J. Green (43) | 836 |
| 16. J. Mayfield (19) | 1208 | 36. D. Cope (50) | 743 |
| 17. D. Jarrett (88) | 1195 | 37. D. Blaney (23) | 467 |
| 18. C. Mears (41) | 1160 | 38. K. Lepage | 426 |
| 19. R. Gordon (31) | 1124 | 39. J. Spencer (4) | 418 |
| 20. T. Labonte (5) | 1120 | 40. M. Shepherd (89) | 304 |

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of May 15:

| Rank/Driver | Points | Rank/Driver | Points |
|--------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| 1. K. Busch | 1633 | 11. J. Sauter | 1258 |
| 2. M. Truex Jr. | 1618 | 12. T. Fiedewa | 1234 |
| 3. D. Green | 1536 | 13. M. Bliss | 1233 |
| 4. M. Waltrip | 1535 | 14. K. Wallace | 1228 |
| 5. R. Gordon | 1485 | 15. K. Kahne | 1205 |
| 6. J. Keller | 1477 | 16. S. Compton | 1185 |
| 7. B. Hamilton Jr. | 1420 | 17. A. Lewis | 1121 |
| 8. G. Biffle | 1393 | 18. D. Stramine | 1111 |
| 9. R. Hornaday | 1386 | 19. K. Harvick | 1102 |
| 10. J. Leffler | 1278 | 20. C. Atwood | 1101 |

NEXT RACE: Sunday, Goulds Pumps ITT Industries 200, Nazareth, Pa.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of May 16:

| Rank/Driver | Points | Rank/Driver | Points |
|-----------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| 1. D. Setzer | 680 | 6. R. Crawford | 552 |
| 2. C. Edwards | 598 | 7. J. Sprague | 544 |
| 3. D. Reutimann | 576 | 8. M. Crafton | 541 |
| 4. B. Hamilton | 560 | 9. T. Cook | 536 |
| 5. M. Skinner | 554 | 10. T. Kvapil | 531 |

NEXT RACE: Friday, Infineon 200, Concord, N.C.

RANKINGS THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8)
Three wins, eight top-10 finishes in the first 11 races. Tough to find fault with that. Last week: 3.

2. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48)
Pulled May sweep at Lowe's Motor Speedway in 2003, winning all-star

race and 600. Last week: 1.
3. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24)
Reckon fans would get into a Gordon-Earnhardt Jr. championship chase to the wire? Last week: 2.

4. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17)
Don't forget about this team. Consistency is their standard, and he's at it again. Last week: 4.

5. Bobby Labonte (car No. 18)
Charlotte weeks could be good to him. He's running well and it's his

kind of track. Last week: 9.
6. Tony Stewart (car No. 20) He and Darrell Waltrip went at it pretty good on Fox prerace show from Richmond. Last week: 10.

7. Ryan Newman (car No. 12)
Sixth in points, but team still seems to be scuffling. That makes them worth watching. Last week: 8.

8. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29)
Another team that's hanging around the top 10, but just hasn't put it all

together yet. Last week: 5.
9. Kasey Kahne (car No. 9) After the great start to the season, the red's been rubbed off rookie's candy recently. Last week: 6.

10. Kurt Busch (car No. 97) Only has one top-five finish all year — his win at Bristol. That's not a promising stat. Last week: 7.

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

It's time for fans to stand up to NASCAR

To get the second date for his Texas Motor Speedway, Bruton Smith has to pay \$100.4 million to buy North Carolina Speedway as part of the settlement in the Ferko v. NASCAR lawsuit. He bought the first date Texas has from North Wilkesboro, now he's got to pay for the second date, too? What good did the suit do him?

On the surface, that makes sense. But think about it a minute.

First, say the Ferko suit doesn't get settled and goes to trial. The trial takes several months and then you get a verdict. If NASCAR wins the suit, Texas doesn't get a second race. If Ferko wins the suit and NASCAR is ordered to give Texas a date, NASCAR could appeal and the suit lingers in the courts another three or four years.

All that time, you're still paying lawyers. And you're not selling any tickets for a second race at Texas to start making back your money.

But right now, you've got a settle-

ment offer on the table that gives you that date at Texas starting in 2005. You pay \$100.4 million now and your experts tell you that in five years you make that back. There's no other track out there with a Cup date that seems willing to sell a date to Speedway Motorsports Inc., so this deal all of a sudden looks like a decent option.

Isn't \$100.4 million a steep price to pay for one Cup date?

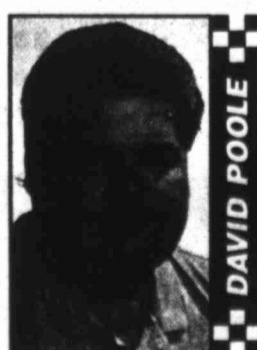
Actually, it's pretty close to the going rate.

As part of the deal announced Friday, International Speedway Corp. bought two dates at Martinsville for \$192 million. That's \$96 million per race. ISC paid \$215 million for Richmond a few years ago — \$107.5 million per date. When SMI bought Las Vegas Motor Speedway, it paid about \$150 million or so for that date.

So \$100.4 million is certainly in the ballpark, especially considering that Texas has around 175,000 seats to sell

for a second Cup race. Have they completely killed Rockingham? There's some hope. The track is used extensively for driving schools.

Next year, since they won't race there, Cup teams could use it for tests that wouldn't count against them. OK, how about Darlington? It now has one Cup race, and that's a night race on the Saturday before Mother's Day, which has long been left open because it's hard to sell tickets that weekend. Is Darlington being set up to fail so ISC can move that race to Kansas or to the new track in the Seattle-Portland area down the road?



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GARAGE SALE: 2606 Carol Drive, Saturday 8-2. Some Clothing, furniture, knick-knacks and more.

Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE: Fishing equipment, clothing, speakers from Jet drive in, walking canes, furniture antiques. 106 East 17th. Street, Saturday only 7:00 am - Noon.

HUGE GARAGE SALE, 2319 Allendale. Saturday Only! 8:00-12:00. Furniture, clothes, camping equipment, miscellaneous.

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Every weekend, my stepfather visits his daughter and they have sex with each other. Other swingers take pictures and actually post them in online photo albums. Our mother now knows about this and has decided not to confront him, as she is afraid that in the ensuing mess she will lose everything (house, stocks, etc.) to him and lawyers.

My siblings and I don't know whether to respect our mother's decision or take matters into our own hands. While Mom is by no means feeble-minded, we feel that she is refusing to divorce this man out of fear and that it is our moral duty to step in and make this decision for her. On the other hand, our spouses all say we should respect our mother's decision and let the matter drop.

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that's why I am asking for your help.

Dear Dis: Thank you for your confidence, and yes, on the gross-out scale, your situation is right up there. It does boggle the mind to know that, somewhere, there is an 80-year-old swinger in a taboo relationship... with photographic keepsakes, no less.

It sounds from your letter like the daughter/sex partner has altered the will, which, if true, is clearly felonious. If your mother is of sound mind and the only thing preventing her from ending the marriage is fear of financial ruin, you might arrange a meeting between her and a lawyer for an informational consultation. There is nothing you can do without her consent — unless you were to challenge her mental capacity and prevail — so you have to respect her decision; either that or you must have her declared non compos.

And while we're on the subject, there is the distinct possibility that the superannuated porn star is the one who is no longer mentally sound. — Prudie, flabbergastedly

Dear Prudence: I have asked for a divorce from my husband because of his repeated affairs and lack of good husband qualities. I refuse to have sex because I don't feel anything toward him anymore. I told him this.

It's been this way for two years already, but he will not let me divorce him without being vindictive. He threatens

that if I divorce him, he'll take my kids away from me and I won't see them anymore.

I am unemployed and not financially able to support my children. Because of this, my kids may be awarded to him. Because of this, I feel that I am forced to stay married, but it is making me miserable. My friends and family are divided in helping me make a decision.

What should I do? I don't have a boyfriend or a lover. I just want to be away from my husband. (He does not physically abuse me, though.) — Miserable Wife

Dear Miz: A woman does not have to be smacked around to end her marriage, and custody is not determined by which parent has the most money. Child support, as well as alimony, are established by different criteria — including who HAS been supporting the children and who has the ability to earn and pay.

Don't feel intimidated by the bullying threats; chances are that by standing up to your husband, you will defuse the situation. Seek the advice of an attorney about how to separate from him — perhaps even Legal Aid or a similar free service. Your local Bar Association can put you in touch with a volunteer lawyers' group or a law school clinic. Until all this gets straightened out, you will probably need to turn to supportive family for financial help. Good luck. — Prudie, forwardly © 2004 SLATE.COM

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
The sun enters lively Gemini, an air sign bringing a buzz of social energy into everyday life. Spontaneous discussions, celebrations and exchanges of all kinds pepper our day, keeping things interesting and unpredictable. It's also a time of year to get your flirt on (so to speak), sending playful vibrations out and seeing what comes back to you.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Love is not without sacrifice; those who listen to their inner voice know exactly the price of a relationship. Group efforts are lucky, especially if you don't know the other people involved very well. Be aware of attitudes about money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Break your project down into small parts. This process alone could take you all day.

Romance is brewing with a classmate or co-worker. Remember: Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Rigorous activity and a jam-packed schedule are both exhausting and rewarding. You get energy by expending energy. Resolve to befriend a partner's friends — this makes your relationship so much easier.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Conservative, practical efforts will help you make headway in an old-fashioned environment. Later, you can be the one to bring this group up to speed, but for now, it's better to work with what you've got.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Obstacles are actually wonderful because they cause you to do something good that you never would have done if it weren't for the obstacle. The meaning isn't clear now, but you can trust that there is one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's no telling where your next job is coming from, but it's certainly on its way. Ask for

references, and call your friends to get recommendations. Dream about where you'd like to be in five years.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You feel it's more important than ever to get tangible proof of your accomplishments, but if you look deeper, you will see that it is unnecessary. The real reward is in the doing. Leisure and sports introduce you to love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you ask the hard questions, you surprise even yourself with brilliant answers. Trivial arguments spoil romance unless you're willing to compromise. Short-distance travel is lucky.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Doing things differently is as natural as can be, as everything about this day feels brand new. You can create a masterpiece if you have confidence in your ability. Deal with relationship issues one step at a time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Friends will wait in traffic just to visit

you. Appreciate what you've got. There are more innovative ways to erase financial woes, so don't stop brainstorming. Read tonight to expand your vocabulary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll have luck with processes like applying for a loan or changing how you pay your bills. People feel good around you and therefore extend casual invitations, which are sincere but perhaps not the best use of your time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Positive reinforcement is all around you — others truly want to see you get ahead. Painting, writing and performing are lucky now. Nothing is worth risking a great relationship, so resist the temptation to stray.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm still searching for love after all these years! I date here and there, but I never seem to meet the right one or even one that I feel strongly about pursuing at all. What do you think? I was born Oct. 17, 1970."

Libra is the sign of balance and partnership. In fact, Libra tends to feel the most balanced when he or she is in a solid partnership. But for Libra, such an arrangement must come with plenty of autonomy, too. Libra is a mature lover who realizes that without a commitment to self first, a relationship has no basis in reality. Your sensual but stubborn Taurus moon has helped you steer clear of relationships that ultimately would never work out because you are not willing to compromise for love as much as some people would. This is a wonderful trait (you don't waste time) and lonely, too. Venus in Scorpio reveals that you have a side you'll only show in the most intimate of your relationships, which makes you choosier than many are about who you'll spend time with. Keep dating and having fun without concerning yourself over whether or not you are with Mr. Right.
CELEBRITY PRO-

FILES: Supermodel Naomi Campbell's appeal doesn't stop at the end of the catwalk. She's a UNESCO volunteer, has her own cosmetics line and helms NConnect, a branding and events company. This year, a suitor could want her to start a family — a difficult choice for an international businesswoman. As the sign of twins, Gemini are often their own best companions, and Campbell has a great pal in herself.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a 38-year-old male, and my sister, "Anna," is 40. We are both married and have children. Since I was a child, my parents have treated us differently. It never used to bother me, but lately, it's gotten much worse.

For instance, my 12-year-old daughter will say, "Grandma, I got an A in reading," to which Mom replies, "Oh, your cousin is beginning to be a good reader." Or my daughter will be sick, and Mom will say, "Your cousin has a scratchy throat." My mother has never attended a single one of my daughter's school events, but she wouldn't dream of missing one involving Anna's children.

Every Sunday after church, my parents treat Anna and her family to a restaurant meal. We are never invited. Anna and Mom go out shopping together every week. They wouldn't think to ask me to come along. The only time I am called is when they want me to fix something.

My daughter is heartbroken that Grandma doesn't seem to care about her. My parents are now talking about taking Anna and her family to Disneyland. As usual, we have not been invited. I cannot understand how parents can do this to their grandchildren. My folks always read your column, so I am hoping they will see themselves. I am not sure they even realize what they are doing. — A Confused Son

Dear Son: Mothers and daughters often go shopping together, and it wouldn't occur to either of them to include a male. However, taking only Anna and her family to lunch every Sunday, not to mention a trip to Disneyland, is terribly hurtful, and the difference in the treatment of the grandchildren is guaranteed to cause hard feelings.

Since you are not certain your parents realize what they are doing, please show them this letter and tell them you wrote it. They need to know how you feel. We hope it will open the door for a long-overdue conversation.

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Ed" for five years. We have two



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

children, one of whom I take care of at home. I also work part time as a waitress. Last year, Ed took a job in another state and is home only three days per week. This is a sacrifice we both made when we decided to buy our new, larger house.

Lately, Ed's pay isn't what it could be, and he told me I need to get a second job. Why should I play the single mom? I am — Resentful in Chicago

Dear Resentful: Is Ed planning to keep this position, or would he consider something closer to home? How long is this situation likely to continue? Can you find a different job that would increase your salary without increasing your hours? Are there other expenses you can cut so you won't need the second job? Would you be willing to sell the house and move into something less expensive to maintain?

These are the questions you and Ed must discuss, together, in order to reach a decision you both can accept. This is why marriage involves work. Get going.

Dear Annie: My boyfriend and I have been together for over a year. The problem is that he has an unusual sneeze, and we wonder if it can be altered. Let's just say it's rather messy.

I suggested he hold his nose and force the air out through his mouth, but he says he doesn't get the same sense of relief. Also, he sometimes

sneezes eight or nine times in a row. The sneezes come on so suddenly that he barely has time to cover his face. He gets a lot of nasty looks from strangers. What can we do? — Need Help

Dear Need Help: Work on the cause instead of the delivery system. It sounds as if your boyfriend has allergies. He should ask his doctor to refer him to an allergist for some testing.

Dear Annie: I would like to know if it is normal that my boyfriend of three years periodically entertains his ex-wife and grown children, and does not invite me. To make matters worse, his apartment is directly across the hall from mine. He thinks I am overreacting, but on Christmas Day, he had them over for supper while I sat at home alone.

They all know me, and we get along quite well, but any time there is a special family occasion and the ex-wife is present, I am not included. Sometimes his ex-wife even comes over to his place and cooks dinner for all of them. Is this normal? — Left Out in the Midwest

Dear Left Out: Your boyfriend obviously believes his children benefit from maintaining special occasions as an intact family. If he plans to marry you, he should bring you into the family dynamics, including holidays, and the sooner the better. As a "current girlfriend," however, he considers you to have no particular standing when it comes to his children, and his treatment of you makes that clear. Try telling him how you feel, and see what he says. Meanwhile, make other plans on those days.

Dear Annie: I received a beautifully printed invitation to attend a luncheon in honor of a friend's 50th wedding anniversary. It was tastefully done, but accompanying it was a smaller note that read:

"Dear Friends and Family: In order that we may enjoy the pleasure of

as many of you as possible, we are asking that guests purchase their own meal. The luncheon choices are listed below. Please make your selection on the response card and include a check payable to So-and-So for the amount. We look forward to seeing you."

The anniversary couple is retired with fantastic pensions and have three adult children with better-than-average incomes. What do you think of the chutzpah? Please print this. We all read your column in this part of California — B.L.

Dear B.L.: You already know what we think, but we'll say it again. People should have the party they can afford, even if it means a less fancy meal or a smaller guest list. Asking guests to pay for their own meal is tacky. In all fairness, a lot of people think this is just dandy and don't mind being given a bill. We say, if you're going to fork over cash for the festivities, you also should have a say in the menu and venue, since you apparently have become one of the hosts.

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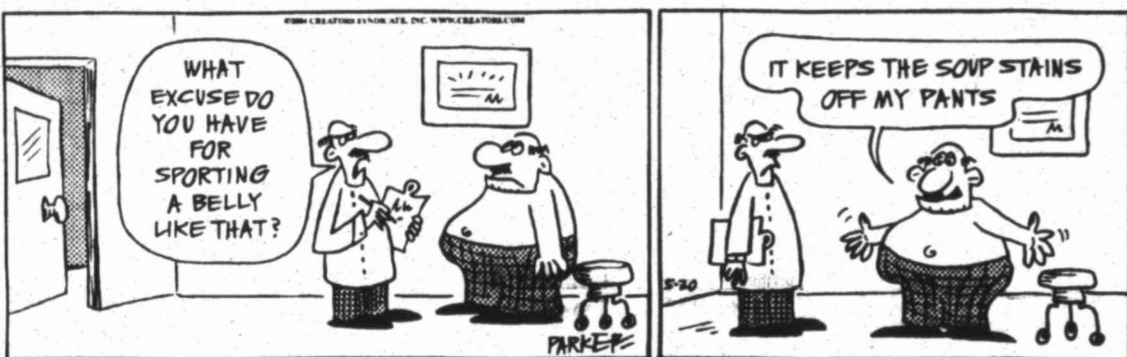
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 20, the 141st day of 2004. There are 225 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 20, 1861, the capital of the Confederacy was moved from Montgomery, Ala., to Richmond, Va.

On this date:

In 1506, Christopher Columbus died in poverty in Spain.

In 1861, North Carolina voted to secede from the Union.

In 1902, the United States ended its three-year military presence in Cuba as the Republic of Cuba was established under its first elected president, Tomas Estrada Palma.

In 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field in Long Island, N.Y., aboard the

Spirit of St. Louis on his historic solo flight to France.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland for Ireland to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

In 1939, regular transatlantic air service began as a Pan American Airways plane, the Yankee Clipper, took off from Port Washington, N.Y., bound for Europe.

In 1942, Glenn Miller and His Orchestra recorded "I've Got a Gal in Kalamazoo" at Victor Studios in Hollywood.

In 1961, a white mob attacked a busload of Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Ala., prompting the federal government to send in U.S. marshals to restore order.

In 1969, U.S. and South Vietnamese forces captured Apbia Mountain, referred to as "Hamburger Hill" by the Americans, following one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War.

In 1989, comedian Gilda Radner died in Los Angeles

at age 42.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James McEachin is 74. Actor Anthony Zerbe is 68. Actor David Proval is 62. Singer Joe Cooker is 60. Singer-actress Cher is 58. Actor-comedian Dave Thomas is 55. Musician Warren Cann is 52. Actor Dean Butler is 48. Ron Reagan is 46. Rock musician Jane Wiedlin (The Go-Go's) is 46. Actor Bronson Pinchot is 45. Actor John Billingsley ("Enterprise") is 44. Actor Tony Goldwyn is 44. Singer Susan Cowsill (The Cowsills) is 44. Singer Nick Heyward is 43. Actress Mindy Cohn is 38. Actress Angela Goethals is 27.

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Newsday Crossword

SPLITTING UP by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman

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- 1 Train in the ring
 - 5 "Waterloo" band
 - 9 Shoot-'em-up
 - 14 Loser of fable
 - 15 Horn sound
 - 16 Cockamamie
 - 17 David Copperfield villain
 - 19 Joust's weapon
 - 20 Take advantage of
 - 21 Chad's cont.
 - 23 Hair goo
 - 24 Go amiss
 - 25 Stan's comic partner
 - 27 All-encompassing organization
 - 32 Yodeler's perch
 - 34 Ship out
 - 35 With 10 Down, California city
 - 36 Lights-out tune
 - 38 France's patron saint
 - 41 Meal in a pot
 - 42 Nestling's call
 - 44 Birds, to Brutus
 - 46 Pompous sort
 - 47 Crime-story character
 - 51 Kentucky race
 - 52 Wernher Braun
 - 53 PC key
 - 56 Tippler
 - 57 Start of a toast
 - 61 Any of the Dionnes
 - 63 A steward may represent one
- DOWN**
- 1 Close tightly
 - 2 Henry VIII's sixth
 - 3 Sills solo
 - 4 "___ and weep!"
 - 5 Disliked
 - 6 "___ there, done that"
 - 7 Busy one
 - 8 Dismay
 - 9 Offshore drillers
 - 10 See 35 Across
 - 11 Zingy taste
 - 12 Suffix with refer or defer
 - 13 Country dance
 - 18 Chef's flavorings
 - 22 Keys locale: Abbr.
 - 25 Gap competitor
 - 26 Historic spans
 - 27 Hiked
 - 28 Hydrocarbon suffix
 - 29 Ready to pour
 - 30 Western Indians
 - 31 Feline feet
 - 32 Aleutian island
 - 33 Mole's target
 - 37 Feeder filler
 - 39 "___ been had!"
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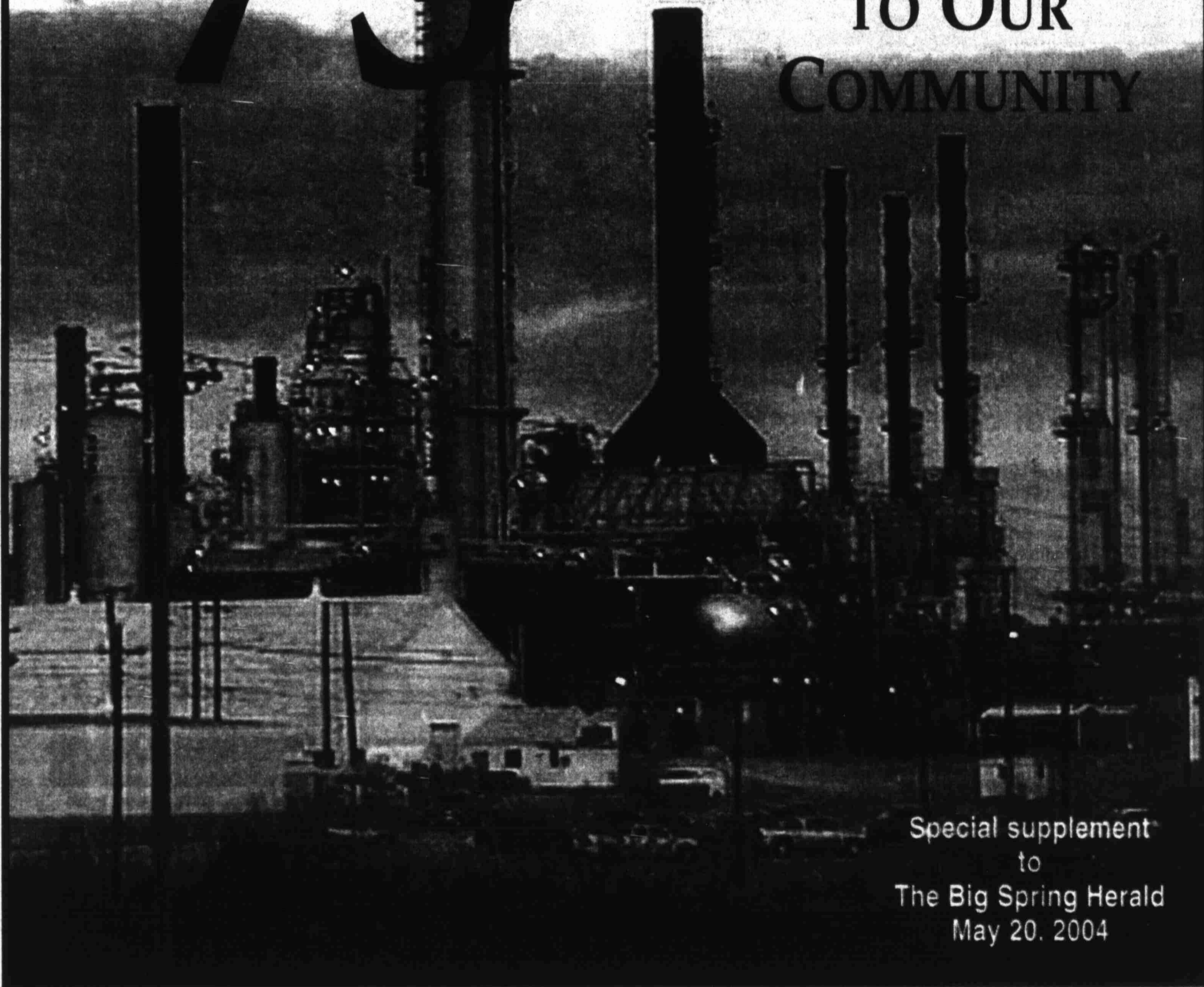
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It's time to celebrate refinery's 75 years

Community concert, debut of exhibit highlight list of weekend's activities

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Pageantry, food and a community concert featuring Asleep at the Wheel are among the many activities highlighting the 75th anniversary of the Big Spring Refinery.

"We want not to just celebrate 75 years of the Big Spring Refinery but also celebrate the community," said Refinery Manager Joe Conciencie.

The official push for the May 21-23 weekend celebration jumped into high gear weeks ago as ALON USA officials begin serious preparations to tout this weekend's three-day celebration.

But recognizing the anniversary has been on the mind of the community for some time.

In January, Big Spring students delved into a two-week course on ALON USA and the refinery industry which was written by a team of Big Spring Independent School District educators with the help of refinery employees.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Howard College also jumped in the act giving special recognition to the refinery at their respective events and on April 15, ALON was honored at the

Big Spring Symphony concert.

The bulk of the celebration was saved until this weekend. Activities will begin at 11 a.m. Friday with the official opening of the permanent display at the Heritage Museum honoring the refinery.

"Then we'll take the whole crowd over to the refinery for our kick-off luncheon," Conciencie said. "We'll have an update on the refinery and political dignitaries will probably want to say a few words."

Bus tours of the refinery will follow until 3 p.m. and then the action picks up again at 6:30 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center, formerly the Cosden Country Club, for a welcome reception, dinner and dance for current and former employees and guests.

Several activities for invitees only are scheduled for Saturday morning including a golf tournament and antique shopping in Big Spring, but at 6 p.m., the doors swing open at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the culmination of the celebration, a community concert.

Multiple Grammy winner Asleep at the Wheel with Cory Morrow



Asleep at the Wheel will headline Saturday's concert

and Jimmy and David Lee Kaiser are scheduled for the night's gala entertainment.

Jimmy and David Lee Kaiser

will open the concert at 7 p.m. followed by Cory Morrow with a 75-minute set and then Asleep at the Wheel will take the stage.

As a gift to the community, ALON is providing the concert free for employees, guests and the community.

Some 7,000 concert tickets have been issued and Conciencie expects the concert will be a standing-room only affair.

"Come early and stay late," Conciencie said. "We want 7,000 people to fill the coliseum. We want the only cost of the concert for our ticket holders to be the trip to the coliseum."

Schedule of Events:

Friday, May 21

11 a.m. — Heritage Museum
Special preview of the Big Spring Refinery 75th anniversary exhibit.
12:30 p.m.-3 p.m. — ALON USA Refinery Luncheon and tours of the refinery.
6:30 p.m.— Dora Roberts Community Center
Welcome reception, dinner and dance, invitation only.

Saturday, May 22

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Big Spring Country Club
Golf tournament and awards luncheon, invitation only.
Tour of antique stores, invitation only
7 p.m. — Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
Community concert featuring Asleep At the Wheel, Cory Morrow and Jimmy and David Lee Kaiser.

Sunday, May 23

9 a.m. — ALON USA Refinery tours

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By **JOE CONCIENNE**

ALON Vice President of Refining

In 1929 Josh Cosden constructed a crude oil refinery on the outskirts of Big Spring. For the next 75 years the Big Spring Refinery has been a continuous operation.

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The refinery has a reather distinguished past in the crude refining and petrochemical industry



ALON USA executives Joe Concienne (left) and Jeff Morris (right) pose with Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen during the Big Spring Refinery's initial kickoff of its 75th anniversary observance.

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ALON, BSISD join in refinery curriculum

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

After more than a week of visiting Big Spring classrooms, ALON USA Production Manager Ernie Morgan's tongue was just about "talked out."

"It's been going great. To tell the truth, teachers work very hard. My tongue is about to fall out," Morgan said.

Morgan, who is already a veteran in breaking down the complicated world of refining into layman's terms, said he was pleasantly surprised by the students' enthusiasm for the subject.

"The students have been so good," he said. "They've been asking questions and seem to be interested in the petroleum industry."

These visits are part of a two-week curriculum about the petroleum industry written by a cross section of Big Spring teachers and a way for the Big Spring Independent School District to take part in the Big Spring Refinery's 75th anniversary.

The curriculum focuses on four areas involving the refinery — environmental aspects, scientific principles, the economic impact on the community and technological innovations throughout the years.

Preparing for his visits, Morgan said the curriculum was very helpful in aiding him to refine his presentation for each visit.

For example, visiting with eighth-graders on Friday, he discussed environmental aspects by explaining how the refinery cleanses the polluted water produced during the refining process.

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Ernie Morgan of ALON USA visits with Big Spring Junior High School students during January to explain the process of refining oil. HERALD File Photo

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Refining's early years recalled

By JANICE BOND

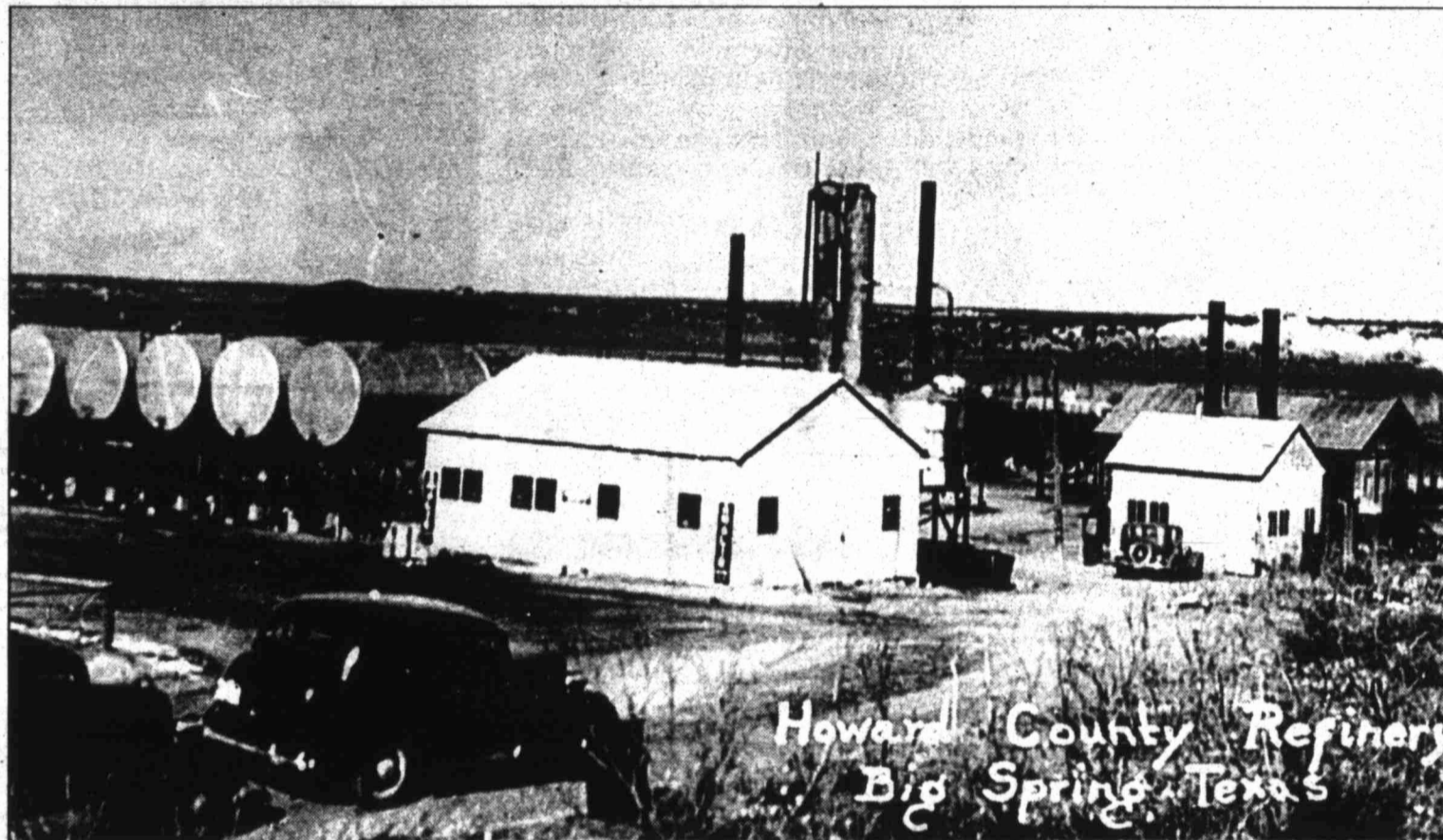
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The oil boom around Big Spring was ushered in with the drilling of the first commercially successful well by Owens and Loan on the Otis Chalk Ranch on April 18, 1927.

However, drilling for oil was only part of the story: What happened to the oil after it left the well was the rest of the story — the story of how the petroleum industry soon changed not only the skyline but also the pace of life in this rural West Texas community.

As early as May 6, 1927, the *Big Spring Daily Herald* reported that a refinery was in prospect for the area. However, before that first refining operation could take place, a means of getting the oil from the field to the plant had to be constructed.

C.R. Groff and R.S. Peterson joined local interests in building the region's first pipeline, a 15-mile carrier from near Forsan to



Courtesy photo/Heritage Museum

Continued on Page 7 This photograph offers a view of what was called the "Howard County Refinery" back in 1935.

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the site of the Big Spring Refining Company. This plant, which had a 3,000-barrel daily capacity, was established west of town and was ready for production by October 1, 1928. Before long the local interests headed by banker Robert T. Piner assumed control of the plant and renamed it the Howard County Refining Co. It operated until shortly before World War II.

Oklahoma empire builder Joshua S. Cosden began purchasing oil leases in Howard County. In April 1928, Cosden and Company secured an oil and gas lease of 320 acres from Dora Roberts for \$1,000 an acre. That same month he paid \$119,000 for 1,327 acres on the Clayton Stewart ranch.

Then, in May, it was reported that Cosden paid \$1.2 million, the highest price ever paid for acreage in the Howard County oil field, for 160 additional acres on the Dora Roberts ranch.

Josh Cosden, no stranger to the oil business, was starting on his second empire when he staked his claims in Howard County.

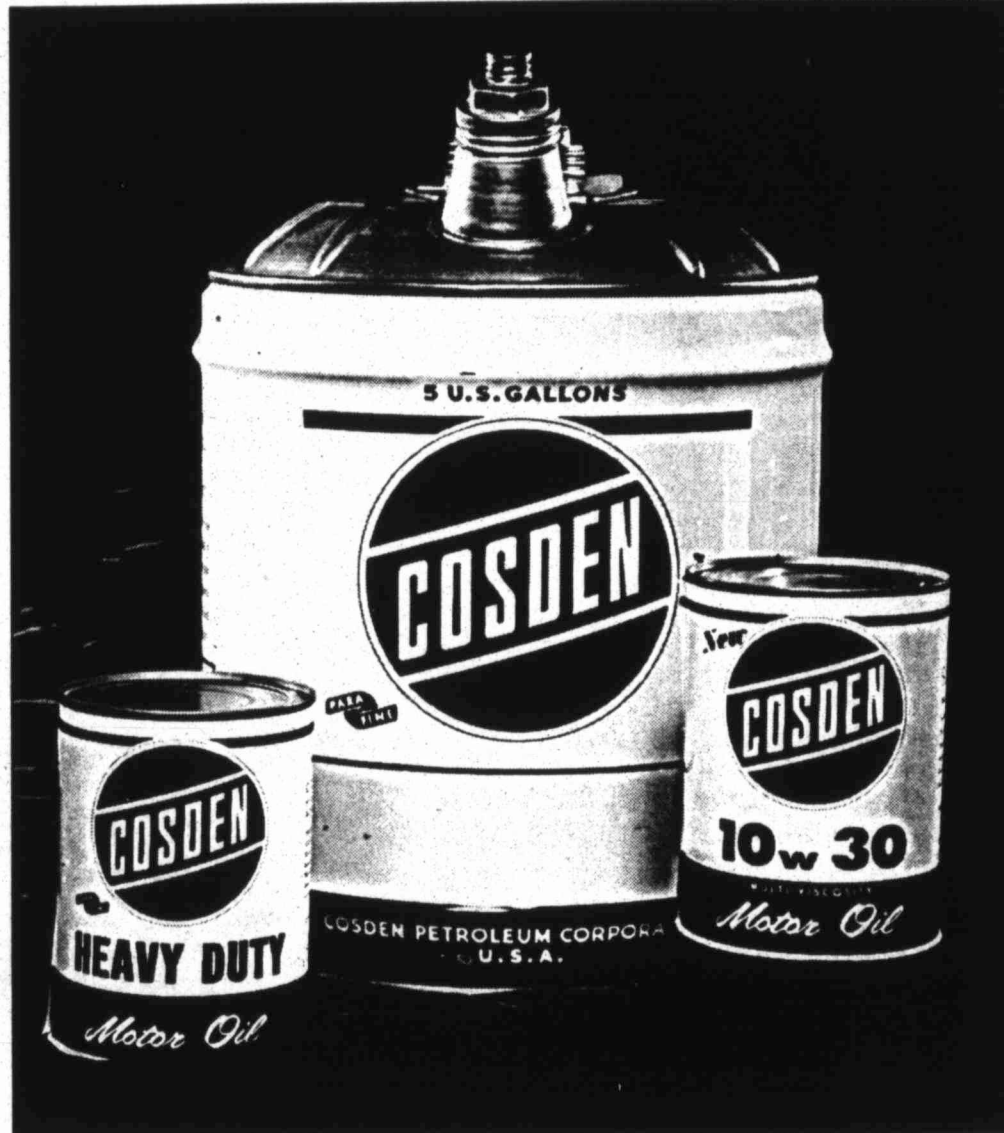
A native of Baltimore, Md., Cosden moved to Oklahoma in the early 1900s and built his first refinery at Bigheart (Barnsdall). This

plant was twice destroyed, once by fire and again by tornado, but by the eve of World War I it was profitable enough that Cosden received an offer from a buyer that he quickly accepted. Immediately, he joined other big league oil tycoons in Tulsa and built a 40,000-barrel refinery on the river there. Cosden and Company was soon well on its way to becoming a \$50 million empire.

With visions of even greater riches, Cosden began trading heavily on margin in the commodities market. When the market broke in 1921, he lost virtually everything. However, armed with his "integrity and reputation for business sagacity and energy," he was soon able to get backing from Eastern financiers to start again — this time in the West Texas oil fields.

Following acquisition of the various oil leases in the Howard-Glasscock Field, the Fort Worth-based Cosden and Company built an eight-inch pipeline heading from wells in southeast Howard County to a point 12-1/2 miles northwest of the Texas and Pacific Railroad line. Adjacent to the railroad tracks and about three miles

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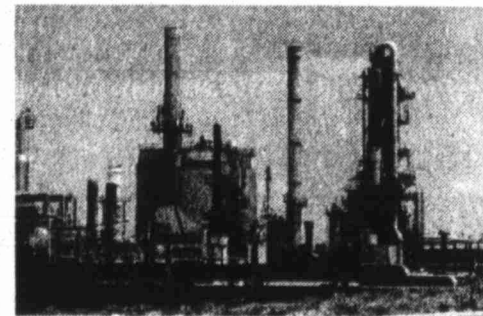
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east of Big Spring, the company bought 1,320 acres of cotton field from Pete Johnson and Jess Arnett as a site for a proposed refinery.

As soon as the cotton field was surveyed, Cosden took the topographical map to civil engineer Stanley J. Davis, who was working for the Marland Oil Company in Ponca City, Okla., and asked him to design the refinery. Davis drew up the plans and tentatively made the layout from the surveyor's diagrams before he ever came to the actual site.

Meanwhile, Cosden was also busy enticing some of Marland's employees to move to West Texas and help him open the Big Spring refinery.

He persuaded Wayne Rice to come as the plant superintendent, Davis as the chief construction engineer and George Grimes as the still operator.

On July 14, 1928, the *Herald* published the announcement that Joshua

Cosden was planning to build a 10,000-barrel refinery near Big Spring.

The article stated that contracts of construction had been awarded to Wheeler and Foster of New York, together with the Graver Company of Chicago.

Construction began that fall after the cotton was harvested.

First a combination lab and warehouse was built alongside the highway that bordered the plant on the south.

Next to be built and ready to go on line when the refinery officially opened March 8, 1929, was a thermacracker known as a Foster-Wheeler topping unit. The thermacracker made gasoline, distillate (diesel) and what was called "bottoms" or "top crude." The latter was pumped up the hill to several storage tanks. Throughout the rest of that year and into 1930, four Jenkins stills were added to



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- Friday, May 21 ~ Heritage Museum

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- Friday, May 21, 2004 ~ Refinery Parking Lot
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further refine the top crude into gasoline and distillate.

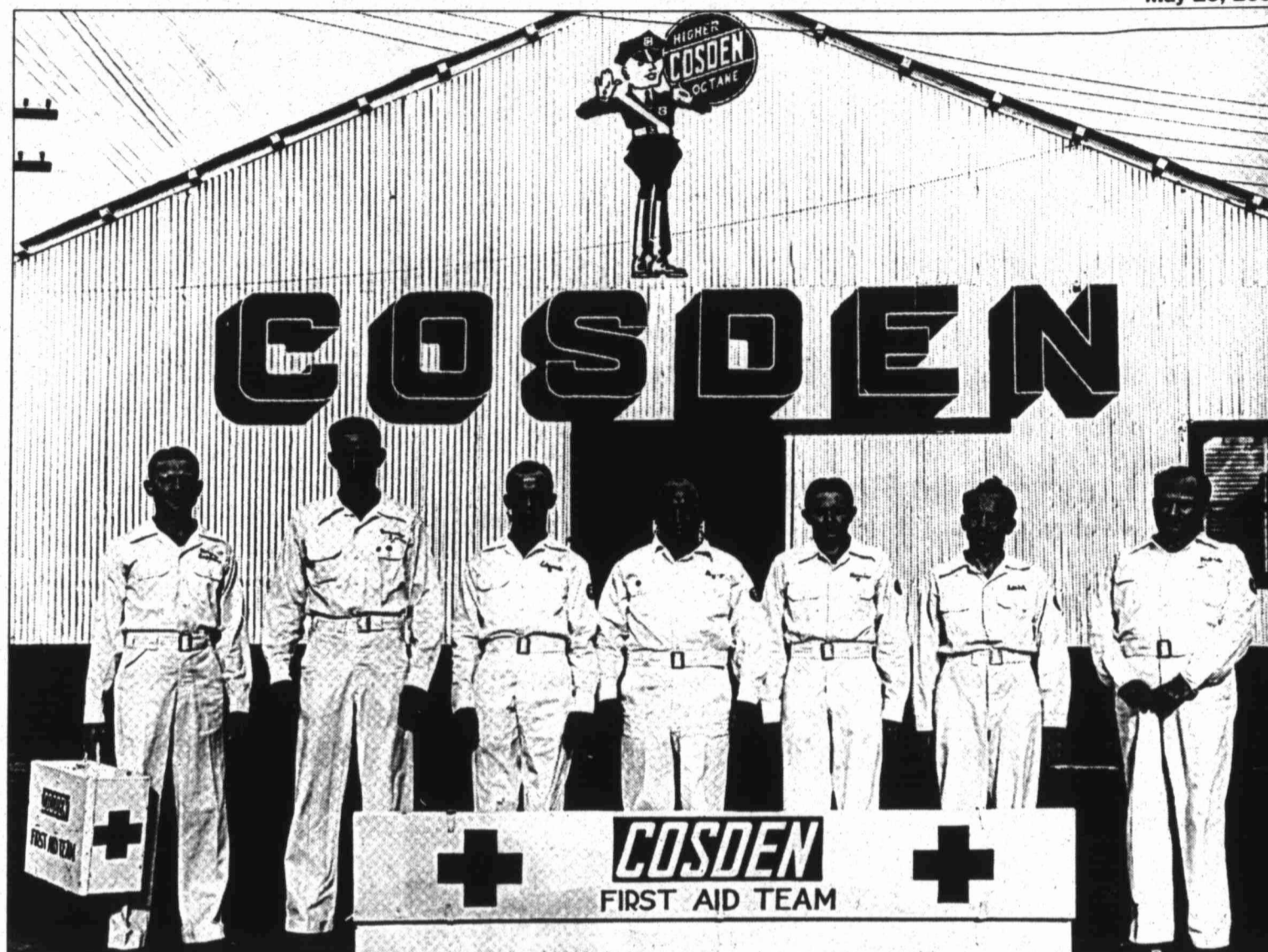
These additions to the plant reflect the fact that the history of oil refining has been based on continuing efforts to efficiently and economically refine a ever-larger percentage of each batch of raw crude.

Dating back to the country's first refinery built in 1861 near Titusville, Penn., (also the site of the first commercial oil well in 1859), the earliest refining process was relatively simple one of distillation.

The old batch stills were hooked in a series. The first unit in the series was fired to the temperature necessary for gasoline production. Next in line was a kerosene unit, under which fires were a little hotter. On down the line would be additional distillation units, each a little hotter than its predecessor and each giving off products in the high boiling ranges. Pipe stills, like the Jenkins stills with which Cosden started, became practicable in the mid-20s.

Crude circulated through these in a maze of pipes, which were

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exposed to heat. As the crude vaporized, the gases were ejected into a fractionating column. Inside the fractionating tower trays were set at different levels. Temperature of the various trays was closely regulated, with the temperature of one corresponding to the boiling point of gasoline, another heated to near the kerosene boiling temperature, and others with temperatures matching boiling points of other crude oil components.

As the vapors from the still flowed through the tower, those in the gasoline range condensed on the gasoline tray, with the others condensing on the trays corresponding to their liquefying temperatures.

As the vapors condensed to the liquid state, distillates were drained off through lines to storage areas.

As with most of the early day refineries, the Cosden plant began with just a rather primitive topping unit. Within the first few years, four other phases of production were added: the absorption and stabilization plant, the cracking plant, the reforming plant and the treating plant.

The Cosden refinery "always

emphasized processes that would bring out the full possibilities of West Texas crude, a product of high sulfur content but possessing rare possibilities for producing gasoline of high anti-knock characteristics. The result, with the Cosden plant, became a gasoline of exceptionally high octane number. (At that time, the highest octane number was about 70.)

Also, constructed at the refinery site were many large storage tanks. The work was done without mechanization in a very time-consuming manner; for example, it took several weeks for a mule and scraper to build firewalls around the storage tanks. Currently, it can be done in a couple of days with a bulldozer.

Finding men to build the refinery and then to operate it was not difficult, even in this sparsely populated area, because the Great Depression was beginning to be felt throughout the land.

One of the first to be hired was Ernest W. Richardson of Colorado City. Richardson joined the refinery in November 1928, when most of the refinery was in the blueprint stage and he remained for 41 years, eventually rising to the

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Richardson's first job was in the lab, a cubbyhole partitioned off from the warehouse. There he ran samples on all the crude piped into the refinery to determine what percentage of gasoline, diesel and other products could be expected from each batch.

When the Cosden Refinery first opened, approximately 40 to 50 people were employed — 12 at the stills, three at the pump house, three in the lab and the rest in the yard and office. Pay was relatively good for that day and time with lab workers earning between 50 and 65 cents an hour and operators making between 65 and 80 cents an hour.

A few years later, when there were pay cuts brought about by the severity of the Depression, the men did not feel too unhappy because they could see rows of the unemployed standing outside the fences looking in and longing to work.

Housing in the area for the sudden influx of people who had come to work in the refineries became critical. Many, such as Richardson, lived for a while in one of the "Tent Cities" which sprang up around the refinery.

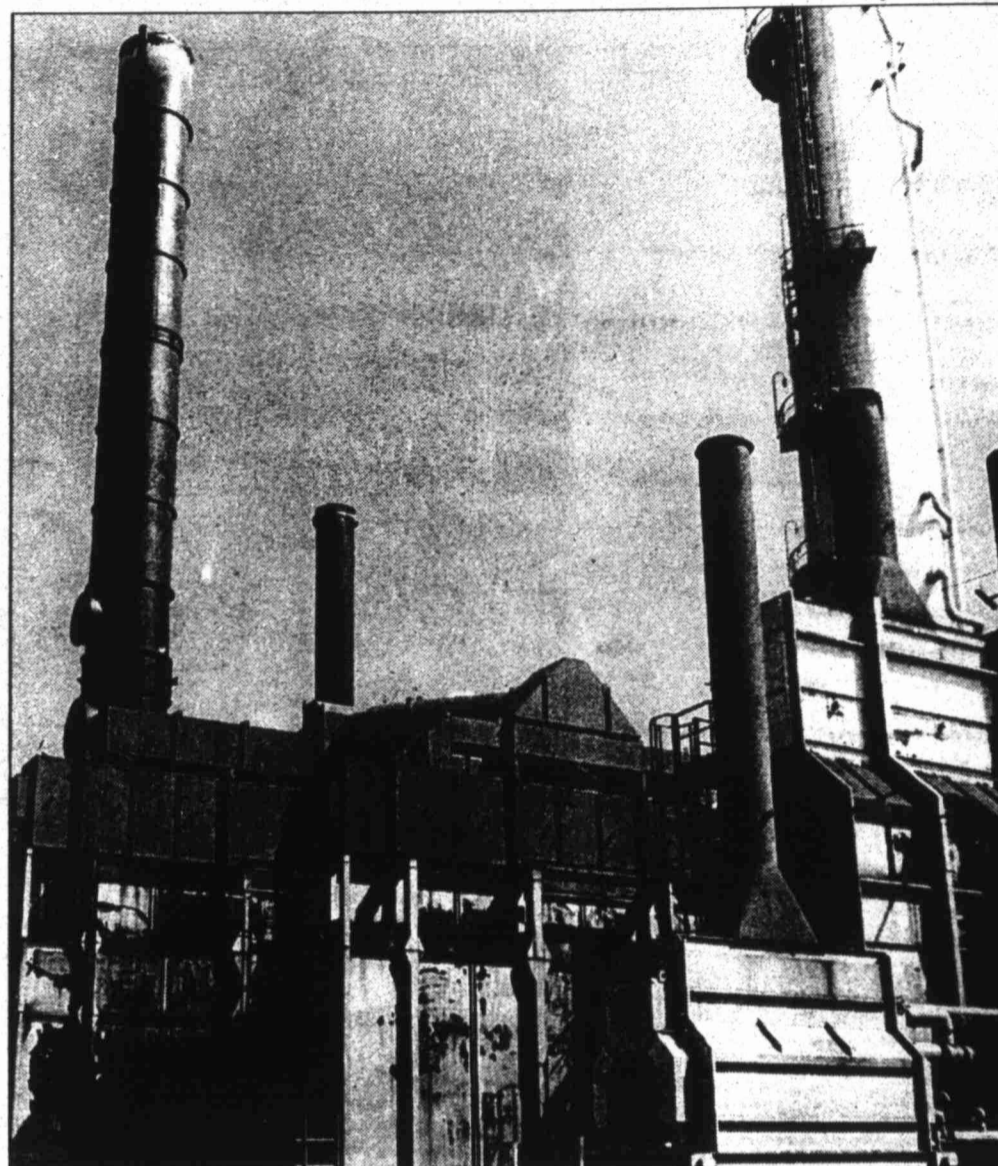
Each dwelling consisted of a wooden box, 15-foot by 20-foot, with a frame extending upward over which canvas was stretched. The tent was heated by a coal oil stove, which also served for cooking.

There were no paved streets and the spaces between the tents were either muddy sloughs or dusty trails, depending on the season. Upon his marriage, Richardson found a house in town for himself and his bride.

At about the same time that design and construction work were under way at Cosden Refinery, two other plants were also being planned and built.

Crude oil production in the Howard-Glasscock Field had reached epic proportions and developing more means of refining it became vital. On July 27, 1928, W.D. Richardson, as associate of Cosden in earlier ventures in Oklahoma, announced that he would build at plant north of the Cosden Refinery with a 20,000-barrel per day skimming capacity and an 8,000 to 10,000 cracking capacity. Cosden provided Richardson with 680 acres of land and also distributed finished products from the Richardson operation.

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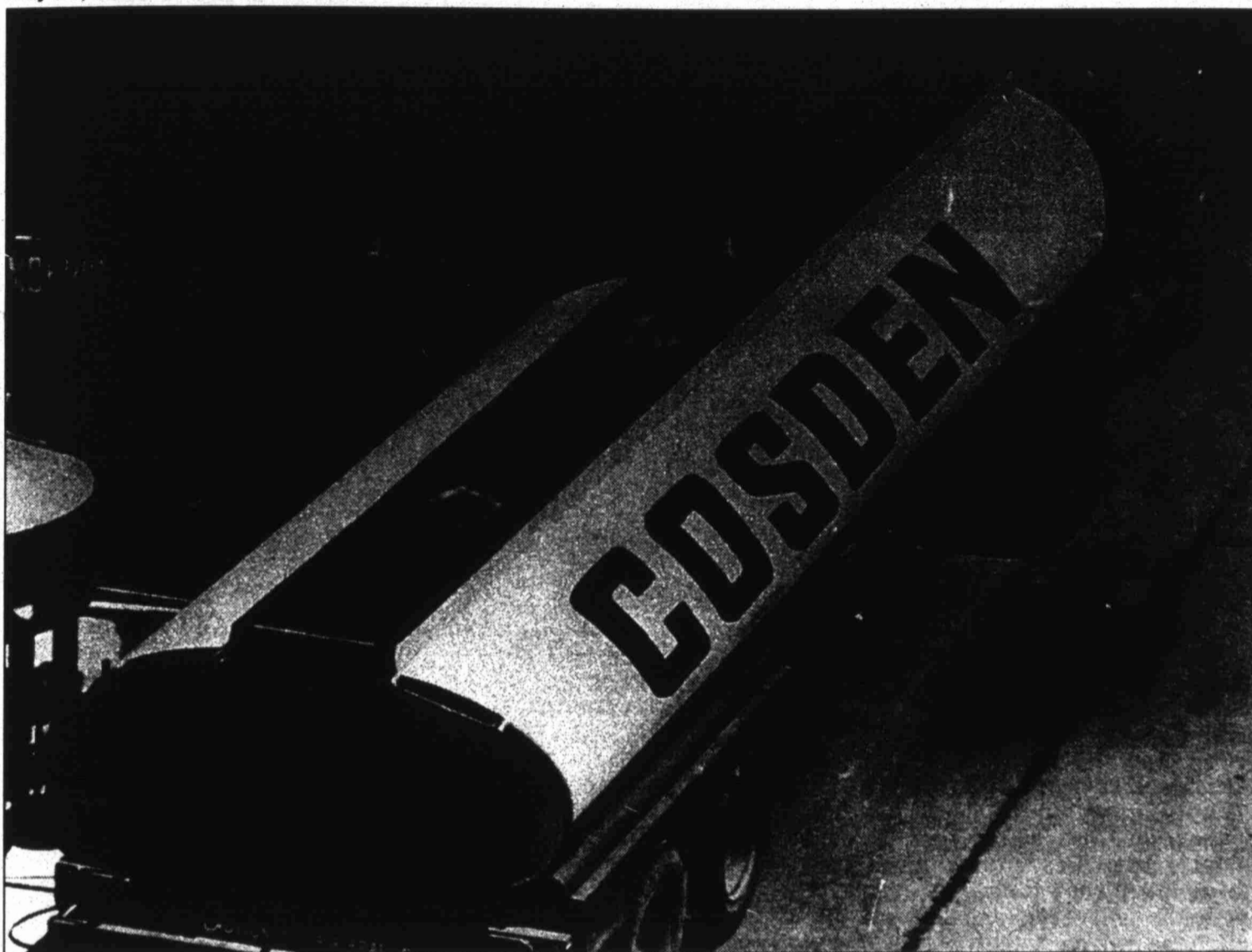
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The Richardson operation became a victim of the Depression and closed in 1932. In 1936, it reopened briefly to handle the topping process when Cosden switched from the Jenkins stills to the Dubbs units, but the revival was short-lived.

On July 29, 1928, the Moody Oil and the FHE Oil Companies announced that they would have half interest in a refinery to be erected by the Great West Company on an 80-acre tract immediately east of Cosden.

The plant was designed by H.L. Rousey, who became manager, and had its own pipeline. It was said to have had a 15,000-barrel per day capacity. The Depression also picked off the Great West Refinery, which closed in 1932.

Why was the Cosden Refinery the only survivor? The answer probably lies in the shrewdness of its founder Joshua Cosden and a deal he made with John L. Lancaster, president of the Texas and Pacific Railroad from 1916 to 1945.

When interviewed in 1954 about the transaction, Lancaster

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revealed, "Mr. Cosden came to see me in Dallas and said, 'I can raise the money to build a refinery at Big Spring if you can buy the output of fuel oil.'

"At what price?" I asked Mr. Cosden.

"At the going price," he replied.

"I knew we could use the fuel oil for our locomotives, of course. I also was interested in the idea for the T&P could have the business of hauling the gasoline out. So I told Mr. Cosden we could use the fuel oil, at the going price. Next thing I knew, he was out there in Big Spring building the refinery. That's about all there is to that refinery story. My relationship with Mr. Cosden was always very pleasant."

Other accounts relate a more dramatic story: "Being the adventuresome businessman he was, Cosden talked the Texas & Pacific into converting from coal to fuel oil and obtained a contract to supply oil for the entire T&P line extending from El Paso to New Orleans. He built a refinery to supply these needs in 1929. And the T&P built a dozen 80,000-barrel storage tanks just northeast of the Cosden Refinery to store the oil needed for the line."



Ernest Richardson adds that in 1930 the huge East Texas oil field at Kilgore opened up and drove the price of fuel oil down to 10 cents a barrel. The T&P continued to pay Cosden 50 cents per barrel because of the investment they had in the 12 storage tanks.

Richardson also stated that in the early 1930s Cosden sent gasoline in 40 railroad tank cars at a time to the Gulf of Mexico. So even though the railroad paid five times

the going rate for fuel oil, it still had a very profitable and "pleasant relationship with Cosden."

Regardless of the financial maneuverings that were constantly running through the petroleum industry, the people of Big Spring continued to work in and be influenced by the refineries that operated in their area.

The crackers, stills and storage tanks were huge edifices that greatly changed the skyline

around town. And because they operated around the clock, the refineries were lit up like little fairy-tale cities at night.

Last but not least of the physical manifestations of the refining process was the aroma of sulfur emanating from the sour crude that wafted over town whenever the wind blew from the east.

Yes, early day refining of West Texas crude oil certainly left its stamp in more ways than one.

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away at the oil and grease.

"They're a lot like humans," Morgan told the students. "If they eat something that is the same thing as candy, if they eat so much it makes them sick. During the winter when its cold, they don't move around as much and in the summer when its hot, they get lazy."

Employing 142 people, the refinery has a strong impact on the

community, Morgan said in explaining economic aspects of the refinery. The refinery has been successfully competing with other refineries in the state

"We have other refineries competing with us to sell products. We have to be just as good at refining crude oil and just as efficient. For 75 years, the refinery has been successfully competing with other refineries in the state and the nation."

business, and must stay competitive to stay in business.

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and the nation."

Other aspects of Morgan's presentation gave an overview of innovative improvements in crude oil refining through the years, how the actual refining process works and the ways the products are

delivered to buyers.

Morgan and other ALON officials wrapped up today by visiting first graders at all the elementary schools.

The school district teachers worked months on the curriculum with ALON, aiding the project by providing resources.

On Thursday the public is invited to an open house, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane, which will showcase the units and products created by the students while studying the curriculum.

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- The refinery is the last surviving refinery on the central Permian Basin, where in the past, at least four refineries once operated.

In mid-2003, in anticipation of the 75th anniversary year, a committee of ALON employees, refinery retirees and the Big Spring community began planning the 75th commemorative year. The goal was to have a year-long celebration of the refinery's history and its unique relationship with the Big Spring community.

The committee immediately commissioned the production of a commemorative video, a new permanent refinery exhibit at the local Heritage Museum and numerous verbal vignettes from past and present employees. A unique 75th Anniversary logo was developed and unveiled during a

refinery and community gathering in November 2003.

In December, retirees designed and constructed a distinctive float for the annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade. Also, in December the women of the Big Spring Refinery were honored at a special luncheon which featured a style show of the various fashions in vogue over the 75 years of the refinery's operation.

In January, the refinery staff and Big Spring Independent School District rolled out a special two-week curriculum for all grade levels, K-to-12. This curriculum had been in development for four months through the efforts of

BSISD teachers and ALON employees.

The partnership was a huge success, culminating with a public exhibition of student programs derived from the two-week refinery study. The quality, detail, quantity and accuracy of the exhibits was outstanding.

In February, the commemorative video premiered at the annual Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce banquet.

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