

THURSDAY

June 3, 2004

**WEATHER**

Tonight:



**PARTLY CLOUDY**  
TONIGHT 70°-71° TOMORROW 91°-93°

**BRIEFLY**

**Farmer's Market meeting set June 8**

The Downtown Revitalization Association is planning to form a Farmers Market for consumers, farmers and home gardeners. A meeting for those interested will be held at 7:30 p.m. June 8 in the Heart of the City Park. Officers and a board of directors will be elected and bylaws established. Anyone who is interested in learning more is asked to call Allan Johnson, DRA president, at 432-267-6278.

**Club cookbook now available**

The Big Spring Kennel Club's fund-raising cookbook, "Treats from the Country," is now available. The cookbook contains 200 recipes and is available for \$8 by calling 394-4233.

**COMING THIS WEEKEND**



When Kevin Behren's great-grandfather bought the Union County Journal in 1904, it was one of two newspapers in Marysville, Ohio (pop. 15,942). Today, the successor of those newspapers, the Journal-Tribune, is among an exceedingly rare group of American papers published by the same families for a century or more.

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## Birdwell Lane segment closing to replace Beals Creek bridge

### Project to be completed by middle of September

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Birdwell Lane residents and motorists who use the road as an entry way and exit to and from Big Spring will have to map out a different route beginning Friday morning.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will begin replacing the Beals Creek bridge in a project that won't be concluded until mid-September.

The road will be closed from the Third Street intersection north to the Interstate 20 frontage road. Affected most will be those businesses and residents who are located off North Birdwell and count on it for access to town. They'll have to come in on FM 700 or



**KLINKSIEK**

State Highway 350.

Birdwell Lane is not a state highway, but qualifies for special funds as an off-system bridge project.

"It's an assistance program for local governments," explained Brian J. Klinksiek, engineering assistant with the Big Spring area TxDOT office. "It's done with federal and state money, as well as matching funds from local government."

Federal funds will pay for 80 percent of the \$317,000 project. The state and city contribute 10 percent each.

"The city dollar amount is locked. The state would pick up any cost overrun," Klinksiek said.

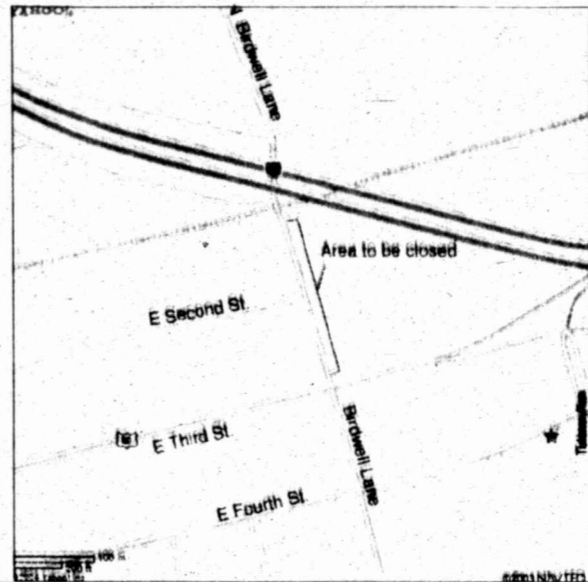
Klinksiek said the program is actually

aimed at bringing bridges up to standard for public school buses, but when completed will benefit the entire community.

"The idea is to bring up the load rating of bridges so that school buses can safely pass over them," he said. "And we're elevating the bridge a little bit — a couple of feet on the bridge deck. Hopefully that will prevent some of the flooding of the road — that goes on there."

Because of Beals Creek, the area is notorious for flooding during downpours.

"Almost any rain of any size causes the city to have to put up barricades. We hope that



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## CLICK IT OR TICKET

### TxDOT grant helps place more officers on seat belt campaign

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring police officers have issued 75 citations for seat belt violations within the last 10 days as part of a statewide crack down campaign.

"If you are caught driving without having your seat belt on, you will get a ticket," said Lt. Terry Chamness.

A grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), allows the police department to place two additional officers on the streets during the two-week "Click it or Ticket" campaign, which ends

Sunday.

"The whole purpose of the seat belt usage effort pushed by the state for several years now is because statistics show that seat belts help reduce injuries in an accident and probably save lives," Chamness said.

According to a TxDOT release, safety belt use in Texas has increased from 81 percent to almost 85 percent in the last year, largely in response to the heavily advertised Click it or Ticket campaign.

Following the two-week campaign, Chamness said he will conduct a local survey to find out the percentage of people who comply with the safety belt and child safety seat laws.

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**CHAMNESS**



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
**Big Spring police officer Joe Garza is one of the many officers on the street cracking down on seat belt violations during a two-week statewide campaign. Big Spring police officers have issued 75 citations for seat belt violations within the last 10 days. The campaign ends Sunday.**



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
**Earthco employees Jesse Salazar, left, and Charlie Martinez assist Johnny Flores who is using an excavator to tear down the old Howard Cottage building. Workers had the structure torn down in a matter of hours Wednesday and are continuing to haul off the debris. Removing the old Air Force barracks now paves the way for the college to move ahead on a multi-million dollar visual and performing arts center.**

## Temporary Cottage housing torn down

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Workers at the old Howard Cottage building quickly left the 52-old structure in a pile of rubble Wednesday morning.

Earthco employees took only a matter of hours to reduce what had once been the temporary Big Spring Army Airfield hospital unit

and later the Howard College Student Union to a pile of glass, bricks and wood.

"It's a little sad," said Rebecca Moughon, director of the Howard College child development center. "The building has some sentimental value for us."

Once the debris is removed, plans for a 5-year-old, multi-million dollar visual and performing

arts center can move ahead.

Demolition of the old Howard Cottage building was made necessary because its location interfered with the optimal placing of the new performing arts center. Moving the unit was not financially feasible.

According to Howard College

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## Report: Cancer risk falls

By **LAURAN NEERGAARD**  
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Americans' risk of getting and dying from cancer continues to inch down, says the nation's annual report on the disease. For the first time, there are signs that lung cancer in women is starting to decline too.

Not everyone is reaping the gains: Minorities still are more likely than whites to die from cancer, says the report, published today in the journal Cancer.

Death rates from cancer in general have dropped 1.1 percent a year since 1993, and Thursday's report confirms that decline continued in 2001. Rates of new cases are declining about half a percent a year, too.

Most striking in this latest tally is what's happening with the No. 1 cancer killer: Rates of female lung cancer diagnoses have declined about 2 percent a year since 1998, years after men began a similar improvement. Also, female death rates from lung cancer have leveled off, remaining virtually unchanged since 1995, the report says.

"For the first time, we are turning the corner in the lung cancer epidemic

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## Woman cut with sword in domestic case

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A domestic altercation in the 1600 block of Owens turned violent late last night, as a woman was transported to the emergency room after being assaulted with a sword.

According to Police Public Information Officer Sgt. Roger Sweatt, the victim was taken to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room after her husband allegedly cut on her inner thigh.

"The call came in at midnight last night," said Sweatt. "It was originally received as a domestic altercation. At some

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**Obituaries**

**Garland Armstrong**



Garland Armstrong, 82, of Big Spring died on Monday, May 31, 2004, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday, June 4, 2004, in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with George Cowart officiating. Interment will follow at Fluvanna Cemetery, Fluvanna. A memorial service will be held in Burlington, Wis. at a later date.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. He was born on April 22, 1922, in Big Lake to Lily Mae (Robertson) and Garland Armstrong. He married Elaine Cox and they divorced in 1962. He married Francis Marie Jordan Hamilton and she preceded him in death on May 23, 1988. He then married Jane Raettig on Nov. 22, 1991 in Big Spring.

Mr. Armstrong attended school in Hylton and Blackwell. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942 and served as a pilot in Guam, the Phillipines, and Japan during World War II, and was discharged in 1961 as a captain.

He had his private pilot's license with a commercial rating, single and multi-engine rating, and a flight instructor rating. He worked in oilfield related jobs until his retirement in 1984.

He was president of Armstrong's Oilfield Service Co. Inc. and held a patent for his invention, the Armstrong Wireline Fishing Tool, which was used in oilfield fishing.

Garland was a Mason, a member of the American Legion, VFW, National Rifle Association, Experimental Aircraft Association and a charter member of Hangar 25.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Armstrong of Big Spring; three daughters, Barbara Armstrong of Indianapolis, Ind., Sharon Armstrong of Oviedo, Fla. and Garlanda Pearson and husband, Billy, of Big Spring; one stepson, Gary Hamilton and wife, Gayle, of West Monroe, La.; a half brother, Jimmy Payne of Dumas; two half sisters, Artie McMinn of Lubbock and Mary Nixon of Carlsbad, N. M.; three step sisters, Bonnie Buell of Fort Worth, Polly Ussery of Lubbock and Jane Sroufe of Houston; a stepbrother, ALB Payne of Arlington; a brother-in-law, Dr. James Raettig of Burr Ridge, Ill.; a sister-in-law, Judith Betts and husband, James, of Lake Geneva, Wis.; three special cousins, Ruth Hedrick, Wanda Bee and Billie Lynch and husband, George; two special ex-brothers-in-law, Robert Jordan and Virgil Stovall; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be George Cowart, Rocky Lynch, Cabell Mackie, Toby Keel, Albert "Bud" Gores and Michael Lange. Honorary pallbearers will be Ben Bancroft and Clyde Wagner.

The family suggests memorials to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105 or the Big Spring Humane Society, P. O. Box 823, Big Spring, 79721-0823.

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

**Deanne Rodriguez**



Deanne Rodriguez, 33, of Big Spring died at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at Medical City in Dallas. Vigil Service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Oct. 14, 1970, in Cincinnati, Ohio. She married Felix Rodriguez, Feb. 11, 1995, in Big Spring. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Felix Rodriguez of Big Spring; two sons, Chris Ybarra and Haegan Rodriguez, both of Big Spring; parents, David and Marilyn Gary of Plainview; one sister, Andrea Gary of Midland; one brother, David Gary Jr. of Plainview; and several nieces and nephews.

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

**Joyce Pendleton**

Joyce Pendleton, 59, of Big Spring died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at Hospice House in Odessa. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

**Mary Scott**

Mary Scott, 65, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

**Police blotter**

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

- **CRYSTAL DICKINSON**, 31, address unknown, was arrested Wednesday and held for the HCSO.
- **MARIE PACHECO**, 42, of 114 Hooser, was arrested Wednesday and held for the HCSO.
- **MELISSA EDMONDSON**, 28, of Colorado City, was arrested Thursday and held for the HCSO.
- **LORI CASSTEVENS**, 25, address unknown, was arrested Wednesday on city warrants.
- **DAVID HENSON**, 35, of 2501 Broadway, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 40, of Colorado City, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **SHANNON DWAYNE HUDGINS**, 27, of Coahoma, was arrested Wednesday on local traffic warrants.
- **JESSIE BALTHASAR LOPEZ**, 41, of 2211 Main Street, was arrested Wednesday on two warrants for Class C assault.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 2500 block of Cindy.
- **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported:
  - in the 1700 block of Runnels.
  - in the 4100 block of Parkway.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
  - in the 100 block of Third Street.
  - in the 1600 block of Lark.
  - in the 1500 block of Cherokee.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1700 block of Wasson.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 1600 block of Owens.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
  - in the 4100 block of Parkway.
  - in the 800 block of 12th Street.
- **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORT** was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 2700 block of Gregg Street.

**Sheriff's report**

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

- **LESLIE GUTIERREZ**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
- **ANDY YBARRA**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **MICHAEL LEE WHITE**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **ROBERT ALDRIDGE**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.
- **VICTOR DWAYNE GUTIERREZ**, 20, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **FRED RUBIO**, 38, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **DANA JEAN MORRIS**, 29, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance, two counts, and possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.
- **MELISSA EDMONDSON RICH**, 27, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on motions to revoke probation for three counts of forgery and charges of issuance of a bad check, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less, theft and forgery.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported near Moss Creek Lake Road.

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**Bulletin board**

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**TODAY**

- Sacred Heart Church annual festival begins with a Texas-size chicken flauta, taco or enchilada platter for \$5 from Lola Rodriguez, former owner of Casa Blanca Restaurant from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dine in or take out is available. Call 264-7010.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

**FRIDAY**

- YoungLife car wash fund-raiser for summer camp begins at noon in the Displays of Splendor parking lot.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

**SATURDAY**

- Huge garage sale from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Eagle's Lodge, 703 W. Third, benefitting the Ladies Auxillary kitchen fund. Enter through the back door.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

**SUNDAY**

- Cornerstone Church has a fund-raiser dinner at Brenda's Barbecue and More from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. to help offset the trip costs to 2004 World Conference in California in July. Barbecue plates with tea are \$6. Proceeds will help local church members as well as pastors traveling from third-world countries.
- Huge garage sale from noon until 4 p.m. at the Eagle's Lodge, 703 W. Third, benefitting the Ladies Auxillary kitchen fund. Enter through the back door.
- Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between noon and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

**Weather**

Tonight—A few isolated thunderstorms developing overnight. Low near 70. Winds ESE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.  
Friday—Isolated thunderstorms ending in the morning, becoming sunny late. High 92. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.  
Friday night—Clear to partly cloudy. Low 73. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.  
Saturday—Fair. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.  
Sunday—Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.  
Monday—A few clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

**Lottery**

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-11-30-38. Bonus Ball: 30. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$81 Million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 13-15-16-22-26. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$38,577. Winning tickets sold in: San Benito. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-0-7

**TEXAS**

**Stolen property**

LAREDO (AP)—A stolen from a weekend were police said.

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No arrests: Antonio police sheriff's department, he said.

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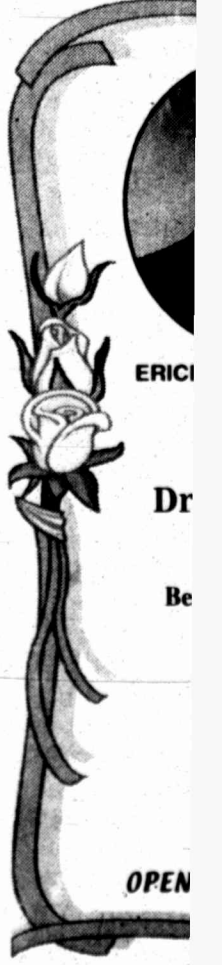
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**TEXAS BRIEFS**

**Stolen propane trucks found near Laredo**

LAREDO (AP) — Two propane-delivery trucks stolen from a San Antonio gas company over the weekend were located Wednesday in South Texas, police said.

The trucks were found outside an abandoned warehouse on Texas 359 two miles east of Laredo, FBI agent Richard Murray said. Two Laredo city employees noticed the trucks and called police.

Both trucks still contained the full loads of propane, San Antonio FBI agent Patrick Patterson said.

"We're relieved about that," Patterson said in Wednesday's online edition of the San Antonio Express-News.

No arrests had been made, but the FBI, the San Antonio police department and the Webb County sheriff's department were combing the trucks for evidence, he said.

**Thousands still without power in Texas**

DALLAS (AP) — Thousands of Texans remained without power early Thursday, victims of severe storms packing hail and high wind that rolled north into Oklahoma, where they downed power lines and delayed airline flights. Three people were killed in storm-related incidents, authorities said.

At their peak, Tuesday night's lightning and high winds left more than a half-million electric utility customers without power. Crews came in to start repairing the damage, but a second evening of bad weather brought more squall lines through the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

So while 280,000 customers were waiting for electricity to be restored Wednesday evening, new storms moved through the region and another 20,000 outages were reported.

It probably will be midday Friday before power is restored to all the customers affected by the storms in an area stretching from west of Fort Worth to Tyler and Lufkin, said Tom Baker, chairman of TXU Electric Delivery.

**Drawing doesn't pass commission muster**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Don't mess with Davy Crockett — at least not anywhere near the Alamo, a review board says.

A caricature of the hero from Texas' fight for independence was picked for an exterior sign to promote Phillips Entertainment's next Alamo Plaza attraction, Davy Crockett's Tall Tales Ride.

However, members of the city's Historic and Design Review Commission judged the likeness of the famous frontiersman and martyr to Texas independence to be laughable and even undignified.

The caricature was called "cartoonish" and "over the top" by Xavier Gonzalez. Another member, Virginia Van Steenberg, said it made Crockett look like a lumberjack.

Commission members voted unanimously against allowing the image to be used outside the Woolworth Building, an empty structure at Alamo Plaza and Houston Street, near the shrine of Texas independence.

**Judge to mull Enron plan for reorganization**

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp.'s 900-page roadmap to emerge from one of the most expensive and complicated bankruptcies in U.S. history is ready for a judge to give it a thumbs-up.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Gonzalez will convene what is expected to be a multi-day hearing to consider confirmation of the plan. Fewer than 10 objections of about 100 filed remain unresolved in regard to the plan that proposes to pay most creditors about one-fifth of what they are owed.

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this will eliminate some of that at least," Klinksiek added.

He said the mid-September wrap-up should be a fairly accurate estimate.

rate estimate.

"Of course this kind of project is partially weather dependent and there are things on any construction project you may not know about going into it. But if everything goes smoothly, we hope to be finished by then," he added.

**CANCER**

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in women," said Ahmedin Jemal of the American Cancer Society, who co-wrote the report with scientists from the National Cancer Institute, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and North American Association of Central Cancer Registries.

"We have been anticipating ... this for a long, long time," Jemal added. "It has been overdue."

Smoking became common among men long before women, and the resulting lung cancer consequently struck men

sooner.

Lung cancer remains the nation's top-killing malignancy for both sexes, and the second most common cancer. But it slowly declined among men starting in the early 1990s as older smokers died and fewer young men took up the habit — a pattern doctors expect to eventually see in women.

The report's other new finding: More people are living at least five years after a diagnosis of most types of cancer.

Five-year survival is a major milestone for cancer patients, and the scientists found significant gains over the past two decades in how often that

milestone was met.

For men, survival rates improved the most — more than 10 percent — for cancers of the prostate, colon and kidney, and for melanoma and leukemia.

For women, the biggest survival improvements came in colon, kidney and breast cancers.

What does that mean?

Today, 99.3 percent of men diagnosed with prostate cancer will live five years, up from 70 percent in the 1970s. Five-year survival for breast cancer is 88 percent, up from 75 percent in the 1970s.

But that survival is strongly connected to how early cancer is caught,

stressed co-author Brenda Edwards of the NCI's cancer-control division.

For example, five-year survival for lung cancer is just 15 percent, largely unchanged from the 1970s, because more than half of patients are diagnosed after the disease has spread beyond their lungs. In the few cases where tumors are caught early, five-year survival jumps to 49 percent — but there is no proven early-screening method for lung cancer.

Even with colorectal cancer, where good tests have improved survival, only one of three cases is caught at the earliest stage, Jemal lamented.

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Vice President Terry Hansen, trustees could consider placing plans for the performing arts center out for bid by as early as the next board meeting in late June.

Project construction managers are performing an in-depth cost analysis of the plans. That analysis is expected to be completed within the month.

Last week, employees of the college's early childhood development center moved into their newly constructed home.

"The move was exhausting but it went fairly smooth," Moughon said. "The teachers were

incredible. They had their rooms set up immediately. By the end of the day on Thursday, we were ready.

"All our inspections were done on time, child care licenses issued and we were ready to open back up this week," she said.

With additional space, the early child care program was licensed to take care of as many as 100 students — 26 more than the former building. However, Moughon said, the program will continue to take only 54.

"Because of our staffing and the number of children allowed in each room we're still remaining at the same number of children," she said. "That

number doesn't include our night classroom for our evening program."

Enrollment for the Howard Cottage program is under way. For more information, call 263-5000.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

**ASSAULT**

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point, however, the husband cut his wife with a sword that was part of his collection.

"She was treated and released at the emergency room, and refused to file

charges against him. So the case was closed."

Sweatt said because the victim refused to file charges no arrest was made in the case.

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

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Texas law requires drivers and front seat passengers to use safety belts. Children younger than 17 have to be buckled up in the front or back seat. Child safety seats are required for children younger than 4 years old or less than 36 inches tall.

Fines for violations range from \$25 to \$200.

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## OUR VIEWS

Let's get ready  
for the rodeo  
with a big parade

Tradition. Perhaps no better term applies to the sport of rodeo, and that's especially true in this community where we anxiously await the opening performance of the 71st annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is the oldest continually running rodeo in the nation, and doesn't take a back seat to any when it comes to the talent that arrives each year to compete.

Many of the top competitors from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) will display their talents during the event's four-day run from Wednesday, June 16, through Saturday, June 19, each performance beginning at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

In fact, every event that will be staged during the rodeo — bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrel racing — will feature competitors who have appeared at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, several of them having won world championships in the past.

The rodeo officially begins at 5:30 p.m. that Wednesday when the annual rodeo parade lines up at 10th and Main and snakes its way through downtown Big Spring.

Let's make this the best rodeo parade we've ever had. Anyone can enter, all you need to do is fill out a parade entry form which will be included in each Wednesday and Sunday edition of the *Herald* and return them to our office.

But don't forget to get those entries turned in to our office no later than noon on Monday, June 14.

So shine up those books, dust off that hat, pull on your favorite jeans and join in the parade. Saddle up your horse or put a new coat of wax on that custom or classic automobile. Maybe a group of you would like to enter a float. We'd even like to see plenty of decorated bicycles and a posse of stickhorses in the procession.

Participation is the key and in the long run, we think you'll be glad you did.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Let us be honest in our daily work and play, Lord,  
and show your love to others.

Amen

## New government threat to Arab world

Iraq's new government is a real threat to the Arab world — and the despots controlling other nations in the region know it. As promised, the United States will turn over control of Iraq on June 30 to a new government whose leaders, President Ghazi Yawar and Prime Minister Iyad Allawi, were selected Tuesday. Not only will this new Iraqi team put together an assembly to choose the first representative national council for the Iraqi people, but direct elections will be held as early as January, marking the first time when the population of an Arab nation may achieve genuine freedom.

The freest Arabs in the Middle East currently live in Israel, where over 1,000,000 of them hold full citizenship, electing their own representatives to the Knesset and enjoying other freedoms enjoyed by all Israeli citizens. In no other country in the region do Arabs, or anyone else, for that matter, live freely. Just look at Iraq's neighbors.

In Saudi Arabia, to the south, the Saudi royal family rules with no institutional check on its authority. Although the Saudi government has announced some limited reforms, Saudis cannot elect their own leaders, do not enjoy freedom of religion, a free press or freedom of assembly. Women in the kingdom may not obtain identity cards or an exit visa, nor can

they be admitted to a hospital without permission of their fathers, husbands or, in the case of widows, their sons. According to Freedom House, which rates civil and political rights around the world, Saudi women may not study engineering, law or journalism, and are not permitted to drive automobiles or travel outside the home unless accompanied by an adult male family member.

Syria, to the west, is ruled by one of the most repressive governments in the region, despite early hopes that Bashar Assad, son of the tyrannical Hafiz Assad, would loosen the Baathist Party's grip on the people when he took power after his father died in 2000. It didn't happen. Not only do Syrians enjoy no civil or political liberties, but the Syrian government is one of the chief sponsors of international terrorism in the world. What's more, Syria essentially controls its neighbor Lebanon, which was once one of the freer nations in the Middle East.

Also on Iraq's western border, Jordan, long one of the United States' chief allies in the Middle East, remains under the rule of a monarch. Although King Abdullah and his father King Hussein have promoted a largely pro-Western foreign policy (with the exception of Hussein's support for Iraq in the first Gulf War), Jordanians have very limited freedom of association, assembly or the press. Even last year's elections for Jordan's lower house of parliament — which many hoped was the harbinger of greater freedom for Jordanians — produced a disturbing result: About 20 percent of

the seats went to extremist Islamists, who are the biggest threat to democracy in the region.

Speaking of Islamists, the mullahs who rule Iran on Iraq's eastern border — though not Arab — share many of the other characteristics of the area's tyrants. Although Iran boasts an elected parliament, the country is actually governed by the Council of Guardians. These Shiite clerics control the judicial branch and must approve all legislation passed by the parliament and choose which candidates may run for elected office.

When Iraqis choose their own government in free elections, it will mark the first time in history when ordinary Arabs can claim to control their own destiny in their own nation. Syria's Assad, the Saudi royal family, even Jordan's Abdullah must be nervous as they watch events unfold. If the Iraqi people are capable of governing themselves, why not the Syrians, the Saudis or the Jordanians? Likewise, the radical clerics who control Iran must also be nervous as they watch events unfold in Iraq. Both Syria and Iran are believed to be funneling aid to the insurgents trying to prevent Iraq from its democratic future. Let us hope the Iraqi people will prevail against these obstacles — for their sake and ours.

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## Somebody will win by a landslide

Think the race between George W. Bush and John F. Kerry is going to be close? Been hearing a lot about a 50-50 nation? Think the red and blue states are going to grapple and grunt and groan and give us another nail-biter on Election Night?

Nah. Not gonna happen. This race is going to be a blowout, a tsunami, a Krakatoa. At least that is the hottest new theory that has been occupying the chattering classes for weeks now.

"The most likely outcome of this race is a landslide victory for John Kerry," says Chuck Todd, editor in chief of the nonpartisan political briefing *The Hotline*. "The second most likely outcome is a landslide victory for George Bush. The least likely outcome is a close race."

Doug Sosnik, Bill Clinton's political director during his 1996 re-election campaign, says, "I don't think this race will be close." And while he is not yet "100 percent certain" who will win, he does say, "The numbers for President Bush show him in grave danger."

Tony Quinn, co-editor of the California Target Book, a nonpartisan political publication, says that maybe the experts who have been telling us how divided the nation is "are all wrong, and this will be a blowout election that could go in either direction."

And *The Wall Street Journal* reported last week that campaign operatives are bracing for "a race that breaks decisively one way or another."

Wait, it gets better. We won't even have to wait until November to find out which way things are breaking! According to Sosnik, "the next 90 days will determine the outcome of the election." But how about all those stories you've

been reading about how this election "is going down to the wire" and will be determined in the final days before Nov. 2? Nah, again. "The least important phase of this election," Sosnik says, "will be the last 14 days."

True, there are those who disagree, primarily Matthew Dowd, chief strategist for the Bush re-election campaign, who says, "I am not fringing Jean Dixon and I don't bend spoons, but given the nature of the country I don't think there is going to be a landslide either in the popular vote or the Electoral College."

But Todd bases his landslide theory on the history of recent elections: In the last 25 years, incumbent presidents have either won or lost by large margins in the Electoral College. In 1980, Jimmy Carter lost to Ronald Reagan 49 to 489. In 1984, Reagan beat Walter Mondale 525 to 13. In 1992, George H.W. Bush lost to Bill Clinton 168 to 370, and in 1996, Clinton beat Bob Dole 379 to 159.

In other words, when it comes to casting a thumbs-up or a thumbs-down on their incumbent presidents, Americans are usually not that divided.

"I don't think whether you are re-hiring a president or re-hiring a plumber, your thought process is that much different," says Sosnik. "You ask what kind of job did he do last time, and that decides whether he will be re-hired. When you are three and a half years into a president's four-year term, people have pretty much made up their minds about what kind of job the president has done."

Further, those who believe the election will be a blowout point not just to history, but to the special nature of this election. "In 2000, the electorate was erratic because it was not a nationalized election," Todd says. "But this time the question is not about who invented the Internet, but who invented the Iraq war."

Sosnik believes this will be a historic election in which voters will want to send a message. "The

people have not spoken since Sept. 11 on the direction in which they want the country to go," he says. "At times like this, people want a decisive course, they want to deliver a mandate. Besides, Bush's actions are so aggressive, so muscular that the dynamic middle of the country will choose a course either for Bush or for his opponent."

But what signs do we watch for (since waiting for Election Day itself is just too, too boring?) In this, Sosnik, a Democrat, and Dowd, a Republican, agree: The best indicator on how an incumbent president will do on Election Day is his approval rating.

Two weeks ago, Dowd told me, "The incumbent president usually gets a vote right at his approval rating. If we are at a 51-52 approval (on Election Day), we will win by 1 or 2 points."

But when Dowd said that, Bush had a Gallup approval rating of 52 percent. Last week, that figure fell to 46 percent, the lowest of the Bush presidency.

"For an incumbent to be at 46 percent job approval at this point in an election year has historically always spelled defeat" for presidents since 1950, Frank Newport, editor in chief of the Gallup Poll, said.

And a Pew Research Center poll released last week showed even lower numbers for Bush, with his approval at just 44 percent.

Still, whether this election is going to be decided soon or not until November, whether it will be a runaway or a deadlock, Dowd has advice for everybody on how to handle it when the dust settles.

"Don't dance in the end zone," he says, "and don't cry in your beer."

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# The new 5

Redesigned mid-size sport sedan raises the bar on comfort, performance

I motioned to the door, asking the former boss if he was driving to lunch, seeing as how I was buying.

"Depends," he said, scanning the parking. "What are you driving this week? Is it another one of those 'toy cars' that I wouldn't want to be seen in?"

"No," I said, pointing to the far end of the lot. "I've got the new BMW 5 Series."

"No contest. You're driving," he said, nearly racing to the car and trying to open the door before I could unlock it with the remote keyless entry fob.

"This is nice," the former boss said, immediately opening and closing all of the compartments, paying close attention to the slide out beverage holder on dash. "This is pretty cool. It even holds your Big Slam Pepsi bottle." "It's also nice and

roomy. Expanding the wheelbase by an extra 2.3 inches and increasing the overall length by 2.6 inches and width by nearly 2 inches really made a difference.

"What model is this?" the former boss asked. "This is the 530i," I responded.

"So this has the new 3.0 I-6 that boosted horsepower to 225 and torque to 214 lb.-ft. I see it's equipped with the six-speed manual transmission giving it a 0-60 mph time of 6.6 seconds. I take it you haven't had a

chance to drive the six-speed automatic transmission yet." It's a good thing I hadn't backed out of the parking space yet, because all I could do was stare in disbelief at the former boss.

"What?" the former boss said. "Do you think you're the only one that can memorize and regurgitate car facts on demand?"



The 2004 BMW 5-Series sedan.

"Did you know the new 5-Series also as a new full aluminum suspension system mated to rack-and-pinion steering?" he asked.

"Yeah," I nodded. "I knew that. But do you know what that means?"

"Sure," the former boss responded. "It means the suspension is made out of aluminum."

"Do you know why?" I asked.

It's taken more than four years, but I finally found a way to silence the former boss.

"Here's why," I said. "In layman's terms, the system benefits handling and stability response due to the reduced unsprung weight of aluminum, which optimizes the suspension's response to irregular road surfaces, providing a supple ride with precise, responsive handling."

The former boss looked at me for a few seconds before responding.

"I knew that," he said. "I was just giving

you a test to see if you knew."

"Did I pass your test?"

"When it comes to widgets and bolts, you are the king," he said. "Now take me to lunch, I'm hungry."

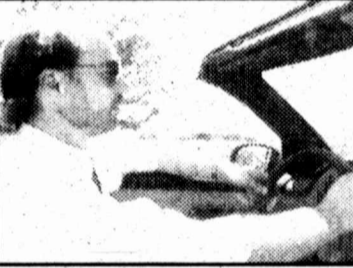
The new 2004 BMW 5 Series Sedan is available in three models — 525i, 530i, and 545i. For this review, a 530i equipped with 6-speed manual was driven for a one-week test drive.

The new 5-Series has a price range starting at \$39,995.

For those in the market for a mid-size luxury-performance sedan, I highly recommend it for a test drive.

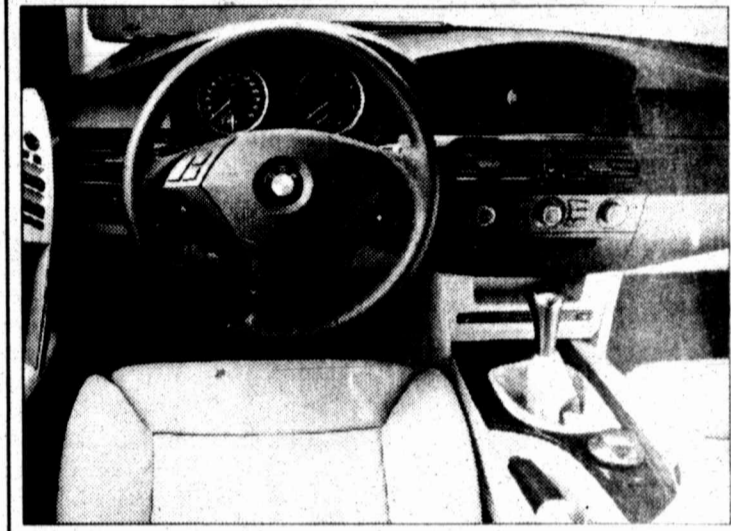
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## ON THE ROAD



BY NEAL WHITE

## THE NUTS AND BOLTS



### MODEL:

2004 BMW 5-Series Sedan

525i, 530i, 545i

Rear-wheel drive

5-passenger seating

PRICE RANGE:

\$39,995 - \$62,000

ENGINE:

2.5 I-6 (184 hp/175 torque)

3.0 I-6 (225 hp/214 torque)

4.4 V-8 (325 hp/330 torque)

TRANSMISSION:

6-speed manual

6-speed manual

EPA: 20 mpg city/30 mph highway (530i)

BRAKES: Vented disc with ABS

STEERING: Rack-and-pinion with power assist.

TURNING CIRCLE:

37.5-foot

SUSPENSION:

Aluminum suspension system and subframe

with Active Roll Stabilization

LENGTH:

190.6 inches

WHEELBASE:

113.7 inches

WEIGHT:

3,472 pounds (530i w/manual transmission)

WIDTH: 72.7 inches

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TIRES: 16-inch (525i)

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## Support grows for plan to raise OPEC output

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Encouraging signals from OPEC that it would raise production had the immediate and desired effect of lowering record-high oil prices. The question now is, how long will it last?

Oil prices plunged 6 percent Wednesday, after the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait pledged during a meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to join Saudi Arabia in adding fresh barrels to global supplies. Growing support for higher limits on OPEC production also contributed to the price drop, as did Saudi efforts to ease fears the country's vital oil facilities are threatened by terror attacks.

On futures markets, U.S. light crude oil for July delivery tumbled by \$2.37 to \$39.96 in New York on Wednesday, a day after settling at \$42.33 — the highest settlement price in the contract's 21-year history on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London, July contracts of Brent crude fell by \$2.22 to close at \$36.86 on the International Petroleum Exchange.

U.S. crude prices soared to record levels Tuesday after a suspected al-Qaida assault at the Saudi oil hub of Khobar. The attack — which killed 22 people, mostly foreign oil workers — stunned markets that were already nervous

about stretched oil inventories and Middle East tensions.

Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi stressed that the kingdom was taking adequate security measures and restated his goal of pushing down prices.

"I assure you that the kingdom and all OPEC members are concerned ... and we don't want high prices," he said in a

speech at the Beirut offices of the U.N. Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

Representatives from the OPEC arriving in the Lebanese capital expressed a common desire to lift their production ceiling. They gathered for joint talks ahead of a formal meeting Thursday on OPEC's out-

put policy.

Kuwait, Qatar and Nigeria backed the Saudi plan to raise OPEC's production ceiling to 26 million barrels — an increase of 2.5 million barrels.

Under pressure from the United States and other major oil importers, Saudi Arabia has already boosted its actual output by 600,000 barrels a day.



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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
New Big Spring Junior High School Principal Coby Norman shakes the hand of junior high teacher Marvin Wynn during a public reception for Norman held at the junior high recently. Norman comes from Otton Independent School District where he served as the junior high school principal and has 12 years of experience in education. He is an Odessa High School graduate and earned his mid-management degree from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa.

## ▶ Doing their part



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
At top, City manager Gary Fuqua, sitting from left, Jimmy Hopper and Nick Reyna, city code enforcement officer visit at Hopper's home at 1213 E. 17th St. Wednesday. Also pictured is city of Big Spring Community Development Director Todd Darden, back. Hopper was the recipient of the monthly Doing Your Part award. Below, Uptown Salon received the Doing Your Part award from the city of Big Spring Wednesday. Pictured are from front left, Gloria Rodriguez, manager of Uptown Salon; Helen Hernandez, Uptown owner; City Manager Gary Fuqua; Community Development Director Todd Darden; Code Enforcement officer Nick Reyna; and back, Mark Montoglio, Uptown receptionist, Ruth Slate, nail technician, Cletha Clayton and Mary King, both long-time customers of Hernandez. After less than a year at its new location, the business has grown to eight employees.

## BSSH new fund-raiser brings fun to the table

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald  
A long-distance phone call Big Spring State Hospital volunteer Dorothy Sheppard shared with her sister triggered the hospital's newest fund-raising project.

Sheppard's sister was planning on attending a "card party" in Pennsylvania when Sheppard thought, "why not have one here?"

"Where I came from (Pittsburgh, Pa.), they are very popular with a lot of the churches and ladies clubs. And I thought, 'That's something new we haven't tried here.'"

Sheppard, who arrived in Big Spring more than 30 years ago via Webb Air Force Base, is a long-time community volunteer. She always is on the lookout for innovative, fun ways to raise money for the patients at Big Spring State Hospital.

Volunteers will host a Game and Card Party and luncheon June 15 in the new community relations office. A salad luncheon provided by the volunteers will be served, and groups will play the games of their choice following the luncheon.

Organized groups may choose to play any game, including cards, dominoes, buncos, or board games. Anyone without a group can call and be worked into a table, Sheppard said.

Each person attending pays \$10 to play for the afternoon. Volunteers will allow between four to 10 players per table and a maximum of 10 tables will be offered on a first-

come, first-served basis.

The luncheon begins at 12:30 and games will continue until 4 p.m. if desired. Players can end their games at any time before 4 p.m., Community Relations Director Billie Christie said.

Each table decides what game to play, Sheppard said. A table prize will be allocated to each table's overall winner.

In addition to the prize money, door prizes will be given away to participants.

"We already have my card club coming," Sheppard said. "We'd like for you to bring a table of people, but if you want to play, just come. We'll have tables where we can fit you in."

"It's for everybody. You might have two couples who want to come and play. My sister loves to go to them. She has a lot of fun. I belong to a card club, and we meet at the Chamber of Commerce, and we have a ball playing cards. It's better than sitting and watching TV."

The deadline to register is June 10. For tickets or more information, call (432) 268-7535 or 263-4483.

Sheppard asks attendees to bring their own cards and games for the afternoon. No motorized card shufflers will be permitted.

Money raised during the card party will be used to support the patients at Big Spring State Hospital.

The hospital serves psychiatric patients in a 78-county area within West Texas and the Texas Panhandle.

## YoungLife fund-raiser begins at noon Friday

A car wash to raise funds for a YoungLife camping trip to Colorado begins at noon Friday at Displays of Splendor, 700 E. FM 700.

Pledges are being accepted for each car the teen-agers wash.

The goal is to wash 50 cars. YoungLife leaders Matt and Shelly Warren said donations for the cars washed will also be accepted at the sight.

YoungLife is a non-profit organization for high

school teen-agers who meet each Monday night during the school year.

The camping trip brings thousands of teen-agers from across the country to Colorado for a week of fellowship and Christian activities each summer.

About 18 local youth hope to attend.

To make a pledge contact a YoungLife member, or call the Warrens at 264-1234, Michael Loftis at 263-2845 or Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331.

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Rangers @ Yankees, 11:30 a.m.

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Astros @ Cardinals, 6:50 p.m.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Dates set for Camp of Champs at BSHS

Coach Ricky Long has set Big Spring High School's Camp for Champs to be held from June 7 through July 1 at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center.

The weightlifting camp is open to males and females in grades fifth through eighth. For more information call Coach Long at 432-269-3662 or 432-263-0519.

#### Coahoma Ragball Tourney days set

The 12th annual Coahoma Ragball Tournament will take place June 25-27 at the Coahoma Softball Park.

Sign-up for the event will take place June 25th starting at 5 p.m.

For more information about the tournament, call Patric Robinson at 432-393-5622 or Randy Clanton at 432-393-5338.

#### BSHS Tennis Camp scheduled for June

The Big Spring High School tennis camp will take place June 7-10 at the Figure Seven Courts inside of Comanche Trail Park by the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The camp will run from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 7, but all other days — Tuesday through Thursday — will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The cost of the camp is \$100, which includes a T-shirt.

For more information contact BSBS tennis head coach Sarah Corse at 432-263-2275 or assistant coach Dennis Smiley at 432-263-3848.

#### Coahoma softball camp set for June

Coahoma softball coach Robby Dickenson will lead a camp for all incoming second-through-ninth-grade girls at the Coahoma High School softball field June 7-10 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The cost of the camp is \$50 if received by June 5 and \$55 if received after and the money includes a camp T-shirt. The camp will cover fielding, throwing, hitting, base running, and individual techniques and drills for all positions.

Each girl needs to bring her own glove and any other equipment needed to play her position (catcher's gear, etc.).

Dickenson also encourages players to bring their own bat, sliding shorts, knee pads and cleated shoes.

Enrollment forms must be filled out and turned in by June 5 to receive the discount, but they will be accepted up until the first day of the camp June 7.

For more information, contact Coach Dickenson at 432-270-7470 or 432-394-4924.

#### Raise money for Relay for Life

There will be a ragball tournament to raise money for the Relay for Life June 4-6.

The tournament will be held at Cotton Mize Field inside of Comanche Trail Park.

The cost to play is \$10 per person and each team must consist of five men and five women.

For more information, contact Angel at the bus barn at Big Spring I.S.D. at 432-264-4108.

#### Country club sets junior clinic dates

The Big Spring Country Club has announced the dates of its summer junior golf clinics.

The two clinics will take place June 2-4. The 5-10 age group's clinic will take place from 9 to 10 a.m. and the 11 and over group will go from 10-11 a.m.

The cost of this clinic is free for country club members and \$15 for non-members.

For more information, call the golf shop at 432-267-5354.

#### Big Spring sets dates for tennis circuit

The 2004 Black Gold Tennis Circuit has released its schedule and the Big Spring site will take place June 11-12.

The cost for one event is \$15, two events is \$20 and three events is \$25.

The events are broken down into five different age groups ranging from 12-years-old to adults.

The events in each age group include boys (men's) and girls (women's) singles and doubles, as well as mixed doubles.

All entries are due seven days before the tournament.

For more information on the Black Gold Tennis Circuit, contact Big Spring head tennis coach Sarah Corse at 432-263-2275.

#### Co-ed benefit softball touney rescheduled

A co-ed softball tournament benefiting cancer will take place June 11-12 at Comanche Trail Park.

The tournament was rescheduled from an earlier postponed date.

The touney costs \$115 per team.

For more information and/or to sign-up, contact Frank at 432-213-0992 or Vanessa at 432-466-1541 (leave a message if there is no answer).

### ON THE AIR

#### Sports Broadcast Schedule

Event, Time	Station
Friday	
Astros @ Cardinals, 6:45 p.m.	1490
Saturday	
Rangers @ Orioles, 11:30 a.m.	1490
Astros @ Cardinals, 6:50 p.m.	1490
Sunday	
Event, Time	Station
Astros @ Cardinals, 12:30 p.m.	1490

## Ninth-inning homers lead Rangers, sweep Cleveland

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer  
CLEVELAND - All Gary Matthews needed was one big swing to make him feel like a major leaguer again.

Matthews homered leading off the ninth inning and Hank Blalock connected with two outs, leading the Texas Rangers to a 5-3 win over the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday and sweep of the two-game series.

Matthews, who hit an RBI double in the second and a sacrifice fly in the sixth, connected on a 0-1 pitch from Rafael Betancourt (2-4) to break a 3-3 tie.

The homer — Matthews' first since Aug. 26 for San Diego — was a special one for the journeyman outfielder playing with his seventh team since 1999.

"It's my first since coming back up," said Matthews, who came in 2-for-17 since his contract was purchased from Triple-A Oklahoma on May 25. "Any time you can hit a game winner, it's really a big lift."

Two outs after Matthews' shot, Blalock hit his 13th homer as Texas won a third

straight road game for the first time this season.

The streaky Indians have had their last five games decided in the final at-bat.

Betancourt sat and stared in his locker for several minutes before showering.

"I made bad pitches, and that was it," he said. "I didn't do my job."

Texas reliever Carlos Almanzar (5-0) picked up the win despite giving up a tying single in the eighth.

Francisco Cordero walked two in the ninth before getting his 18th save in 18 tries, setting a team record. He had shared the mark of 17 straight converted saves with John Wetteland (1999) and Jeff Zimmerman (2001).

After the one-out walks, Cordero struck out Matt Lawton and got Omar Vizquel on a foul pop up for the final out and a place in Texas' record book.

"That's nice for me," Cordero said. "It means a lot."

Jody Gerut homered for the Indians, who were blanked for six innings by Texas starter R.A. Dickey.

The right-hander, mixing a fastball and change-up with an offspeed pitch he calls "The Thing," allowed an unearned run and six hits in 6 2-3 innings.

"I wasn't doing anything different than I have been," he said. "But today I had my change, my fastball and 'The Thing' all working for me."

Down 3-0, the Indians got an RBI single from slumping Ben Broussard (3-for-35) in the seventh and then tied it with two runs in the eighth off reliever Brian Shouse.

Gerut hit his sixth homer with one out to bring the Indians to 3-2, and Victor Martinez followed with his first career triple.

Shouse then struck out Travis Hafner before he was replaced by Almanzar.

Casey Blake greeted the right-hander with an RBI single, but Blake got thrown out trying a delayed steal — his second bad baserunning decision in two days.

"I got a steal sign," Blake said. "I don't want to say I panicked, I just delayed. I don't know why."

## Clemens dominates at Wrigley

By RICK GANO

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO - One of baseball's most celebrated pitchers earned his first victory at one of the game's most storied parks.

Roger Clemens won at Wrigley Field and kept his perfect season intact Wednesday, pitching the Houston Astros to a 5-1 win over the Chicago Cubs.

"When you have an opportunity to pitch in this type of setting, regardless of how you feel, you want to make the appearance because people come from all over to watch you perform," Clemens said.

"I enjoy hearing the fans around the stadium, the things they say," he said.

Clemens (8-0) came back from three straight no-decisions with seven sharp innings to earn his 318th career victory, tying Phil Niekro for the 14th place on the all-time list.

Clemens' only other start at Wrigley came last June when he pitched for the Yankees in search of his 300th win. He wound up taking the loss when the Cubs rallied against New York's bullpen.

His appearance a year later certainly wasn't as emotionally charged, but he enjoyed it just the same.

"It's a totally different situation and atmosphere. I had a respiratory problem, too, there. I felt a lot better about my health out there today," said Clemens, who wore short sleeves and blew on his hands during a cool, 60-degree afternoon.

Clemens has won 12 straight regular-season decisions since Aug. 9.

Not bad for a 41-year-old, who came out of a short retirement in the offseason.

"I'm not too worried about streaks. I think they're great because we're winning," Clemens said. "I don't put a lot of stock into them. I know that they could change at any time. So you want to try and ride them."

Clemens allowed one run — on a broken-bat single — and five hits in seven innings Wednesday. He struck out five and walked two in his 108-pitch outing.

Houston broke a 1-all tie in the fifth when Jeff Kent extended his hitting streak to 18 games with a two-out triple off the right-field wall and Lance Berkman singled off Matt Clement (6-4).

It was Berkman's 18th RBI in his last 15 games, and he has now reached base in 33 straight.

Adam Everett and Brad Ausmus had three hits each against Clemens, who allowed 11 hits in 6 2-3 innings.

### Big Spring Chicano Golf Association

Howard College scholarship tournament recipients

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2. Reina Cisneros
3. Daniel Hinojos
4. Landon Jenkins
5. Kacy Liles
6. Clark Lowery Jr.
7. Stephanie Lucio
8. Natasha Mitchell
9. Vanessa Parra
10. Rina Rodriguez
11. Stacy Rubio
12. Krystal Smith
13. Kandis Snowden
14. Casie Wood
15. Porsha Yarbar

\*NOTE: All 15 recipients received \$250. The money must be used for something at Howard College next year (tuition bill, books, etc...).

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

2004 current standings

American League						
Team	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
New York Yankees	32	19	—	15-7	17-12	Won 2
Boston	31	22	2	18-9	13-13	Lost 3
Baltimore	24	25	7	12-13	12-12	Lost 2
Toronto	24	28	8	14-14	10-15	Won 2
Tampa Bay	19	32	13	14-14	5-18	Won 1
Central						
Chicago Sox	29	22	—	17-10	12-12	Lost 2
Minnesota	28	24	1.5	15-10	13-14	Lost 1
Detroit	24	28	5.5	12-15	12-13	Won 1
Cleveland	22	28	6.5	16-13	6-15	Lost 2
Kansas City	18	32	10.5	12-12	6-20	Lost 1
West						
Anaheim	32	20	—	17-7	15-13	Won 2
Texas	28	22	2.5	16-9	13-13	Won 3
Oakland	28	23	3.5	14-9	14-14	Won 2
Seattle	18	32	15	10-15	9-18	Lost 2
National League						
Team	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
Florida	30	23	—	16-12	14-11	Lost 3
Philadelphia	27	26	3	15-13	13-11	Lost 3
Atlanta	26	26	3.5	13-11	13-15	Lost 1
New York Mets	26	26	3.5	13-11	13-15	Won 3
Montreal	17	35	12.5	9-17	8-18	Won 1
Division						
Cincinnati	32	21	—	16-9	16-12	Won 3
St. Louis	29	23	2.5	14-10	14-10	Won 2
St. Louis	29	23	2.5	11-14	18-9	Won 3
Chicago Cubs	28	24	3	15-11	13-14	Lost 2
Milwaukee	26	25	5	14-12	12-13	Lost 1
Los Angeles	28	23	—	15-12	13-11	Won 1
San Diego	27	24	1	15-11	15-13	Won 1
San Francisco	26	26	2.5	15-14	11-12	Lost 2
Colorado	20	32	8	10-15	5-18	Lost 1
Arizona	20	33	9	10-15	10-18	Won 2

W: Wins L: Losses

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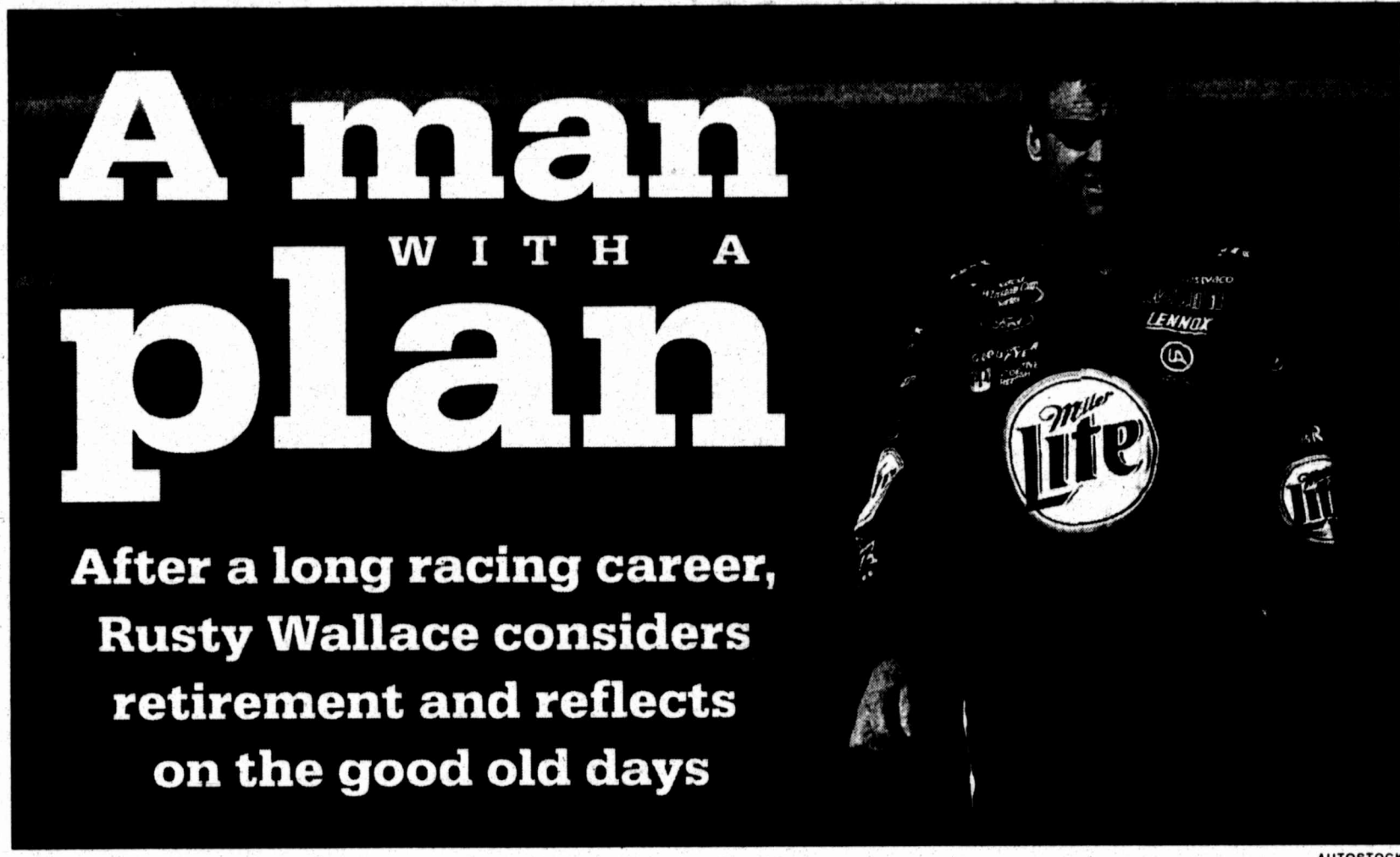
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## A man WITH A plan

After a long racing career, Rusty Wallace considers retirement and reflects on the good old days

BY TOM SORENSEN  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

**R**usty Wallace is talking about retiring, and as much as he loves racing, why wouldn't he?

At 47, he has health, a family of which he's proud, and RWI, Rusty Wallace, Inc.

He's raced 20 years in the Cup series and 20 times he's finished in the top 20 and 16 times he's finished in the top 10. He won a points championship, engaged in legendary duels with his old buddy, the late Dale Earnhardt, and won last month in Martinsville, Va.

Although the Cup victory was his 55th, it was his first since 2001 and, based on his reaction, it was one of the sweetest.

His youngest child, 16-year-old Stephen, already has flashed talent as a race-car driver. And Wallace owns the new Busch team for which Billy "Catfish" Parker drives. Wallace can envision Parker, 27, taking his Nextel Cup ride when he walks away.

The new trend for race team owners is to recruit young drivers to become the next Jeff Gordon, the next instant star. Wallace didn't want a kid.

He wanted a driver who reminded him of him, a driver who had built cars and chassis and been broke and paid dues and maybe had a little fun along the way.

"I guarantee I'm going to race two more years at least," Wallace says. "I'm not guaranteeing anything after that."

"It's the three-year plan," Stephen says. "He's been on the three-year plan for 10 years, honest."

Here's how much Wallace's life has changed because of racing: Now, he goes to work in a sleek Bell Ranger helicopter. He gets out of the 'copter, for which he is a

spokesman, walks to his Mooresville, N.C., office, sits behind a long desk and glances at a large computer screen on his right as he accepts a cup of coffee from a smiling employee.

In the corner of the office is a new driver sent to him by Calloway, the golf company for which he is a spokesman. On a wall is a picture of one of his four auto dealerships.

Wallace used to be a driver. Now he's a brand.

"Now it's fun," he says. "But not nearly as much fun now as then."

Here's then: Wallace used to go to work in a one-ton bread truck with a whole lot of miles on it when he bought it for \$2,000.

He and his buddies built a plywood wall in the back. They went to a furniture store, bought a sofa and stuck it behind the wall. Above the sofa they built a platform on which one of them could sleep.

They added new tires and chrome wheels, covered the truck with bright red paint and added big white letters on the side that said, Rusty Wallace Racing No.66.

On the front was a tire rack. Hanging from the back was Wallace's race car, the very fast 66 Camaro. Wallace was thrilled to paint 66 on the Dodge Parker drives.

Wallace and his cronies would throw open the doors, crank up the engine and the stereo, and drive from their home in St. Louis to Pensacola, Fla.; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mobile, Ala.;

Ontario, Calif., or anywhere else they could run fast and make money.

There was no bank account. There was a wallet. They kept it in a corner beneath the platform. When they needed money, one of them would grab The Wallet.

Wallace was so excited when he finally received his first credit card from American Express. And he was so hurt when, at the Sheraton in Jackson, Mich., where he had planned to rent one room for four of them, he saw a screen flash, "Take Card. Keep." And the man behind the desk did.

"I didn't pay my bills," Wallace says.

So why were those pre-helicopter days so good?

Says Wallace: "We'd bounce across the front straightaway and unload that short track car of ours and go out and win. And all the money I won I'd spend on beer and hamburgers and cheeseburgers."

The bread truck blew an engine on I-55 en route from St. Louis to Pensacola. Wallace coasted down the exit ramp into a gas station at 2 a.m.

They found a junkyard with a used engine and bought it for \$100 and put it in themselves. They won the race in Pensacola and, on the way back to St. Louis, blew another engine.

"Everybody remembers those days," says Wallace, wistfully.

Wallace's first race was in Valley Park, Mo., in 1973. Ten years later he won the American Speed Association championship. His reward was \$10,000 — \$8,000 went toward racing bills. A second reward — Cliff Stewart invited him to come to Charlotte, N.C., to run Winston Cup races.

"I think Patti (Wallace's wife) and I had \$3,000 to our name," Wallace says. "We came in an old Ford Econoline van. First year I went to work they paid me \$40,000 and, oh my God, I thought I was a millionaire."

What happened to the bread truck?

"Honestly, I think the earth took the bread truck," says Wallace. "It just wore out."

**"I guarantee I'm going to race two more years at least. I'm not guaranteeing anything after that." — Rusty Wallace**

awfully good to him, too. Last week: 6.

**6. Bobby Labonte (car No. 18):** This team is just part of a second echelon in the sport right now behind the top four. Last week: 5.

**7. Ryan Newman (car No. 12):** Good performance in the all-star race keeps off-day in the 600 from knocking him down. Last week: 7.

**8. Kasey Kahne (car No. 9):** Didn't finish off on a strong run in the 600, but he looked really good

most of the way. Last week: 9.

**9. Elliott Sadler (car No. 38):** At least he stayed in the same ZIP code as Johnson for much of the Coca-Cola 600. Last week: 12.

**10. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29):** Tenth in points, 78 up on 11th. That's the most important spot in the standings right now. Last week: 8.

For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit [www.thatracin.com](http://www.thatracin.com).

That takes a lot of the pressure off of us, it allows us to get aggressive when we want to get aggressive."

That strategy is shaped by the "Chase for the Nextel Cup Championship" format. After 26 races, the top 10 in points will have their totals reset to five points behind the driver ahead of them in the standings and five ahead of the driver behind them.

Knaus said that allows him to take shots at winning races with the confidence that even if he makes wrong calls now and then, Johnson can still get a top-10 points spot.

It's hard to argue, since Johnson has been out of the points top 10 for just two race weekends since the first month of his rookie season in 2002.

"We work our butts off to do one thing, and that's to race," Knaus said.

"When we go into a race track wanting to win, and if we don't win we go back and we just work until we get to the point where we can win."

adjustments that might have helped them keep up. But Knaus kept right on working, trying to make what looked like a perfect car even better.

"We adjusted the race car on every single stop we made," Knaus said, without seeming to know that anyone watching No. 4859 blow away the field would question the sanity of putting a wrench anywhere near it.

The car was the first one built at Hendrick Motorsports specifically for Johnson to drive.

Since its completion, Knaus has brought it to every points race Johnson has competed in at North Carolina's Lowe's Motor Speedway, and the results have been spectacular.

It could have now won three straight Coca-Cola 600s had Johnson

not overshot his pit late in the 2002 race, where he led 263 laps before finishing seventh after the miscue. It did win last year's rain-shortened 600, and Sunday night it obliterated everyone with apparent ease.

There is nothing easy, however, about dominating a race so badly that there was little else left to talk about afterward about the dominance itself.

"It really was a lot of fun," Johnson said. "But in some cases it's almost better to be in second or third trying to move forward. When you're up front and you have the bull's-eye on you and all the other teams are trying to outdo your times."

The thing that is key right now is that we don't feel a whole lot of pressure," said Knaus, whose driver is now second in the standings, just five points behind leader Dale Earnhardt Jr.

"We don't have to be leading the points right now, all we have to do is be in the top 10 after the first 26 races.

### THIS WEEK'S RACE

**MBNA AMERICA 400**

Where: Dover International Speedway, a 1-mile high banked concrete oval located in Dover, Del.

When: Sunday at 1 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 2:40 p.m. Friday.

TV: FX.

Radio: Motor Racing Network.

Purse: \$5,496,882

Last year's winner: Ryan Newman.

Worth mentioning: Five of the last 10 seasons have produced sweeps at Dover — Rusty Wallace (1994), Jeff Gordon (1996), Tony Stewart (2000), Jimmie Johnson (2002) and Ryan Newman (2003).

### POLL POSITION

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

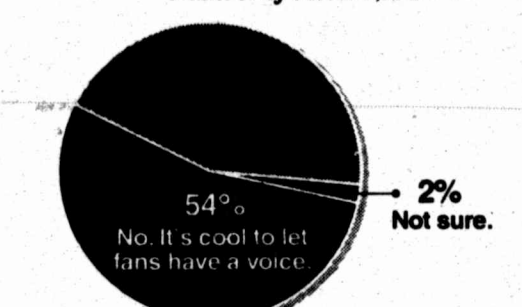
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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION**

Should NASCAR do away with the "pity pass" for an otherwise non-qualified driver into its all-star race before next season?

Number of votes: 5,792



### STOP 'N' GO

**INSIDE DOVER**

Trends to look out for as the Nextel Cup circuit stops at Dover International Speedway.

- DOVER STREAKS**
- Kurt Busch has started seventh or better in his last four races at Dover.
  - Jeff Green finished in the top 10 in both races last season.
  - Ryan Newman has top-10 finishes in all four of his races at the track, including two victories last season. He has also started fifth or better in his last three races, including a pole.
- DOVER DOWNS**
- Dale Earnhardt Jr. has finished 24th or worse in three of his past four races at Dover.
  - Jeff Green has finished 13th or worse in his last seven races.
  - Joe Nemechek has finished 23rd or worse in his last four races, including two 43rd-place finishes.
- Jim Utter

### BY THE NUMBERS

The top-40 drivers as of May 30:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. D. Earnhardt Jr. (8)	1798	21. G. Bille (16)	1195
2. J. Johnson (48)	1793	22. B. Vickers (25)	1191
3. M. Kenseth (17)	1687	23. J. Nemechek (01)	1190
4. J. Gordon (24)	1654	24. M. Waltrip (15)	1185
5. T. Stewart (20)	1587	25. T. Labonte (5)	1172
6. B. Labonte (18)	1554	26. S. Wimmer (22)	1134
7. E. Sadler (38)	1537	27. R. Rudd (21)	1124
8. K. Busch (97)	1521	28. B. Gaughan (77)	1120
9. R. Newman (12)	1500	29. J. Burton (99)	1119
10. K. Harvick (29)	1498	30. J. Sauter (30)	1114
11. K. Kahne (9)	1420	31. K. Schrader (49)	1039
12. J. McMurray (42)	1414	32. R. Craven (32)	1007
13. R. Wallace (2)	1381	33. K. Petty (45)	988
14. J. Mayfield (19)	1350	34. S. Fligg (10)	926
15. M. Martin (6)	1336	35. J. Green (43)	918
16. C. Mears (41)	1311	36. D. Cope (50)	804
17. D. Jarrett (88)	1304	37. D. Blaney (23)	579
18. S. Martin (40)	1276	38. J. Spencer (4)	494
19. R. Gordon (31)	1227	39. K. Lepage	426
20. W. Burton (0)	1206	40. J. Andretti (1)	311

### The top-20 drivers as of May 29:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. K. Busch	1962	11. R. Gordon	1485
2. M. Truex Jr.	1924	12. M. Bliss	1412
3. M. Waltrip	1807	13. J. Sauter	1410
4. D. Green	1795	14. K. Kahne	1408
5. B. Hamilton Jr.	1724	15. D. Strammé	1408
6. J. Keller	1712	16. S. Compton	1397
7. R. Hornaday	1667	17. T. Fadewes	1389
8. G. Bille	1615	18. C. Atwood	1363
9. J. Leffler	1599	19. A. Lewis	1349
10. K. Wallace	1504	20. R. Prussley	1282

NEXT RACE: Sunday, MBNA America 200, Dover, Del.

### The top-10 drivers as of May 21:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. D. Setzer	815	6. M. Skinner	677
2. C. Edwards	778	7. T. Kvapil	673
3. R. Crawford	686	8. T. Cook	657
4. B. Hamilton	664	9. J. Wood	642
5. M. Crahan	679	10. D. Reutemann	631

NEXT RACE: Saturday, MBNA America 200, Dover, Del.

### RANKINGS THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

- Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8):** Still No. 1? Yes, but only because he has one more win and five more points than the No. 48 car. Last week: 1.
- Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48):** If he hadn't been wrecked in the all-star race, he'd have moved up to the

## Points format allows No. 48 team to be aggressive

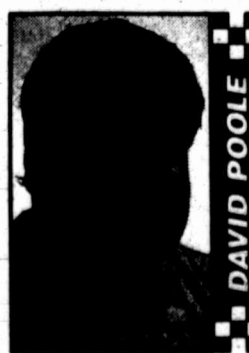
Driver Jimmie Johnson, crew chief Chad Knaus and their No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports team made winning the Coca-Cola 600 look easy last Sunday.

It's difficult to appreciate really how hard that is.

Johnson led 334 of 400 laps in his Chevrolet. He and Elliott Sadler led all but 10 of the first 368 laps, and only Johnson's need for the occasional trip to pit road allowed anyone else to lead at all.

Johnson started from the pole and his car, a Monte Carlo identified only as "4859" in the Hendrick Motorsports numbering system since Knaus doesn't have the habit of giving names to his cars, was great from the get-go.

With 160 laps run before there was a caution, teams that had missed the initial setup didn't get to make the



DAVID POOLE

adjustments that might have helped them keep up. But Knaus kept right on working, trying to make what looked like a perfect car even better.

"We adjusted the race car on every single stop we made," Knaus said, without seeming to know that anyone watching No. 4859 blow away the field would question the sanity of putting a wrench anywhere near it.

The car was the first one built at Hendrick Motorsports specifically for Johnson to drive.

Since its completion, Knaus has brought it to every points race Johnson has competed in at North Carolina's Lowe's Motor Speedway, and the results have been spectacular.

It could have now won three straight Coca-Cola 600s had Johnson

not overshot his pit late in the 2002 race, where he led 263 laps before finishing seventh after the miscue. It did win last year's rain-shortened 600, and Sunday night it obliterated everyone with apparent ease.

There is nothing easy, however, about dominating a race so badly that there was little else left to talk about afterward about the dominance itself.

"It really was a lot of fun," Johnson said. "But in some cases it's almost better to be in second or third trying to move forward. When you're up front and you have the bull's-eye on you and all the other teams are trying to outdo your times."

The thing that is key right now is that we don't feel a whole lot of pressure," said Knaus, whose driver is now second in the standings, just five points behind leader Dale Earnhardt Jr.

"We don't have to be leading the points right now, all we have to do is be in the top 10 after the first 26 races.

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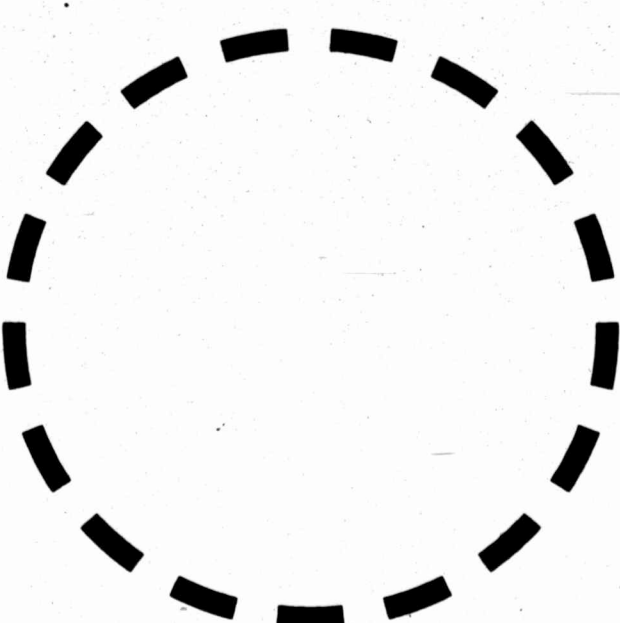
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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY JOYCE JILLSON**

The Sagittarius moon expands our hearts and minds to include the very thing we were closed off to before. There will be an adjustment period, though, while we struggle to restore normalcy without going back to our old ways. The Gemini solar rule helps this happen gracefully, as it's easier to make light of our oddball mistakes and imperfections.



Joyce Jillson

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You want people to respond now, telling you exactly where you stand and how the relationship will develop. Be cool! And more importantly, be patient. Relationships are a work in progress. Some people need more time to build trust.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). If it's important, write it down. It's not that you have a bad memory — it's quite good actually — there's just too much going on today to distract you from your main purpose. The circus seems to swirl around you this afternoon.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). At work, part of the puzzle is missing, but you can easily fill it in by involving others — people whose wisdom, knowledge and character you respect. Love is your main focus tonight.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll figure out clever ways to complete your agenda and practical techniques that help you leave work every day at a decent hour. Expose your talents to the people who can

make something of them. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The stars today remind us what it feels like to wonder, "Where did the time go?" Consider which activities you do because other people think they're important. Aquarians are partners in fun — you could use more of that in your life.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Someone may be micromanaging you, and you've definitely had enough. Flex those muscles, and make it known that you're stronger now. Dating should be simple. Then, why isn't it? The traps make it more interesting, though!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When in doubt, just say "yes." Sure, it cuts you off from other possibilities, but sometimes, limitations can be more liberating than wide-open options. Besides, many prospects don't help you as much as one good one will.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Reduce your obligations, and concentrate on your first and foremost one — to live a life that's fulfilling to you. Yes, being of service is important but not at the expense of listening to your own heart.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's an introverted day when you feel like you're a kid among grown-ups. But you can still rely on your special way of making people feel warm and accepted. They won't remember the conversation, but they'll remember you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're a little cynical, but you can't deny that part of you is longing to connect with

your fellow human, with nature and with the flow that moves all things. Once you give in, the generosity you often deal out will be dealt to you.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll make some real headway with a personal goal. Good assignments and the big-money jobs come if you can take the pressure with a certain amount of grace. And if you're not graceful, at least you're hanging in there.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You've taken a few key steps, and you'll feel like patting yourself on the back, which you should. But when you look into the horizon and see how far you have to go, that's disheartening. Dwell on how far you've come instead.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "My boyfriend and I have been breaking up and getting back together for one year now. The last time we broke up was because I caught him sleeping with somebody else. The thing is that I want more than anything to be able to work things out with him, but I don't want to end up four years later regretting wasted time if things don't work out. Any suggestions? He's a Cancer, and I'm a Capricorn."

My suggestion is that you break up and stay broken up for at least nine months. For you, it will not be hard to break up, but it's the staying broken up that will be difficult. For him, the breakup itself will be the most painful part, with this new rule in place — and do tell him about the nine-month rule. The reason I say nine months is because I see someone else coming into your life

(a Scorpio or a Sagittarius), and I'd like for you to have time to explore the relationship fairly without interference from your sensitive Cancer. I'm concerned about your "wasted time" comment.

If you are in a relationship that is always growing, the time is never wasted because you improve yourself and the relationship every day. But if you're talking about your biological clock, I catch your drift.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** We loved him on "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" and comic Wayne Brady sparkles as the host of his own talk show this year. He's also on tour throughout the summer with an improvisational variety

show. Geminis are so spirited and chatty, it's easy for them to hold an audience captivated. This year, Brady could have a lot of success using his quirky humor to promote unconventional household items.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

Dear Annie: As a youngster, I went through puberty much later than other boys in my class. To make matters worse, let's just say I was not very well endowed and was teased relentlessly in the locker room. It destroyed my self-esteem. I quit playing all sports and withdrew socially, becoming quite overweight in the process.

I have since gone to counseling and done my best to put this dreadful time behind me. Now, however, my 11-year-old son is approaching those difficult years. Unfortunately, he has inherited my small penis size. I pray that he can pass through the years without incident, but I doubt it.

How can I make him understand that there is nothing wrong with him? If he does endure the same horrific treatment, what can I do to help? Finally, please tell the parents in your reading audience to instruct their children to never, ever tease or gang up on someone who is different. A parent's attitude can help. Once when a boy was teasing me, his dad overheard and seriously scolded him. He never did it again and remains my only friend from adolescence. — Small Issue, Big Problem

Dear Big Problem: Your son is still quite young, and it's too soon to know if his development will be the same as yours. Please don't transmit your insecurities to him. If your son becomes concerned, you can have him speak to his doctor for reassurance that he is normal.

Adolescents are often cruel, but he can deflect some of that with humor and a nonchalant attitude. Bolster his ego, Dad, and help him be a confident young man. As they say, size doesn't matter. The most important sexual organ is the brain. The majority of women would rather have a caring and attentive man of modest proportions than the reverse.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Torn Mother in Selma, Ala.," whose daughter, "Kira," was a slow learner. You gave some good suggestions, and I'd like to add one, plus some encouragement.

In the mid-1950s, I was a Marine instructor. One of the things I encouraged students to do was outline (double space) the nightly reading assignment and write down questions to clarify areas they did not understand. The outline served as a basic set of notes, and the double-spacing allowed them to



Kathy Mitchell  
Marcy Sugar

insert additional comments. The pre-written questions helped make sure they didn't forget to ask them.

This method helped one student in particular. He tried hard, but I was concerned about him flunking out. Several weeks later, he came to my office and showed me his diploma. He said it was my outlining method that was the biggest help to him. — R.F.S., Master Sgt., USMC Retired

Dear R.F.S.: Thank you for the great suggestion. Here are two more:

Dear Annie: We are a three-generation family of slow processors. "Kira" may have an above-average IQ, but she has difficulty learning the material in the classroom setting that's available. If Kira is eligible for the same help as kids with learning disabilities, she may be entitled to use books on tape and be given additional time for tests. — Parent in the Midwest

Dear Annie: My granddaughter was recently diagnosed with "Irlen Syndrome," also known as Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome (SSS). Now that she has the glasses with her prescribed filters, the difference in her schoolwork is like night and day.

Until recently, I had not heard of this condition. Please do the world a tremendous favor and put this information in your column. The Web site is [www.irlen.com](http://www.irlen.com). — Forever Grateful Grandmother in California

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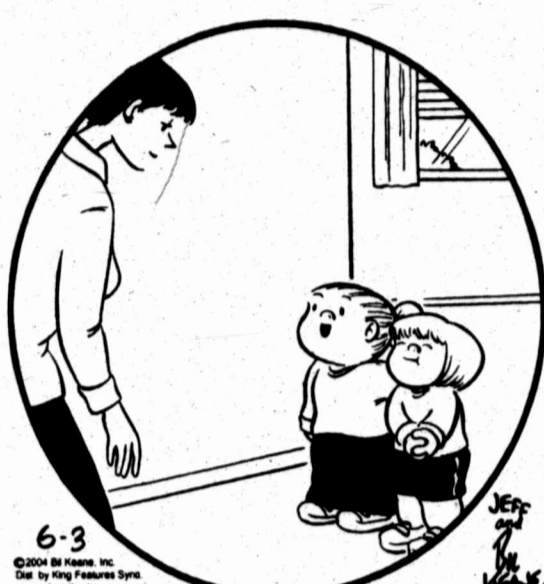
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 3, the 155th day of 2004. There are 211 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On June 3, 1963, Pope John XXIII died at age 81. He was succeeded by Pope Paul VI. On this date: In 1621, the Dutch West India Company received a charter for New Netherlands - now known as New York. In 1808, Jefferson Davis - the first and only president of the Confederacy - was born in Christian County, Ky. In 1888, the poem "Casey at the Bat," by Ernest Lawrence Thayer, was first published, in the San Francisco Daily Examiner. In 1937, the Duke of Windsor, who had abdicated the British throne, married Wallis Warfield Simpson in Monts, France. In 1948, the 200-inch reflecting telescope at the Palomar Mountain Observatory in California was dedicated. In 1965, astronaut Edward White became the first American to "walk" in space, during the flight of Gemini 4. In 1968, pop artist Andy Warhol was shot and critically wounded in his New York film studio, known as "The Factory," by Valerie Solanas, an actress and self-styled militant feminist. In 1981, Pope John Paul II left a Rome hospital and returned to the Vatican three weeks after the attempt on his life. In 1989, Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, died. In 1989, Chinese army troops began their sweep of Beijing to crush student-led pro-democracy demonstrations. Today's Birthdays: Actor Tony Curtis is 79. Musician Boots Randolph is 77. TV producer Chuck Barris is 75. Actress Irma P. Hall ("The Ladykillers") is 69. Rock singer Ian Hunter (Mott The Hoople) is 58. Singer Eddie Holman is 55. Musician Too Slim (Riders in the Sky) is 56. Singer Suzi Quatro is 54. Singer Deneice Williams is 53. Rock musician Billy Powell (Lynyrd Skynyrd) is 52. Singer Dan Hill is 50. Actor Scott Valentine is 46. Country singer Jamie O'Neal is 36. Singers Gabriel and Ariel Hernandez (No Mercy) are 33. Actress Lalaine ("Lizzie McGuire") is 17.

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