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Large-item pickup planned for Friday

The city of Big Spring, District 3, is offering a courtesy service Friday to haul large items to the landfill for the elderly, handicapped or those without the means to haul large objects.

To take advantage of the one-day-only service, place those items meant for the landfill by the curb, in the city right-of-way, less than 24 hours before scheduled pickup. Kenny Davis, city building official, asks that articles not be placed near water or gas meters, telephone poles, or stacked in the street.

The service will be offered only to residents in District 3. If you are unsure of your District, call 432-264-2504 or 432-254-2501.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Hamburgers are as American as Mom, baseball, and apple pie. How did the hamburger become such an American culinary sensation and what makes a great burger? That all depends on whom you talk to.

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Big Spring Fire Fighter James Phelps, right, and Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker use the jaws of life to free a man trapped in the cab of a truck involved in a rollover accident Wednesday. Two of the four passengers were thrown from the truck.

Monahans workers hurt in Borden County wreck late Wednesday morning

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

A one-vehicle rollover accident north of Howard County sent three men to the hospital in serious condition Wednesday morning.

Four passengers traveling in a Monahans Nipple-Up Company commercial truck were injured when the truck left the roadway while traveling on County Road 1054 just inside the Borden County line.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Max Honesto investigated the accident and said he believes it was caused by a combination of an overcorrecting and a high rate of speed.

"Based on the evidence at the scene, it appears the driver was northbound on 1054, went off the west side of the road and overcorrected," said Honesto. "It looks like the truck overturned and flipped one and a quarter turns right now."

"I believe speed was a factor in the accident. I haven't determined any speeds by speed computation yet, but I'm pretty sure it was a factor."

Witnesses at the scene said two of the men were ejected from the cab of the truck when it began to roll. Both were transported to the Borden County ISD football stadium in Gail, then airlifted to

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Principi agrees to visit Big Spring

Special to the Herald

U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer announced today that he has received a commitment from Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi to visit Big Spring and Lubbock in August.

The meeting could provide local leaders an opportunity with Principi, who has ordered the go-ahead for a feasibility study to determine the viability of the Big Spring VA Medical Center. His decision to call for the study fol-



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lows a recommendation from the Veterans Administration's Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission earlier this year on a plan to realign the DAV's medical care services across the United States.

"I have been in continuous contact with Secretary Principi, and I am pleased that he has accept-

ed my invitation to see first-hand the importance of the hospital to West Texas and the Big Country," Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, said in a news release.

Neugebauer met with Secretary Principi in March to discuss CARES Commission recommendations regarding Texas VA facilities and has been a central figure in meetings with Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Sen. John Cornyn and former VA Under

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Hang gliding finals promise some firsts in Big Spring skies

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

As local event organizers begin the arduous task of preparing for the 2004 United States Hang Gliding Association's National Championships, the event promises to be full of hang gliding firsts.

Beside being the first time the national championships have been held in the same location two years running, competition organizer and director David Glover said they have a technological "sideshow" that could bring the competition to people around the world.

"We're going to try to do something with the Ham Radio Club here, where we going to try to put some special Ham Radios that are tied to GPS

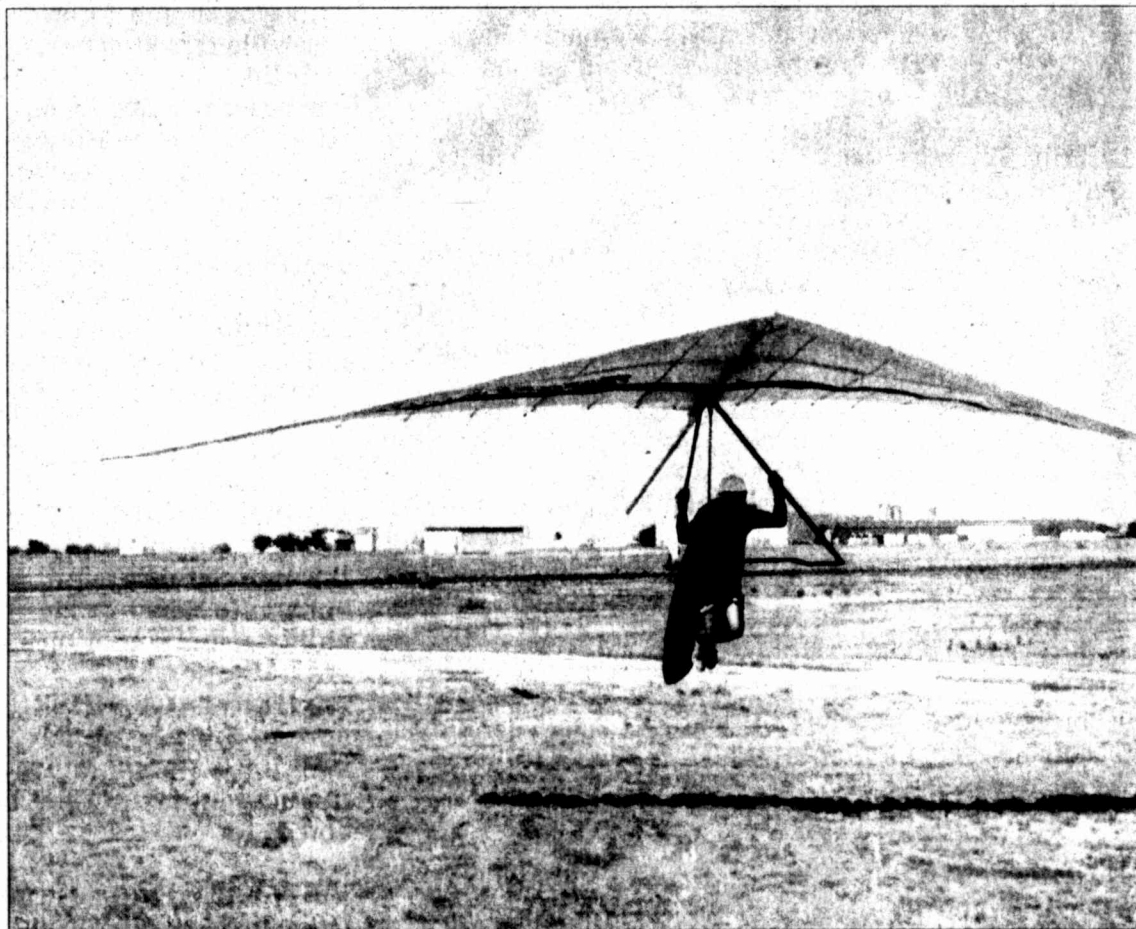
"The men and women that come here just love the flying. It's excellent."



David Glover

(Global Positioning Satellite) units in a few of the pilots' sails," explained Glover. "They will actually broadcast their position and people will get to see some of the pilots fly in real-time on the Internet."

"There will only be four or five of these special trackers, but it will be neat for people at home to be able to see them taking off and coming back.



A hang gliding competitor lands after a run during the 2003 United States Hang Gliding Association's National Championships. The championships will once again be held in Big Spring Aug. 1-7 at McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark.

Hang gliding contests aren't very watchable, but this makes it able to be seen and understood. The whole world will be able to click on a map that shows Big Spring and be

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Highland gears up for annual parade

Neighborhood event planned for July 3

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Highland residents are making preparations to celebrate America's declaration of independence by holding their annual neighborhood Fourth of July parade.

Since the Fourth of July falls on a Sunday this year, the parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 3.

"You don't have to live in Highland to be in the parade or to watch" said Shayla Seymore, event coordinator. "We have some participants from the community and some of the kids in the parade are just visiting family in Big Spring."

Each year, children, adults and even pets dress in their best red,



Participants show their patriotism in last year's Highland Fourth of July parade.

white and blue to walk, ride or skate around the Highland neighborhood to celebrate the day the American colonies declared independence from England.

"Everyone entered will receive a participant's ribbon," Seymore said. "We have several categories such as bicycles, walkers and pets."

Homeowners in the neighborhood are also invited to show off their patriotism in a decorating contest which will be judged that morning.

"The parade will last about 15 to 20 minutes," Seymore said. "Afterward, Joe Whitten and his prison ministry group will sing some songs and we will have cookies and refreshments."

Seymore said entries will be taken right until the beginning of the parade which starts at 10 a.m. Those planning to participate should arrive by 9:30 a.m. at the corner of Stonehaven Drive and Highland Street.

The parade will then head down

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Blood drive set at mall Saturday

The Big Spring Mall will hold a blood drive for United Blood Services Saturday from noon until 5 p.m.

Potential donors must be at least 17 years old, be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, have not donated in the past 8 weeks and are not currently taking antibiotics.

To sign up, contact Big Spring Mall manager Kathy Lusk at 267-3853.

For more information, call United Blood Services at (432) 561-5539 or visit the Web site www.UnitedBloodServices.org

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Obituaries

Garland Harrison



Garland Harrison, 68, of Coahoma died at 5:10 a.m. Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at his home. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday in the Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 24, 1935, in Crockett, to Alean Edgerton Harrison and Henry Harrison. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1946, coming from Orange.

He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1954, and attended Howard College where he played baseball. He had an opportunity to play for the Boston Red Sox, but declined to stay home and help his mother.

He married Peggy Teague, Jan. 20, 1962, in Big Spring. He was a master plumber, starting his career with Slim Fiveash while in high school. He later worked for Whitefield Plumbing and then owned and operated Harrison Plumbing.

He was very active in plumbing for new home construction in Big Spring. After the construction slowed down, he continued to do plumbing repair service. He had a strong work and moral ethic. He was willing to lose money on a job to be sure that it was done right.

He was very talented in other mechanical and construction projects, including drafting and blue prints. He loved teaching these things to other people, especially his sons. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Harrison of Coahoma; one daughter, Paula Thiel and her husband, Derm, of Laramie, Wyo.; three sons, Curtis Harrison and his wife, Larenda, Preston Harrison and his wife, Keisha, and Calvin Harrison, all of Coahoma; and six grandchildren, Heather Kirby, Michelle Thiel, Jonathon Thiel, Emily Thiel, Victoria Marie Harrison, and D'Kota Harrison.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, Harry and Lloyd Harrison; one sister, Esther Shaw; and one granddaughter, Annie Marie Harrison.

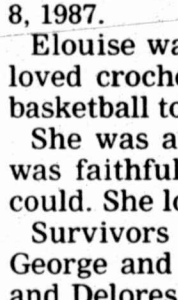
Pallbearers will be Mike Zilai, Craig Caudill, John Bryans, Mike Burcham, John Doll, and Curtis Hawkins.

The family suggests memorials to the Coahoma EMS, in care of City of Coahoma, Box 420, Coahoma 79511 or Hospice House of Odessa, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 79761.

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

Paid obituary

Elouise White McRae



Elouise White McRae, 92, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at her residence. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, June 25, 2004, in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood, Chapel with the Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mrs. McRae was born Dec. 7, 1911, in Dublin. She married W.J. "Jewel" White October 4, 1931 in Garden City and he preceded her in death Sept. 4, 1956. She then married Dan McRae on July 17, 1963, in Big Spring and he preceded her in death Aug. 8, 1987.

Elouise was a longtime resident of Big Spring. She loved crocheting and going to the state high school basketball tournaments.

She was a member of College Baptist Church and was faithful in her church attendance anytime she could. She loved to listen to gospel music.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, George and Brenda White of Big Spring, and Arlen and Delores White of San Angelo; one stepson, John McRae of Waxahachie; one stepdaughter, Linda Nelson of Sandwich, Ill.; one sister, Vonceil Grimes of Kingsland; 11 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Dannabel Meacham; three sisters and two brothers.

The family suggests memorials to College Baptist Church Building Fund, 1105 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720.

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

Mildred Annalee Martin

Mildred Annalee Martin, 84, of Odessa died Tuesday June 22, 2004, at Parks Methodist Retirement Village. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park Cemetery in with the Rev. Jay Mayo officiating.

She was born July 10, 1920, in Winters. She was a Baptist.

Survivors are daughters Thelma McNew English of Odessa, Peggy McNew Threatt of Odessa and Ruth McNew Norris of Stanton, sisters Mary Zimmerman of New Hall Calif., Essie Goddard of Odessa; 12 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; and 11 great great grandchildren.

Services are under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Harlan Hodges

Harlan Hodges of Midland died Wednesday, June 23, 2004. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland.

Police blotter

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

- **BILLY PATTERSON**, 50, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Birdwell.
 - in the 3300 block of FM 700.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 100 block of 19th Street.
 - in the 100 block of Lockhart.
 - in the 1700 block of Wasson.

Sheriff's report

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

- **CECILIO ANGUIANO RODRIGUEZ**, 21, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ORIN ROMINE**, 20, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of reckless driving.
- **DAVID RYAN LONGLEY**, 52, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.
- **ERIC ANTHONY MARTINEZ**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of services - more than \$500 less than \$1,500.
- **LISA RIOS**, 24, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of furnishing alcohol to a minor.
- **FORGERY** was reported in the 5100 block of Wasson Road.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of Collins Road.

Take note

□ **A FUND-RAISER FOR CORNERSTONE CHURCH** is set at Brenda's Barbecue and More, 904 E. Third, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday. Barbecue plates are \$6, which includes drink and dessert.

□ **A FUND FOR ALAN AND MITZI KNIGHT**, whose house on Oasis Road burned Monday, has been established at the First Big Spring banking center. The home and all the family's belongings were lost.

□ **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989** 15-year reunion is set for Oct. 8-9. For information or to update your name or mailing address, contact Christy Alexander at 972-567-8037 or Shanette Johnson at 972-874-9308.

□ **MEMBERS OF THE EVENING LIONS CLUB** are looking for area handicapped and disabled children who would like to attend the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville this summer.

Children eligible for the camp include those who are amputees or have asthma, cerebral palsy, lupus, muscular dystrophy, scoliosis, sickle cell anemia, stroke, partial paralysis, heart problems, epilepsy, cancer, or are deaf or hearing impaired.

Ineligible conditions include attention deficit disorder, Down's Syndrome, mental retardation, emotionally disturbed, autism and hemophilia.

For information on the camps, contact Bob Noyes at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 267-5811, or visit the Lion's Web site at www.lionscamp.com

Lions provide funding for the camp as well as transportation, if necessary.

□ **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

□ **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

□ **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP** is requesting donations of any household items, furniture, appliances, linens, cookware and dishes to be distributed to the needy in Big Spring. Items will be picked up. Please call 263-5683 and leave a message.

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ **ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

□ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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. Call 267-6479.
- West Texas Pachyderm Club, formerly West Texas republican Club, meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

SATURDAY

- Stargazing at the Big Spring State Park begins at 8:30 p.m. Cost is a \$2 entry fee to the park for those 13 and older. Children younger than 13 are admitted free.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

SUNDAY

- Brenda's Barbecue and More, 904 E. Third, opens from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. for a fund-raiser for Cornerstone Church. Barbecue plates are \$6, which includes drink and dessert.
- 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.

MONDAY

- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Everyone needs to enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

• Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

Weather

Tonight - Some clouds. Low 67. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph.

Friday - Becoming partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms developing during the afternoon. High 88. Winds ESE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Friday night - Isolated thunderstorms during the evening, then partly cloudy overnight. Low 67. Winds ESE at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Saturday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Sunday - Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Monday - A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-9-12-31-35. Bonus Ball: 33 Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. 22,251. Prize: \$3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$5 Million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-15-18-27-29. Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$36,111.

Winning tickets sold in: Denton. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

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

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Place a wedding announcement at no charge.
Turn in the completed form by Wednesday before the Sunday it is to appear.
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By LYNDEL MO
Staff Writer

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Big Spring senior takes fifth at national contest

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

When Manoj Thangam speaks, judges listen and listen closely.

Competing against some of the nation's best tongue-wagglers, the Big Spring senior talked his way to a fifth-place finish at the National Forensic League competition held in Salt Lake City earlier this month.

Originally qualified for the foreign extemporaneous speaking contest, Thangam made the cut to the top 60 competitors out of 220 before being eliminated from the competition.

"Manoj then entered the consolation events in impromptu speaking which had 433 people," said his speech and debate coach, Clint Adams. "He kept on breaking in that until he made the finals."

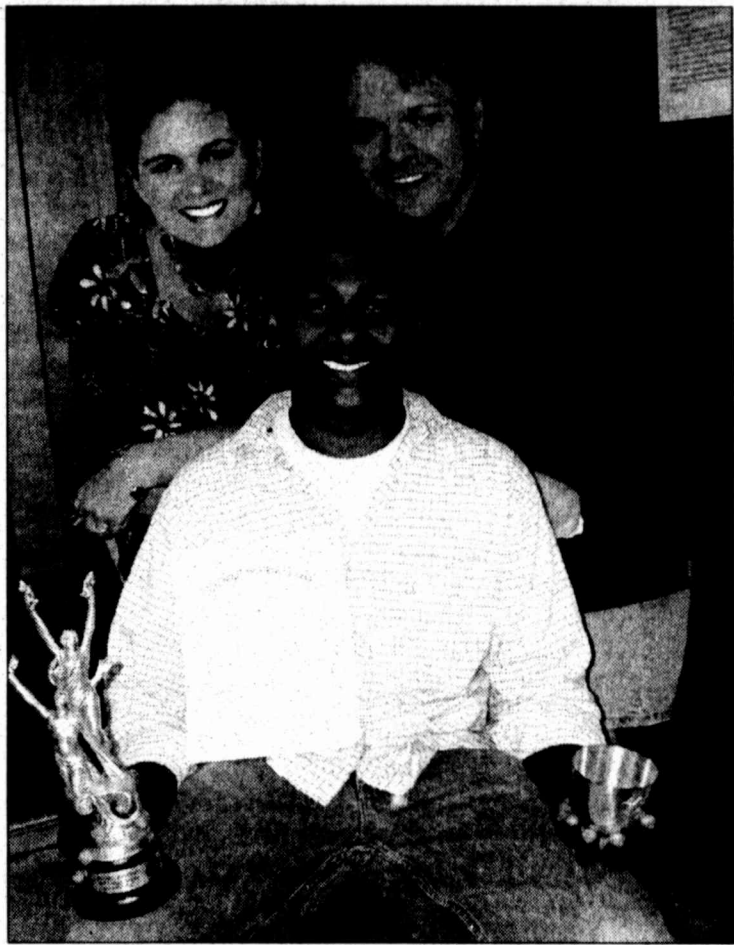
"He was the only one from West Texas in any final event at nationals," added speech and debate coach Jennifer Adams.

Thangam's fifth-place trophy should add to an already burdening shelf showcasing his accomplishments as a BSHS speech and debate team member.

In May, Thangam's second attempt at Class 4A University Interscholastic League state academic contest ended with a second-place finish in persuasive speaking. In 2003, he placed third in the same contest.

His first appearance at the national competition proved to be educational, he said.

"As far as speaking, they were really good but they weren't that much better than a lot of the people we see in the big-



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Manoj Thangam, a member of the Big Spring High School speech and debate team, shows off the fifth-place trophy he earned during the National Forensic League competition held in Salt Lake City earlier this month. Pictured behind him are his coaches, Jennifer and Clint Adams.

ger tournaments," he said. "Their style was really different."

What struck him most was the structure of the competition.

"The time allocations that we use here in West Texas and around Texas are different for them," he explained. "We use a formula like a 30-second introduction, a 30-second conclusion and administer each area of analysis. There were some people who went one minute, 30 seconds for their introduction before they got to anything."

"Their citation of evidence is also different," he said. "Up until now, we've only used straight news articles and quoted

them. They used everything they could get their hands on — books, literature, philosophy, pop culture."

More than 3,000 people competed at the national competition.

"We had five qualifiers, this year: Manoj in foreign extemp, Tapley Holguin in dramatic interpretation, Corey Green and Logan Churchwell in student congress and Reina Cisneros in humorous interpretation," Clint Adams said. "The good thing about this is four of the five are returning next year and will only get stronger. We're excited about the possibilities."

Texas briefs

Two plead guilty to CAC scheme

LUBBOCK (AP) — A former Tom Green Community Action Council Inc. employee and a businessman have pleaded guilty to separate charges of theft or embezzlement from federal programs, and aiding and abetting, officials said Wednesday.

Vanessa Johnson, the CAC employee, and Rodolfo Escobar Castaneda, also known as Rudy Castaneda, each face maximum sentences of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and restitution. Sentencing has not been set.

Johnson said in court documents that she and former CAC Executive Director J.D. Cortez schemed to defraud the agency by causing nine CAC checks worth \$51,013 to be issued to her between March 2001 and November 2002.

Johnson said she was instructed by Cortez to falsely inflate her invoices for research on grants and submit false invoices for research and supplies she never bought.

Castaneda, an appliance store owner, admitted that he embezzled about \$60,000 from the CAC.

The government said in a news release that Cortez instructed Castaneda and the owner of another business to submit vouchers to the CAC falsely showing that equipment, supplies and services had been provided to various Head Start facilities when they instead had been sent to Cortez' restaurant, Henry's Diner in San Angelo.

Cortez pleaded guilty to embezzling federal funds and was sentenced earlier this year to serve five years and three months in prison, ordered to pay

\$805,083.55 restitution, and a \$20,000 fine.

Lawmaker: State elder care system in 'crisis'

AUSTIN (AP) — The head of a Texas House panel reviewing the state's elderly care program says the system is broken and called for a statewide audit of practices.

Rep. Carlos Uresti said Wednesday he plans to introduce legislation to make the system more accountable but wants "immediate" changes in caseworker training.

"The state is committing malpractice," said Uresti, the House Health and Human Services Committee chairman, adding that caseworker training "is all but nonexistent" and turnover rates are too high.

Uresti said that, even when an elderly Texan is identified as needing help, "he still doesn't get it, because the available resources aren't there."

In April, Gov. Rick Perry ordered a review of 200 El Paso cases and Adult Protective Services policies statewide after receiving case summaries outlining how the program declined to remove elderly people from squalid and dangerous living conditions. A state probate judge had complained to the governor about how APS' performance in the West Texas city.

Report: Texas school spending lags

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' per-pupil spending on

public education is not keeping pace with the rest of the nation, according to a new report.

While the state faces litigation and lawmakers continue to struggle with how public schools are funded, the study found that growth in per-pupil spending on public school operations in Texas between 1997 and 2002 was slower than the national average. The growth was slower than the rate in 30 other states and the District of Columbia.

Per-pupil spending, adjusted for inflation, increased by 14.3 percent during the five-year period, according to the report by the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, a public policy research arm of the State University of New York.

The national average for per-pupil spending increased at an average of 16.8 percent during that time.

The study compared state, federal and local spending on instruction and other educational operations.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Orena Henderson, 98, died Thursday. Funeral service was at 10:00 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Private burial was at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Joe Mathews, 90, died Tuesday. Funeral service was at 2:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Garland Harrison, 68, died Tuesday. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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THROUGH THE SUMMER

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Highland to the corner of Goliad Street where it

will end. Funding for the annual parade comes from donations.

For more information about the event, contact Seymour at 267-4854.

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

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Secretary for Health, Dr. Robert H. Roswell.

Locally, Mayor Russ McEwen, Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker and Moore Development For Big Spring Executive Director Kent Sharp have attended one or more

meetings, as has U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm.

"Moving the VA Hospital from Big Spring would result in a delay in health care decisions for West Texas veterans and possibly the complete elimination of their best health care option," Neugebauer said.

Neugebauer is working with Secretary Principi to set an exact date for his visit.

Big Spring serves a veteran population of approximately 62,300 veterans and provides health care services to 17,000 annually. Big Spring's market area encompasses roughly 74,000 square miles, an area larger than 35 of the 50 states.

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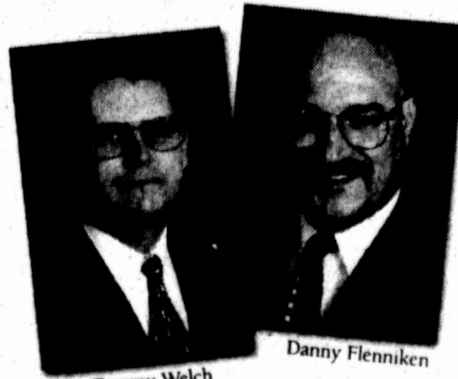
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OUR VIEWS

Gaze at the stars
Saturday night
at the state park

Visitors to Big Spring State Park will have an opportunity to extend their horizons this weekend. It's the annual Stargazing activity, a popular fund-raiser atop Scenic Mountain.

If you've ever been even the slightest bit interested in the solar system, you'll find the Stargazing program both entertaining and educational. Members of the West Texas Amateur Astronomy Club of Midland and the San Angelo Amateur Astronomy Club help out with the event. It's a serious hobby for these individuals, and they are eager to answer questions.

The program will get under way at the upper picnic pavilion near the playground area of the park at 8:30 p.m. Families or couples may want to arrive early and picnic or take a stroll along the nature walk or the edge of Scenic Mountain. It's a great view. Bring your camera and take some pictures of the sunset.

Admission is minimal — the same price as entry is into the park — just \$2 per person 13 and older. Children 12 and younger will be admitted free.

The Stargazing program is one of several events during the year. The activities, which are always both fun and educational, help pay for operations at the park.

We hope you'll take advantage and take a look at the stars Saturday night.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

This past weekend my husband and I along with some friend visited San Angelo and camped out at Lake Nazworthy.

As far as being out on the lake and visiting San Angelo itself, we had a wonderful time. However, the RV park that we camped at was less than desirable given the lack of friendliness and courtesy we were given. An employee at one point even yelled at us for going the wrong way on the park road when there are no signs posted with one way signs and other vehicles as well as park vehicle did the same thing all weekend.

I would just like the friendly people of Big Spring to know what a rude experience we had while staying at this park, but I guess you can't be expected to be treated with the same amount of kindness as you get treated in your own hometown.

Thank you Big Spring for showing me what being respectful is all about.

DEE LINDSEY
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make Summer Fun Day at the Big Spring State Hospital another success.

I would like to thank the Big Spring Herald for the publicity, the businesses that provided ice cream and soft drinks. I also wish to thank the

many volunteers that assisted me as well as Bea Price and the nine student nurses she brought from Midland College.

The hospital staff was also a great help when the weather turned bad as they helped us relocate to an alternate site to keep out of the rain. Thanks to the plant management personnel for cooking the hot dogs and of course food service did a great job on the food.

I especially want to thank all of the donors who are always so generous in giving. Your efforts helped to fund new t-shirts, caps, tote bags, sports drink bottles and sunglasses for approximately 150 patients.

As always, Big Spring stepped up to the plate in providing this day of fun and games for those less fortunate.

SHIRLEY BODIN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

After reading your article "Jazzy's to open in Big Spring Mall," I was thrilled to see Patricia open up this fantastic baby clothing store.

Patricia has always been an enthusiastic entrepreneur and strives for success. She radiates positive energy and the people around her feel the energy.

If you are looking for the sunshine, you can definitely find it at Jazzy's!

PAUL DALE ROBERTS
ELK GROVE, CALIF.

Clinton's claims of exonerations untrue

Former President Bill Clinton told "60 Minutes" Sunday night: "It cost over \$70 million, and we were exonerated in Whitewater, exonerated in the Vince Foster suicide, exonerated in the campaign finance reform, exonerated in the White House travel office deal, exonerated in the FBI file case. The judge ruled that the Jones case had absolutely no merit." It was a virtuoso performance — unchallenged by interviewer Dan Rather — by Bill Clinton, professional victim.

Figure it all depends on what the definition of "exoneration" is. Clinton is right, the special prosecutor's office never indicted either Clinton or his wife for breaking the law in the collapse of the failed Whitewater real-estate development (which contributed to losses paid by taxpayers when the connected Madison Savings & Loan collapsed.) Still, the 14 Whitewater-related convictions of such notables as former Clinton aide Webster Hubbell and the special prosecutor's assertion that both Clintons made "factually inaccurate" statements discredit the "exoneration" claim.

Yes, a special prosecutor reported that (former Clinton aide) Foster killed himself — thus discrediting conspiracy theorists who suggested Foster was murdered. But that's because the probe did what it was supposed to do — figure out how and why Foster died.

Clinton was hardly exonerated for his fund-raising excesses. In fact, some 14 Democratic donors and fund-raisers pleaded guilty to fund-raising abuses, many more invoked the Fifth Amendment rather than testify before the Senate, while others simply fled

the country.

As C. Boyden Gray, counsel to the first President Bush, quipped of Clinton's exoneration claim, "By that measure, Reagan was exonerated in Iran-Contra." The travel-office scandal? Since it was legal for the new administration to fire employees in order to replace them with cronies, the investigation didn't find any criminal wrongdoing. Still, the Republican chair of the investigating committee William F. Clinger observed that the Clinton White House "abused its powers to smear innocent citizens."

Clinton was exonerated in the probe of a low-level White House personnel official who obtained confidential FBI files of former Republican staffers. But the probe was necessary. As Barbara Comstock, who worked on the investigation, noted, Washington has to investigate when confidential FBI files might be used for partisan reasons. "People forget. You had The New York Times and The Washington Post calling for the Whitewater investigation, calling for the campaign finance investigation," she noted.

Yet Clinton only sees a vast right-wing conspiracy.

Clinton was correct in his assertion that Judge Susan Webber Wright found "no merit" in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton. The judge was right: Jones failed to establish that she suffered economic damages after (and if) then-Arkansas Gov. Clinton made crude advances toward her, then a state employee. The judge didn't say Clinton did or didn't do it.

It's interesting to note that, while seeming to talk off the top of his head, Clinton smartly dispensed with the term "exonerate" when he mentioned Jones. If the Jones case was so wrong, asked former Deputy U.S. Attorney Victoria Toensing, "Why then did

Clinton reach a plea agreement with (special prosecutor) Robert Ray in return for no charges being brought?" (Clinton admitted to misleading prosecutors and accepted a five-year suspension of his Arkansas law license and a \$25,000 fine on his last day in office.) No exoneration there.

It's odd. After all the pre-show hype about how contrite Bill Clinton was, the word on Bubba's mind was "exonerate." Contrite? Asked about his pardon of gazillionaire financier Marc Rich, Clinton said he regretting the pardon because he took heat for it, but, "Nobody's yet made a case to me that it was the wrong decision."

Does Clinton really expect the public to believe that no one ever told Clinton that pardoning fugitives rewards criminals fleeing the justice system? Clinton groupies, no doubt, have been reading this column and muttering to themselves that no matter what facts undermine Clinton, polls showed that voters supported him, and that voters had nothing but contempt for Clinton's over-the-top critics.

This is true. Most voters believed that Special Prosecutor Ken Starr's report was indefensibly invasive and were put off by the large number of investigations into the Clinton administration. Of course, Clinton's genius has been in getting the public to root for him even when everyone knew he probably was lying. So why stop now?

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Government joins media to rationalize tactics

As I.F. Stone used to say, "All governments lie," so that's no shockeroo. What's peculiar is the reaction in the media.

You may recall that when even the administration finally admitted Saddam Hussein had no weapons of mass destruction (with that adorable video of President Bush on his hands and knees searching under sofas in the Oval Office for the missing WMD — oh, it was so amusing. Eight hundred American dead, we were treated to the following rationales: 1) Didn't make any difference because Saddam Hussein was a really, really bad guy anyway.

He was, of course, and it was always the only decent rationale for getting rid of him. It was the argument made by Tony Blair but specifically rejected by the Bush administration. Paul Wolfowitz explained in Vanity Fair that human rights violations were not a sufficient consideration for invasion.

2) It was all Saddam's fault that we thought he had WMD. The wily coot fooled us by repeatedly denying that he had any, a fiendishly clever ploy.

3) He probably shipped them all to Syria just before we got there.

4) Get over it. We've heard enough from you people.

— Torture at Abu Ghraib and elsewhere?

1) No worse than fraternity hazing.

2) Just some low-level, white-trash morons.

3) We haven't tortured nearly as many people as Saddam Hussein.

4) Al Qaeda never signed no stinkin' Geneva Conventions, so we have a right to torture them.

5) Shut up, they explained.

— Torture was explicitly authorized at the highest levels of government.

1-5) See above, plus:

6) Did not.

7) So what?

8) "I'm going to say it one more time. The instructions went out to our people to adhere to the law. That ought to comfort you. We're a nation of laws. We adhere to laws. We have laws on the books. You might look at those laws, and that might comfort you."

Problem is the administration looked at the laws and decided to ignore them.

— Ahmad Chalabi is not just a liar, con man, thief and faker of intelligence, but also apparently a spy for Iran.

1) Chalabi? Ahmad who? Never heard of him.

2) We cut off all ties with Chalabi some time ago. (Last week.)

— The 9-11 Commission reports there is no evidence of collaboration between Saddam Hussein and Al Qaeda, and in fact Iran, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia were all much bigger players with Al Qaeda.

1) The 9-11 Commission didn't say that.

2) The media are overplaying the story and are also lazy and outrageous. (Never mind that it's the media's fault as much as the administration's that 69 percent of the American people were under the misimpression that Saddam Hussein was directly tied to 9-11.)

3) We never claimed he was behind 9-11. No, we never did — we may have implied it, we may have hinted, we may have suggested, insinuated, intimated, connoted, alluded to and said it between the lines, but we never said it, and you can't prove we did and we have no idea how the great majority of Americans ever got that silly idea in the first place. So stop

reporting that it's not true.

4) We are tired of hearing from you people, this has been going on for almost 24 hours now and only Dead Reagan gets a week's worth of our undivided attention. Back to Kobe Bryant and Laci Peterson.

All in all, I'd say these folks have their act down now. Dick Cheney gets bonus points for Best Lying With a Straight Face.

On June 8, John Ashcroft was driven to the old Nixon defense — stonewalling. He not only refused to provide the Senate Judiciary Committee with Justice Department memos justifying torture, he refused to explain why he refused. The Washington Post then helpfully posted the memo on its web site so we could all enjoy reading how our "Justice Department" explains why the president is above the law and above the Constitution, and does not need to observe any treaties.

Also, we learned it is not torture unless it is "equivalent in intensity to the pain accompanying serious physical injury, such as organ failure, impaired bodily function or even death."

Water torture (that's the one they politely refer to as "stressful conditions") was a particular favorite of the Gestapo against the French Resistance in World War II. Anal rape and shoving broken light bulbs up the rear end don't count at all.

I'm so glad George W. Bush has restored honor and integrity to the White House. And I appreciate all his defenders in the media more than I can say. They are truly distinguishing themselves as patriots in this hour of need.

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Neon SRT-4

Dodge offers high-performance 'tuner' straight from the factory

When it comes to ready-to-drive tuner cars, Dodge is glowing — literally. The 2004 Neon SRT-4 not only looks like a tuner, it sounds, handles and performs like one. For anyone who hasn't seen "The Fast and the Furious" or "2Fast, 2Furious," tuner cars are modern day hot rods built on compact car platforms.

The concept began in Southern California in the 1990s, and has evolved into a multi-billion dollar segment of the after market industry as enthusiasts spend big bucks to trick out their rides.

During the past three years, many of the manufacturers have gotten into the "tuner" game

by offering special trim lines of their compact lineup.

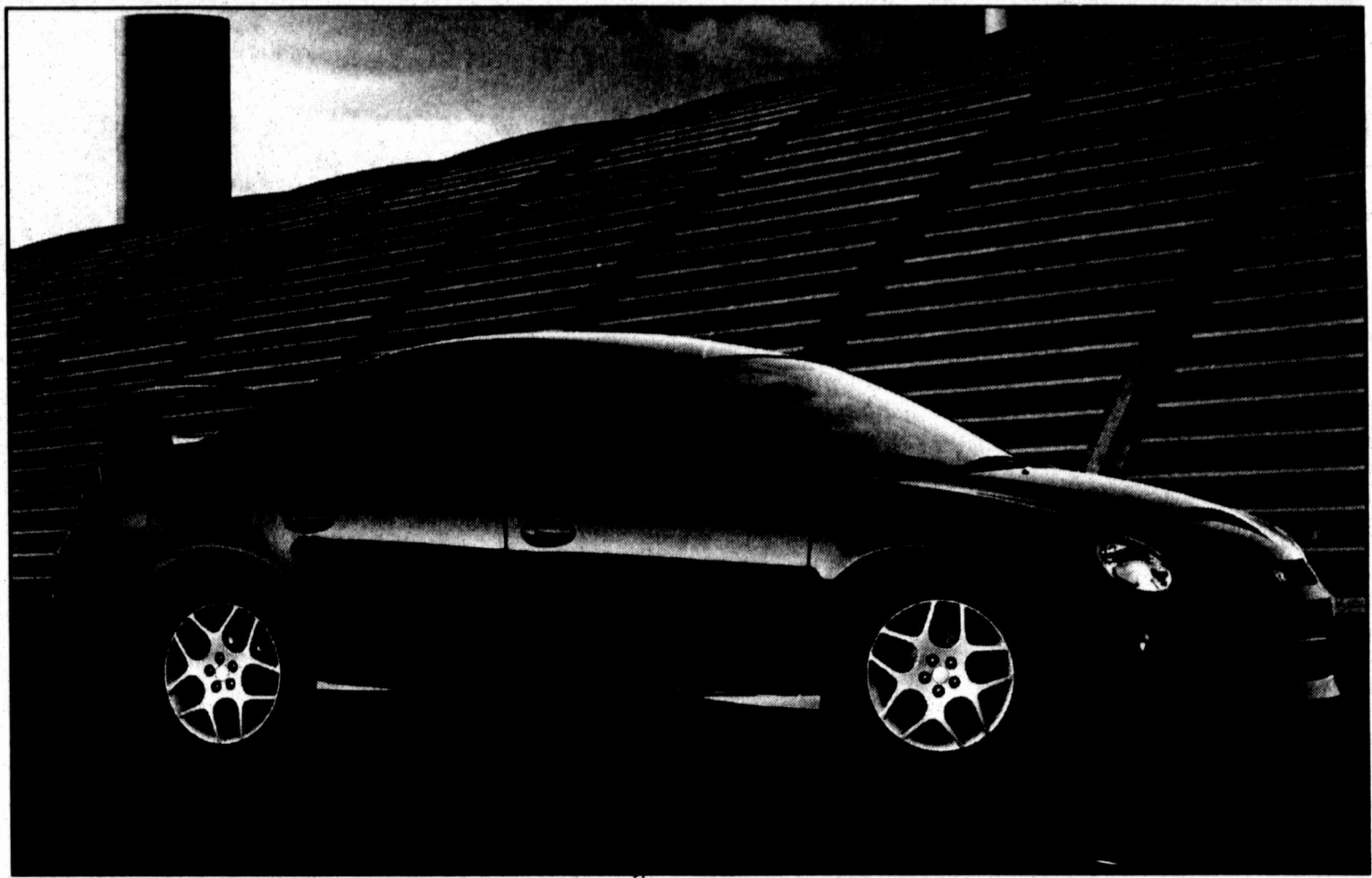
While Dodge is certainly not alone in this venture, the Neon SRT-4, first offered as a 2003 model, is at the top of the list.

For the '04 model year, engineers with Dodge's Performance Vehicle Operations decided that good wasn't good enough.

Horsepower for the 2.3-liter turbocharged I-4 engine has been

increased to 230 with a boost in torque to 250, making it the second quickest Dodge, capable of going from 0-60 in 5.8 seconds (only the Viper has a faster 0-60 mph

time). It also features a new torque-sensing limited-slip differential developed with Quaife, a lead-



The 2004 Dodge Neon SRT-4

ing manufacturer well known to performance enthusiasts. The feature provides more traction when accelerating out of the corners.

Installed right in the factory, it is designed specifically for the T850 five-speed manual transaxle and is backed by a full warranty.

Larger fuel injectors have been added to provide increased fuel flow, and a new NGC3 engine control module allows for a wider torque range. The wider range reduces torque drop off, while providing more torque at lower rpm levels for less shifting under normal driving conditions.

Also new for '04 are BF Goodrich KDW2 three-season 17-inch tires, developed to match the vehicle's high-performance suspension and handling characteristics by providing maximum grip for cornering, accel-

erating and braking.

Without question, the Dodge Neon SRT-4 is a true "straight from the factory" tuner offering enthusiasts a vehicle with tuner styling, as well as the high-performance characteristics that tuners demand.

While I enjoyed my one-week test drive in the '04 Neon SRT-4, I can see why tuners have captured the imagination of current day hot rodders.

While my 17-year-old son immediately took a liking to the SRT-4, I wouldn't want him to own one. The high-octane Neon is for serious drivers — particularly those who plan on utilizing the vehicle's capabilities on a sanctioned race track or drag strip.

For those who want something sporty but don't plan on racing, test the Neon SXT or R/T trim lines.

THE NUTS AND BOLTS



MODEL: 2004 Dodge Neon SRT-4
DRIVE: Front-wheel drive
SEATING: 5-passenger seating
PRICE RANGE: \$20,500 - \$24,000
ENGINE: 2.4-L turbo I-4 (230 hp/250 torque)
TRANSMISSION: 5-speed manual
EPA: 22 mph city/30 mph highway
FUEL: Premium 91 unleaded
BRAKES: Vinted disc with single-piston sliding caliper (front); solid disc with ABS (rear)

0-60 MPH: 5.8 seconds
STEERING: Performance power rack-and-pinion
TURNING CIR.: 41-feet
SUSPENSION: MacPherson struts, asymmetrical lower control arms, coil springs, link-type stabilizer bar performance tuned (front); Chapman struts, coil springs, dual lower traverse links, lower trailing links performance tuned (rear).
LENGTH: 174.4 inches
WHEELBASE: 105 inches
WEIGHT: 2,900 pounds
WIDTH: 67.4 inches
HEIGHT: 56 inches
HEAD ROOM: 38.4 inches (Front) 36.7 inches (rear)
TIRES: 17-inch
FUEL TANK: 12.5 gallons
CARGO CAP.: 13.1 cubic ft.
ASSEMBLY: Chrysler's Belvidere Assembly Plant, Belvidere, Ill.

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ON THE ROAD



BY NEAL WHITE

GLIDING

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able to see the pilots flying. It's going to be very unique and special."

Glover said he's glad to see the event come back to Big Spring, a place he describes as a "crossroad" of favorable conditions for hang gliding.

"It's an interesting crossroad between community and the flying conditions that keep bringing the pilots back to Big Spring," said Glover. "The community support was so good and the pilots felt so welcome that they really enjoyed the time they spent on the ground. Also, the conditions are so special here that people can fly really high up in the air and there are really strong

thermals. So they really enjoyed the time they spent in the air as well.

"The terminal building and the support from people like Bobby (McDonald), Joann (Staulcup) and Jim Little just makes it perfect for us. Community and conditions — those are the big things that put everything together to make us want to come back."

Glover said this year's competition will be similar to those held at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark in 2003.

"It's going to be similar, but it's going to be a little bigger and better," he said. "We have more competitors signed up because more people have found out about the sport and this location. We have more international competitors coming and we also have something

special planned this year."

One of the special conditions Glover described was thermals, a meteorological condition he says allows hang gliders to fly higher and longer.

"The consistency of the conditions here means we can fly everyday," said Glover. "We're not wind-ed or weathered out. The sun hits the ground and the ground heats up, so thermal layers of air go up. The base of the clouds are really high, which means we can fly up really high into the air and the thermals are strong, so you don't have to fly around too much before you hit a thermal that pushes you up."

"Our desire is to see how long we can stay up and then fly around a course as quickly as we can. It just has the right

combination of meteorology and geography to allow us to fly for a long time and fly fast. The men and women that come here just love the flying. It's excellent."

Glover said it's quite an accomplishment for a community to host the event two years in a row, but a much larger and distinguished competition could possibly head for Big Spring if he has his way.

"It's very unique to have the Hang Gliding Nationals every go back to the same location," said Glover, "much less go back to the same location the very next year. It was because the pilots had such a great time and felt that this is such a good venue for testing the skills of the best pilots in the nation to find out who is really national champi-

on. Many people are talking about trying to get the world championship competition here. The world championship hasn't been in the United States since the late 1980s and this is being talked about as one of the premier locations to try to get the world community to come to."

"If the world championships came to Big Spring, that would mean around 100 to 150 pilots. It would be great for them because they would get to

see what Big Spring and the community is all about and the great flying conditions. It would also be good for Big Spring because having 150 people come for two weeks and eat at the restaurants and hang out at the hotels would be good for the community."

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University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Borden County EMS Paramedic Chuck Kimmel said the two subjects that were airlifted were listed in serious condition when they left Gall.

Kimmel described the injuries to the remaining two passengers, who were

later transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room, as non-life threatening.

Monahans Nipple-Up Company declined to comment on the condition or identity of their employees who were involved in the accident.

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"Beach Roses" by Jean Stone

Cancer victim support group gives fresh look at bonds between women

Rita is tapped by the local doctor, affectionately known as "Doc," to organize a support group for several women on Martha's Vineyard who have been diagnosed with breast cancer.



PAT WILLIAMS

The busy mother of 2-year-old twins, a pre-teen daughter, and a husband who works on the mainland has never had cancer, feels too busy and too intimidated to take on such a monumental project.

However, Doc continues to support her efforts, convincing Rita that the support group is the necessary first step in having good health care for women's needs on the island.

Three women attend the first meeting. They are strangers to each other, but their commonality is the unknown course of their disease. Doc has told Rita virtually nothing about the women's personal lives, and

steadfastly refuses to reveal any medical information.

Katie is a young rock star whose musical future seems bright as billboards and other publicity announce a summer concert she is to give in Central Park, a sure sign of success. Katie's personal life, however, is in shambles.

In love for some time with her manager, she finds out she is pregnant with his child. After considering the possibility of abortion, Katie realizes she really wants this child, even if it jeopardizes the success she has worked so hard to achieve.

While still in the early months of her pregnancy, Katie is diagnosed with breast cancer. Rather than risk harm to the baby, Katie runs to the one person with whom she can find shelter and care on Martha's Vineyard.

Hannah is the ultimate mother and caregiver. She not only cares for her children and home, but also for the husband she loves despite his personal failings. Hannah soon assumes these same roles with the women in the

group, and the positive side to her actions helps as the women forge a friendship in their support of each other.

Faye has been running a successful business in New York, but with the recurrence of her cancer, she feels she has no energy to fight for herself or the business. The island was one place she found happiness as a young woman, and it is in this place she now seeks solace.

Complicating Rita's leadership of the group is her recognition of Faye - the wife of the man with whom Rita had an affair years ago. Suddenly the guilt seems overwhelming, and while Rita does not have the same physical illness, she, too, feels a kinship with the woman as she searches for balance and truth in her personal life.

As the women endure more personal trials, they learn to care for each other. Their support expands to involve more than their fight for physical health, but as a cushion for fears and emotions dictated by other incidences in their lives.

"Beach Roses" is Jean

Stone's 10th novel; while each book examines a unique aspect of women's lives, they all have a common thread in which the strength and resiliency of the major characters are able to find fulfillment, love and satisfaction. Stone's characters are likeable, and the struggles with which each one must deal tend to be believable and probable.

Most women will identify to some degree with the fear and unique problems presented by breast cancer. Author Stone taps into most women's needs to bond with those who have suffered similar traumas in order to gain strength.

Making the story more than just a rote listing of disease problems and solutions, Stone creates engaging dilemmas that complicate already difficult times. "Beach Roses" is a good book with some valid lessons we all can learn.

"Beach Roses" by Jean Stone. Bantam Dell, New York, New York. 2003.

Pat Williams is wife of former Big Spring Herald publisher Chuck Williams.

Summer school students earn rewards for attending



Courtesy photo

All through the month of June, Moss Elementary summer school students have weekly activities to encourage them to be at school each day. At the end of the month, there will be a grand prize drawing for a pair bicycles to be given away. In this picture, one student from each grade level won a colorful and informative place mat to go along with the treats and outdoor activities for the day. In front, Devan Burns and Darius Leos; center row, Crystal Juarez, Patrick Casados, Taylor Heckler, Chris Marquez back row, Dottie Britton, parent liaison and George Martin, principal.

Bluebonnet Books

Exciting Hispanic book rates a 10

By AARON DELGADO

Special to the Herald
In this book, some exciting and funny things happen, like when Abuela flips a tortilla on her head. Another funny thing is when Arthur says "American names are cool like nails shot from guns."



AARON DELGADO

This book also has some Spanish words in it and for people who don't

know what they mean, they can look in the back for definitions.

The last thing I want to include is that when their family is gunned by a gang, they destroy everything, but they are all on the ground.

Further is wondering who's alive and dead.

Read this Mexican book to find out who's dead and alive.

"Any Small Goodness" by Tony Joston and illustrated by Raul Colon deserves a 10.

Aaron Delgado is a student at Marcy Elementary. Bluebonnet Books are available at the Howard County Library.

Howard County Fair quilt display opens at museum Saturday

Heritage Museum has planned a reception from 2-4 p.m. Saturday to get the Howard County Fair state flowers quilt display off to a good start.

Refreshments will be served, and tickets for the quilt will be available.

Tickets are \$1 each, \$5 for six tickets or \$10 for an additional opportunity

to receive one of three cross-stitched pillows.

The quilt be on display for the next several weeks, with tickets available, in area banks

and businesses.

The fair is scheduled for Aug. 25-28.

The museum is located at 510 Scurry. Call 267-8255.

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Last day to enter: Thursday, July 15, 2004

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The Rural Community College Initiative (RCCI), a community partnership, is developing a plan to boost Big Spring's image.

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Sweetwater: Life is Sweet in Texas
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Chambers of Commerce: We mean business
Heber Springs: Spectacular by Nature
Moore: Proud Past, Prosperous Future
Morrilton: Small City. No Limits.

IN BR

Dates set for Camp of Champions
Coach Rick currently of Big Spring School's Camp of Champions at Spring Training Center will run the camp from July 7-11. The week-long camp is open to boys and girls ages 10-14. For more information, call Coach Rick at 432-269-3662 or 432-269-0519.

Chaparral round ball
A 14-and-under softball tournament titled "Summer Camp" will take place at Angelo Stadium on Sunday. The tournament for boys and girls costs \$90 per player. To enter, call 432-269-0628.

Forsan annual camp
Forsan's annual camp will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 23. The camp is open to boys and girls ages 10-14. The cost is \$40 per player. For more information, call Terry McDowell at 267-7445 or Thompson at 432-269-0099.

Martin County Hospital fund-raiser
The Martin County Hospital will be holding a 5K fun run on Saturday, July 9 at Stanton. The race will start in the parking lot of the hospital. Proceeds from the race will go to the Griffiths Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships for students at Martin County College. Awards will be given for first, second and third place in each age group. The race will be held before July 15. For more information, call Nicole at 432-267-2828 or Dunn at 432-267-2828.

Big Spring ragball tournament
The Big Spring Ragball Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 9, at the Big Spring Softball Field. The tournament will feature a fund-raiser for the Griffiths Scholarship Fund. For more information, call Nicole at 432-267-2828 or Dunn at 432-267-2828.

ON THE

Sports Broad
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Hangers vs. Marvins, 6:30
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Tournament, 5:15 p.m.
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Hangers vs. Astros, 6:30

IN BRIEF

Dates set for Camp of Champs

Coach Ricky Long is currently conducting Big Spring High School's Camp for Champs at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center. The camp will run through July 7.

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.

Chaparral summer round ball classic set

A 14-and-under basketball tournament titled Chaparral Summer Classic will take place in San Angelo Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament is for boys and girls and costs \$90 per team to enter.

To enter, call 325-277-0628.

Forsan announces camp Buffalo dates

Forsan's Camp Buffalo will run from 8 a.m. to noon, July 19-23. The camp is for all boys grades five through eight and is designed to develop skills and fundamentals of football, basketball and strength conditioning.

Each student will be divided into an appropriate age group and all participants receive a camp T-shirt.

The cost of the camp is \$40 per student.

For more information or to register, call Terry McDonald at 432-267-7445 or Tommy Thompson at 432-457-0099.

Martin County Hospital fun run set

The Martin County Hospital will be holding a 5K fun run/walk July 9 at 7 p.m. in Stanton. The race will start in the back parking lot of the hospital.

Proceeds from the race will go to the Dan Griffis Scholarship Fund, which will provide scholarships to Martin County residents choosing a career in healthcare.

Awards will be given for first, second and third place finishes in three different age groups. The cost is \$15 before July 6 and \$18 on race day.

For more information, call Norma Garza at 432-756-2816 or Kathy Dunn at 432-756-3345.

Big Spring co-ed ragball touney set

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be holding a co-ed ragball tournament as a fund-raiser for Big Spring softball all-stars.

The tournament will be July 9, 10 and 11 and the team fee is \$125.

For more info, call Nicole at 432-264-2206 or 432-267-6391.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Today		
Event, Time	Station	
Rangers vs. Astros, 6:30 p.m.	1490	
Friday		
Event, Time	Station	
Big Spring vs. San Jacinto @Midland (Junior League Tournament), 5:15 p.m.	1490	
Saturday		
Event, Time	Station	
Rangers vs. Astros, 6:30 p.m.	1490	

Texas advances to title series, opponent unknown

By ERIC OLSON

Associated Press Writer
OMAHA, Neb. — Texas will be resting while South Carolina and Cal State Fullerton meet again in the College World Series.

"The advantage is ours," Texas coach Augie Garrido said.

The top-seeded Longhorns (58-13), playing for their second national championship in three years, advanced to the best-of-three final with a 7-6 comeback victory over Georgia Wednesday.

South Carolina beat Fullerton, 5-3, to force a rematch with the Titans Thursday night for a spot in the final.

South Carolina coach Ray Tanner and Fullerton's George Horton were considering using their top starters — the Gamecocks' Matt Campbell (10-5) and the Titans' Jason Windsor (12-4).

Windsor threw a three-hitter in beating Campbell and the Gamecocks 2-0 in the first round.

"We're here to win a national championship, and you can only do that if you get to (the finals)," Horton said. "If Ray uses Campbell and we use Windsor, then advantage Augie, I guess."

A South Carolina victory would set up a rematch of its 2002 CWS final against Texas. The Gamecocks (53-16) have advanced to the final three times, but have never won a title.

Fullerton (44-22) is seeking its fourth title. The Titans won in 1979, '84 and '95, all under Garrido.

The Longhorns are set to start All-American J.P. Howell, the Big 12 Pitcher of the Year, on Saturday

in the first game of the best-of-three final. He allowed two hits in 6 2-3 innings in Texas' 13-2 first-round victory over Arkansas.

In Texas' victory over Georgia (45-23), Carson Kainer doubled in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, and Huston Street (6-1) pitched three innings of one-run relief. Georgia lost twice to Texas in the tournament, squandering a five-run lead Wednesday.

"They're a championship ballclub that continues to answer everything their opponent brings at them," Bulldogs coach David Perno said.

The Longhorns' rally marked the first time in the CWS that a team has rallied from five runs down to win since Stanford erased an eight-run deficit to beat Tulane in 2001.

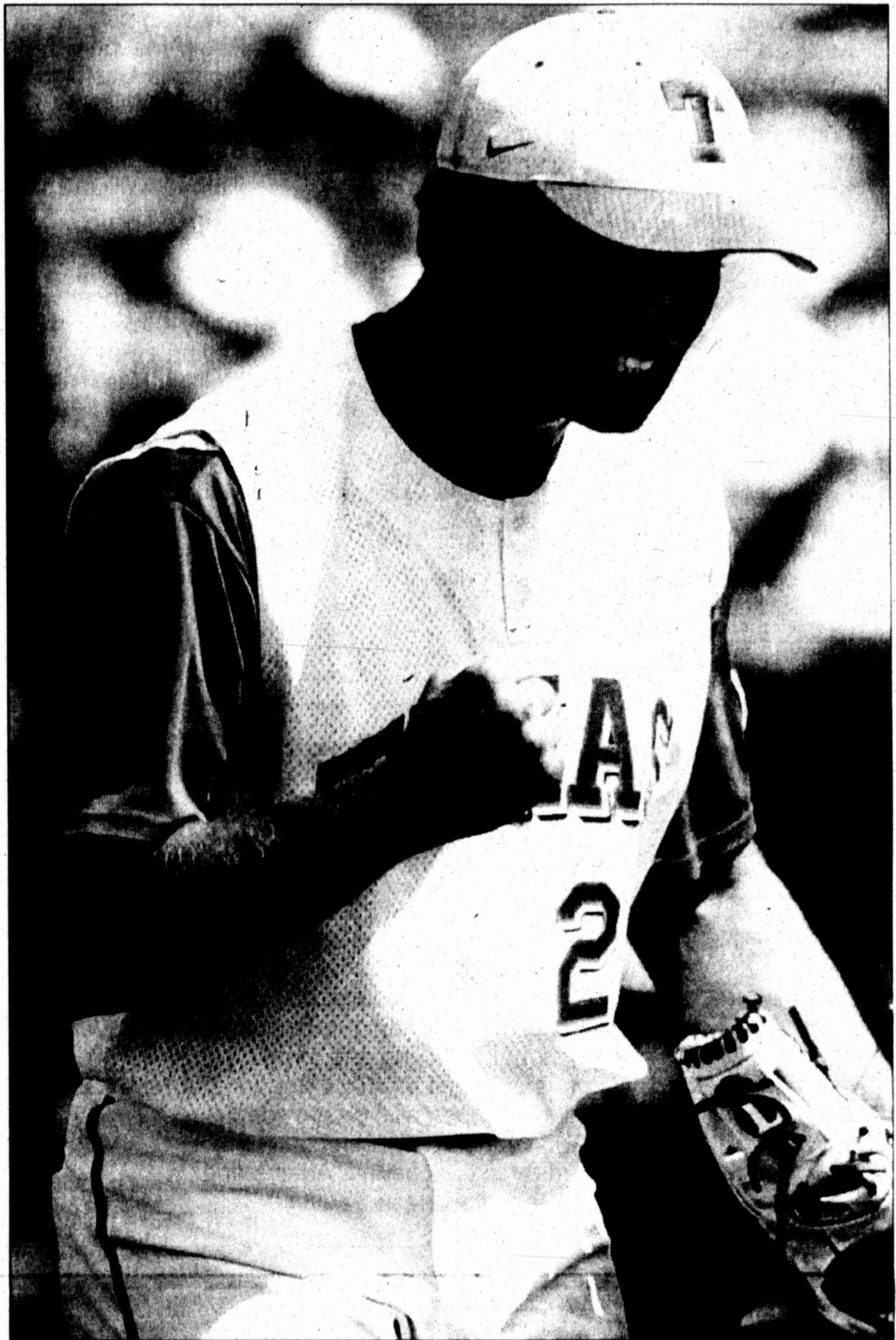
"I believe that's the 27th time we've come from behind to win, so it wasn't our first rodeo," Garrido said.

In the second game, Jason Fletcher and Chad Blackwell combined to hold Fullerton hitless over the last five innings. Bryan Triplett homered and drove in the go-ahead run for South Carolina.

Fletcher (6-1) went six innings and allowed all five Fullerton hits. Fletcher and Blackwell combined to retire 16 of the last 17 batters after Ronnie Prettyman's bunt single in the fourth.

"Last night when I got the word I was going to start, I had chills going all night," Fletcher said. "I tried to call everybody I knew to let them know they should watch the game tomorrow. We deserve this, to be out here and still playing."

Blackwell earned his nation-leading 20th save. "That's a little bit long



Texas' Houston Street reacts to the third out in the bottom of the eighth inning Wednesday, June 23, 2004, against Georgia at the in Omaha, Neb. Texas beat Georgia 7-6 to advance to the Championship series which starts on Saturday.

for a closer to go three innings, but if you don't win, you don't play, so we ran him out there and it worked out for us."

Gamecocks coach Ray Tanner said.

Mike Martinez (8-3) took the loss. He allowed five runs and 11 hits in 6 1-3

innings. "Everybody wanted a day off tomorrow, but we're working," Horton said.

Shaq to Dallas? Cuban begins working Lakers

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer
DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks agreed Wednesday night to trade Antawn Jamison to the Washington Wizards for the No. 5 pick in the draft, Jerry Stackhouse and Christian Laettner, a source close to the deal told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The trade can't be official until the NBA offices open Thursday. By then, Dallas may be working toward other deals in its pursuit of Shaquille O'Neal.

While O'Neal remains the center of the Mavericks' dreams, the high pick also gives them the chance to take 7-foot-5 Pavel Podkolzine, a 19-year-old Russian.

Podkolzine or the pick also could be part of the package the Mavericks would offer the Los Angeles Lakers for O'Neal.

Dallas did not previously have a first-round pick in Thursday night's draft, having traded it last summer to Boston in the deal for Antoine Walker.

The Wizards had made it clear they weren't enamored with any of their choices at the top of the draft. Taking Jamison, a proven scorer over his six-year career in Dallas and Golden State, is a much safer move, even if he is owed

nearly \$58 million over the next four years.

For the Mavericks, all moves for the immediate future will be viewed as positioning for a prospective trade for O'Neal.

Their combined salaries puts Dallas much closer to the \$23.5 million needed to get within the league-mandated 15 percent of O'Neal's \$27.7 million price tag.

It's unlikely the Lakers would be interested in Stackhouse, who is due \$7 million next season, \$7.5 million the following year and \$8 million after that.

Stackhouse has averaged 21 points per game over his nine-year career, but he played just 26 games last season because of injuries, mainly to his right knee.

This is the second time the Mavs have acquired Laettner.

He played 53 games in the 2000-01 season, then was dealt to Washington in an eight-player trade that brought Juwan Howard to Dallas.

He was rewarded by earning the league's Sixth Man award, but made it clear he wanted to be a starter next season. Trading Walker, which the Mavs are certainly trying to do, would have cleared a spot for him, but Dallas apparently felt this deal moves them closer to their ultimate goal of O'Neal.



NBA draft prospects Jameer Nelson, center, and Ben Gordon chat before participating in the NBA's "Basketball & Books Clinic" in connection with the 2004 NBA Draft at the Dunlevy Millbank Center in Harlem Wednesday in New York. The NBA draft will take place tonight at New York's Madison Square Garden. Dwight Howard, who could be the number one pick, looks on in the background.

Rangers remain in first after win over M's

ARLINGTON (AP) — Another big sixth inning by the Texas Rangers ended a long dry spell for Nick Bierbrodt.

The Rangers scored five runs in the sixth inning and Bierbrodt pitched six strong innings to win for the first time in more than two years to send the Rangers to their fifth straight victory, 6-3 over the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday night.

On Tuesday, Texas scored six in sixth on the way to a 10-2 win.

"My job is to keep the game close," Bierbrodt said. "I know this offense will eventually score some runs."

The Rangers (39-29) are

10 games over .500 for the first time since the end of the 1999 season, when they last went to the playoffs.

Texas trailed 2-1, but scored five runs in the sixth inning. Rod Barajas' RBI single gave the Rangers a 3-2 lead in an inning where they sent 10 batters to the plate and got five hits.

"For whatever reason, we have a tough time against these guys," Seattle starter Ryan Franklin said. "We have to find a way to get a win before we get out of here."

The big sixth inning made Bierbrodt (1-0) a winner for the first time since Oct. 4, 2001, when

he was pitching for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Bierbrodt, who is now 6-8 in his career, took the win in stride.

"I pitched last year and had some chances, but it just didn't happen," the left-hander said. "It's not like I was going for my 300th win."

Francisco Cordero worked the ninth for his 21st save.

Bierbrodt threw 88 pitches — 48 for strikes — while relying primarily on his fastball.

"It's good to have another left-hander in the lineup," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "We'll see where this start takes him."

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2004 CLASS 2A ALL-STATE SOFTBALL TEAM

Player	School	Coach
Kelly Ninemire	Prosper	Kevin Lewis
Cassi Hillin	Clyde Eula	Stacey Herring
Ashley Wilburn	Gilmer Harmony	Renesia Wilburn
Daphne Kahlig	Rosebud-Lott	Bryan Vandiver
Shandrel Whitaker	Alto	Sharon Reid
Abby Wilson	Grape Creek	Kay Wagner
Amanda Rosenaver	Weimar	Roger Maupen
Sydney Roberts	Clifton	Stephanie Hastings
Laci Langford	Alpine	Ruth McWilliams
Brittany Ballard	Pattonville Prairiland	Mendy Cole
Rachael Butler	Rosebud-Lott	Bryan Vandiver
Christina Ruiz	Alpine	Ruth McWilliams
Lisa Williams	Blooming Grove	Jim Owens
Krista Martin	Natalia	Dodie Maddox
Courtney Clark	Clyde Eula	Stacey Herring
Kelcie Glidden	Danbury	Melissa Hansen
Liz Conley	Coahoma	Robby Dickenson
Jenne Dixon	Prosper	Kevin Lewis
Taris Lege	Danbury	Melissa Hansen
Caitlin Staszkesy	Van Vleck	Mollie Huber
Kim Danek	Jarrell	Greg Horn
Desiree Granato	Natalia	Dodie Maddox
Lacie Cole	Pattonville Prairiland	Mendy Cole
Sarah Looper	Aubrey	Shon Ranton
Larissa Martin	Franklin	Stephanie Harris
Victoria Berry	Deweyville	Thomas Bridges
Kaitlin Morrison	Italy	Mike Saucke
Ryan Thacker	Alto	Sharon Reid

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

2004 current standings

American League

Team	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
East						
New York Yankees	44	24	—	23-9	21-15	Lost 1
Boston	40	30	5	23-12	17-18	Lost 1
Tampa Bay	33	35	11	19-15	14-20	Lost 1
Baltimore	29	38	14.5	18-19	13-19	Won 1
Toronto	31	40	14.5	18-18	13-22	Won 1
Central						
Minnesota	39	31	—	21-14	18-17	Won 1
Chicago White Sox	38	32	2	21-14	16-18	Lost 1
Cleveland	35	35	4	21-15	14-19	Won 1
Detroit	31	39	8	18-18	15-21	Lost 5
Kansas City	28	40	10	18-17	10-23	Won 2
West						
TEXAS	39	29	—	22-11	17-18	Won 5
Oakland	39	31	5	23-10	18-21	Won 1
Anaheim	39	32	1	22-15	17-17	Lost 1
Seattle	29	40	10.5	16-19	13-21	Lost 2

National League

Team	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
East						
Florida	39	32	—	20-16	19-16	Won 2
Philadelphia	37	32	1	18-16	19-16	Won 1
New York Mets	35	35	3.5	21-15	14-20	Lost 1
Atlanta	32	38	6.5	17-17	15-21	Lost 3
Montreal	23	46	15	12-22	11-24	Lost 1
Central						
St. Louis	42	29	—	19-17	23-12	Won 1
Chicago Cubs	40	31	2	20-15	20-16	Lost 1
Cincinnati	39	32	3	21-10	18-22	Won 1
Milwaukee	36	32	5	21-16	15-16	Lost 1
HOUSTON	37	34	5	20-18	18-15	Lost 1
Pittsburgh	27	41	13.5	11-22	16-19	Won 1
West						
San Francisco	40	32	—	23-15	17-17	Won 5
Los Angeles	36	32	2	19-13	17-19	Lost 4
San Diego	37	34	2.5	20-17	17-17	Won 3
Arizona	27	45	13	13-22	14-23	Lost 6
Colorado	26	44	13	17-18	9-26	Won 1

Glossary:

W: Wins L: Losses
 GB: Games Back
 Home: Home record
 Road: Road record
 Streak: consecutive games won or lost

Wednesday's AL Scores

Cleveland 9, Chicago White Sox 5
 Oakland 7, Anaheim 1
 Baltimore 13, New York Yankees 2
 Minnesota 4, Boston 2
 Toronto 2, Tampa Bay 1 (10)
 Texas 6, Seattle 3
 Kansas City 7, Detroit 3

Today's game

Seattle (Pineiro, 3-9) at Texas (Benoit, 2-2), 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday's NL scores

Pittsburgh 7, Houston 2
 San Diego 4, Arizona 3
 San Francisco 3, Los Angeles 2
 Philadelphia 5, Montreal 2
 Florida 6, Atlanta 0
 Cincinnati 6, New York Mets 4
 Colorado 3, Milwaukee 2
 St. Louis 10, Chicago Cubs 9

Today's game

Pittsburgh (Burnett, 0-1) at Houston (Clemens, 9-2), 7:05 p.m.

Howard College Hawk Basketball Camp

When: July 26-30
Who: Third grade through high school
Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
Cost: Day camper, \$120
 Overnight campers, \$220
Registration: Campers will register at 9 a.m. Monday, July 26 at Dorothy Garrett
Objectives: Teach fundamentals, discipline, sportsmanship, shooting, rebounding, passing, defense, ball handling and more
Food: Lunch is provided for day campers, but overnight campers will be provided breakfast, lunch and dinner
Staff: Howard head coach Mark Adams and assistant coach Jason Sautter

POPS IN THE PARK

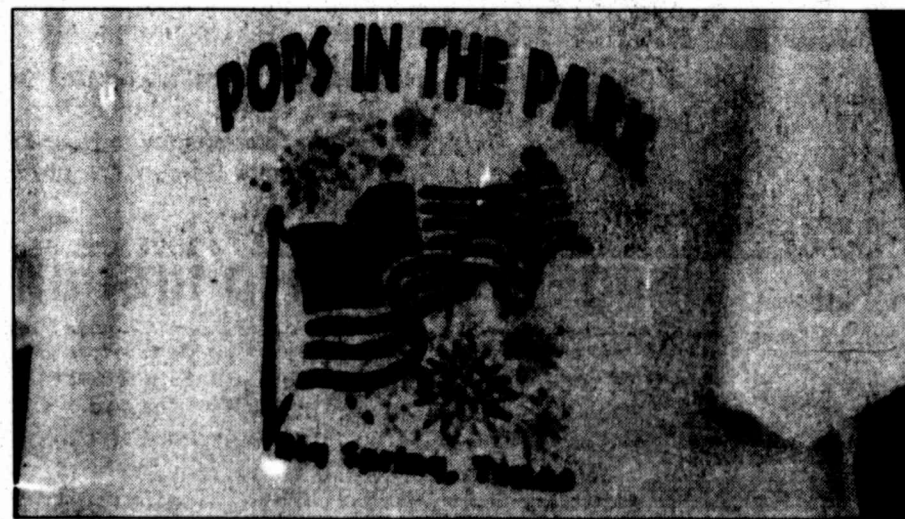
Saturday, July 3, 2004
 Comanche Trail Amphitheater

Featuring the music of the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus along with a patriotic fireworks display ... preceded by performances from local artists

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- 5 p.m. Gates open at Amphitheater
- 5 p.m. Food, novelty booths open
- 6:30 p.m. Local entertainers begin their performances
- 8:30 p.m. Parade of Flags grand entry, Symphony, Chorus begins performance
- 9:45 p.m. Fireworks display begins

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THURSDAY

Time	Channel	Program
6:30	WFAA (CBS)	News (CBS)
7:30	WFAA (CBS)	Wheel-For
8:30	WFAA (CBS)	Whose Line
9:30	WFAA (CBS)	Kingdom
10:30	WFAA (CBS)	Hospital
11:30	WFAA (CBS)	PrimeTime Thursday
12:30	WFAA (CBS)	News Nightline
1:30	WFAA (CBS)	Ent. Tonight
2:30	WFAA (CBS)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CBS)
3:30	WFAA (CBS)	Oprah Winfrey

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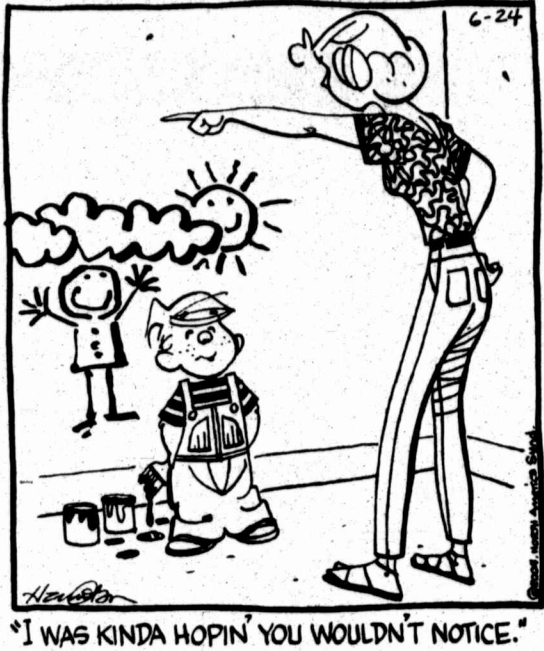


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	Dallas	Midland	Spanish	Odessa	Odessa	Telemundo	Midland	Atlanta	Odessa	Odessa	Discovery	Classics	Satellite TV	Atlanta	Black Ent.	Disney	Sports	Sports	Premium
6	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	La Mujer de Madara	King of the Hill Raymond	News Ent. Tonight	Pasion de Gavilanes	News Serikeld (CC)	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves	Joe McGee's John/Hagan	News-Letter	New Discovery-Forensic		Star Trek: Next Gener.	Law & Order (CC) (DVR)	Live BET com	Sister, Sister That's-Raven	College Baseball	NBA Pre-Draft 2004 NBA	(CC)
7	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Mariana de la Noche	North Shore (CC)	Without a Trace (CC)	Prisionera	Friends (CC) Come to Papa	at Florida Marlins	Update/Real Biblical Israel	West Top Jim Work	Tattoo! Beauty	Movie: Patton	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Law & Order (CC) (DVR)	The Parkers The Parkers	Movie: Zenon: Z3 (CC)	NCAA World Series Game	Draft (CC)	Movie: Moscow on the Hudson (CC)
8	Kingdom Hospital	Kingdom Hospital	Amarte es Mi Pecado	Tru Calling (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	El Alma Herida	Will & Grace Scrubs (CC)		Light of the Southwest	Frontline/World (CC)	Motorcycle Lighting		MRC MRC	Movie: The Craft (CC)	Open Mic: HIV Testing Special	14 - Teams TBA (CC)			Movie: The Finest Hour
9	PrimeTime Thursday	PrimeTime Thursday	Aquí y Ahora	70s Show Raymond	Without a Trace (CC)	Protagonistas	ER (CC)	Movie: Three to Tango		Soundstage (CC)	Great Beer Build-Up		MRC MRC	Club Comic View	That's-Raven Sister, Sister	Wimbledon Today at			Movie: The Finest Hour
10	News Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Laura	News The Tonight	The Hour of Healing		Charlie Rose (CC)	Tattoo! Beauty	Movie:	Movie: I Know What You Did	Nightly News Mead Sports	Bug Juice Lizzie McGuire (CC)	Wimbledon (CC)			45 Movie:
11	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Extra (CC) Jimmy Kimmel	En las Mayores Familias	Becker (CC) Spin City	(CC) The Late Late Show (CC)	Al Rojo Vivo	Show (CC) Late Night	10 Movie: Feeling	Sam Peak Jesse Lee Pe	Sign Off	Motorcycle Lighting	Strategic Air Command (CC)	Blind Date	Last Summer (CC)	Midnight Love	Boy World Even Stevens	U.S. Poker Champ.	SportsCenter (CC)	Dressed to Kill
12	Live (CC) Oprah Winfrey	Live (CC) Oprah Winfrey	Mujeres Enganadas	Blind Date	Street Smarts	Street Smarts	Fraser (CC)	Minnesota (CC)	Update/Real Derek Prince		Great Beer Build-Up		Real TV (CC) Real TV (CC)	Movie: The Craft (CC)	Club Comic View	Kim Possible Proud Family	Surfing Hofmann's	Outside-Lines SportsCenter	Movie: Sinful

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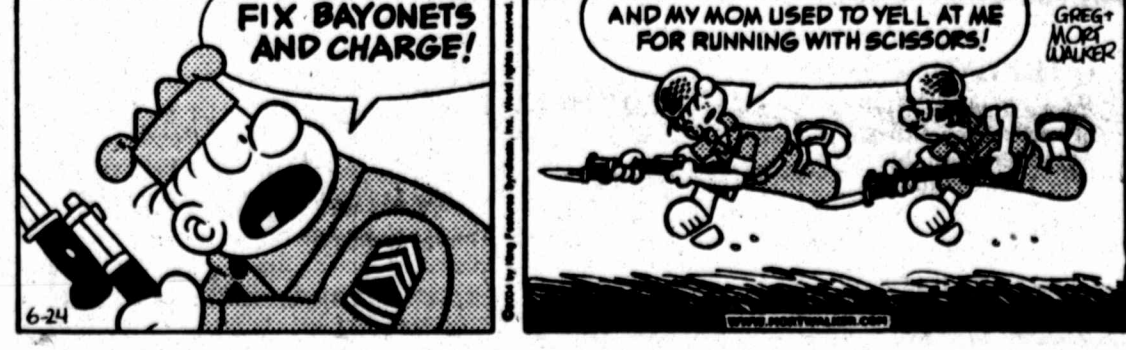
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 24, the 176th day of 2004. There are 190 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 24, 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the massive Berlin Airlift.

On this date:

In 1314, the forces of Scotland's King Robert I defeated the English in the Battle of Bannockburn.

In 1509, Henry VIII was crowned King of England.

In 1647, Margaret Brent, a niece of Lord Baltimore, was ejected from the Maryland Assembly after demanding a place and vote in that governing body.

In 1793, the first republic

can constitution in France was adopted.

In 1908, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, died in Princeton, N.J., at age 71.

In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II.

In 1968, "Resurrection City," a shantytown constructed as part of the Poor People's March on Washington, D.C., was closed down by authorities.

In 1975, 113 people were killed when an Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 crashed while attempting to land during a thunderstorm at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger carrying America's first woman in space, Sally K. Ride, coasted to a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1987, comedian-actor Jackie Gleason died at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at age 71.

Today's Birthdays: Actor

Al Molinaro is 85.

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Movie director Claude Chabrol is 74.

Actress Michele Lee is 62.

Musician Mick Fleetwood is 62.

Actor-director Georg Stanford Brown is 61.

Rock musician Jeff Beck is 60.

Singer Arthur Brown is 60.

New York Governor George Pataki is 59.

Rock singer Colin Blunstone (The Zombies) is 59.

Actor Peter Weller is 57.

Rock musician John Illsley (Dire Straits) is 55.

Actress Nancy Allen is 54.

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Reggae singer Astro (UB40) is 47.

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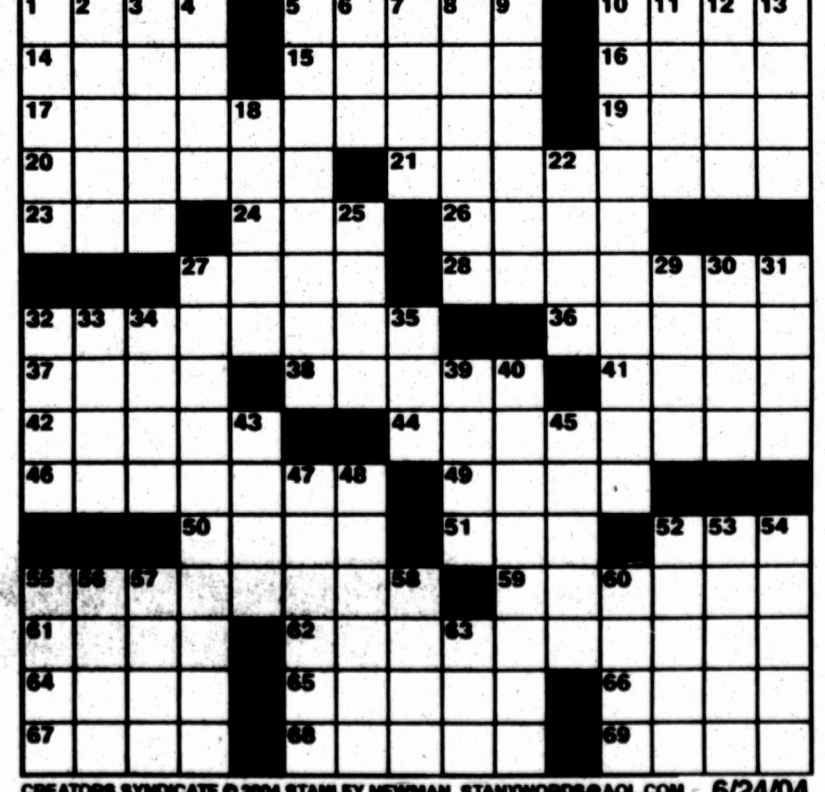
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- 16 "Golly, Guv'nor!"
- 17 What stars get
- 19 Irving character
- 20 Caruso or Fermi
- 21 Lattice-crust dessert
- 23 Vast waters
- 24 ___ for Evidence (Grafton book)
- 26 Amo, amas, ___
- 27 Tilt to one side
- 28 Go back to square one
- 32 Said yes
- 36 Pitch
- 37 Complaint
- 38 With 35 Down, "in the middle" descriptor
- 41 The Time Machine race
- 42 Comedienne
- 44 The Miracle Worker star
- 46 Sponges up
- 49 Ancient Persian
- 50 "Way cool!"
- 51 Unit-cost word
- 52 Fr. holy woman
- 55 Desists from
- 59 ___ baked beans
- 61 Falstaff feature
- 62 Low-lying farmsite

DOWN

- 1 Party spreads
- 2 Unaccompanied
- 3 Above, Lat. "both"
- 4 Prefix for "both"
- 5 Musicians playing 2 Down
- 6 PFC superior
- 7 "Take ___ from me!"
- 8 One-dimensional
- 9 Electronic entertainment
- 10 Pointer's words
- 11 P.D.Q.
- 12 Delhi wrap
- 13 Publicity, and then some
- 18 Strand, perhaps
- 22 Start fishing
- 25 Pipe work
- 27 Like some ballfield runners
- 29 Woody's son
- 30 Do some shingling
- 31 Pain in the neck
- 32 "Dancing Queen" quartet
- 33 Belgrade resident
- 34 Pays a call on
- 35 See 38 Across
- 39 Troop quarters
- 40 Patella
- 43 Family chart
- 45 AOL freebie
- 47 Black sheep's plaint
- 48 Barbershop sharpeners
- 52 Play for time
- 53 Lone Ranger's sidekick
- 54 Provide with long-term funding
- 55 Daunt
- 56 Unwritten test
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BY JOYCE JILLSON
An aspect involving Saturn and Neptune brings clarity to an issue that has long been clouded.



Joyce Jillson

Being imaginative helps you in logical quests and in solving practical problems. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're organizing big blocks of mental energy, deciding your emotional priorities and hopefully declaring what you're willing to do to make a dream real. Figure out your finances tonight. Do you have enough to move yet?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The world sees you differently than it did yesterday — and after a bit of adjustment, you'll see yourself differently as well: Roll with your unusual luck. It could lead you down a path you wouldn't normally think to take.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're embroiled in an interesting competition. This has actually been building up for weeks now under the radar, and you could suddenly realize your feisty feelings. Give yourself plenty of love and attention.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Blame is wrongly being passed around, and it's easy to buy into the group mentality. Separate yourself instead. You're not a lemming, and there's no reason to scurry off the cliff like the others. Stay out of gossip.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When your project gets pushed to the wayside again, it's time to get serious about time management. Explore more possibilities. Ask yourself what you'd be offering if not for the current financial and time limitations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll do what you love and feel that it matters — how could a day be better spent? The best mood is the one you cultivate alone, but for activities that can't be accomplished solo, dealing with a Cancer will be most satisfactory.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're even friendlier than usual, especially when you're not expected to be. You never understood those people who have a professional persona that is so far away from how they really are in their personal lives.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're on a mission, and you'll tell everyone in your path what it is you want and how you'll make it happen. No one is an island. Depend on your friends. A strategic alliance will help you gain an edge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Like the John Mayer song, you're bigger than your body gives you credit for. Get back in touch with your inner Statue of Liberty (or King Kong) because it's time to reclaim one of those oversized dreams of yours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). New environments bring good fortune. You may find yourself starting to pick up the traditions, value systems and mannerisms of the new place. Shopping is lucky. You can make your home a masterpiece on a limited budget.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If what you see is what you get, then it's time to look beyond the superficial and see the endless, unlimited potential in situations. A new character enters your life tonight, catching you in the act of striving. Team up with a Libra.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for seven years. Each year, we get into a huge fight about his drinking. "Steve" is not an alcoholic, but he can't hold his liquor. When Steve is sober, he's a great father, a wonderful husband and a hard worker. When he's intoxicated, he becomes critical, insulting and silly in front of his children. His friends are drinkers and drug addicts, and they're a bad influence on him.

My father was an alcoholic, and I don't want to end up like my mother. She always locked us in a room so my father wouldn't hurt us. He was never physically abusive, but Mom always feared it was possible. I don't want to live that life again.

I have threatened to leave when Steve comes home drunk. Then he will stop for months, maybe as long as a year, but it starts all over again as soon as his friends ask him to come over. He always promises he will quit drinking, but then he does it anyway. Should I leave him? — Distraught in Ohio

Dear Ohio: Steve may not be a textbook alcoholic, but he definitely has a drinking problem. Unfortunately, ultimatums will not get him to stop. He must want to do this for himself.

Since there are children involved, please don't give up without checking your phone book for Al-Anon (al-anon-alateen.org). Steve also could use a new group of friends. The ones he has now aren't doing him any good whatsoever.

Dear Annie: Boy, you women sure stick together. I'm talking about the letter from "Extended Family in Massachusetts," who wanted to invite the ex-son-in-law out for dinner, but their daughter, "Jenny," objected.



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MARCY SUGAR

Sometimes Jenny wouldn't let them see the grandchildren if she didn't get her way. You told those parents to stay friendly with the ex, but not to invite him for dinner, and that they should be more "sensitive" to Jenny's feelings.

To hell with Jenny's feelings. Why should the parents kowtow to her demands? Tell her to get a life and leave her parents alone. She shouldn't be asking for a divorce and then holding the children hostage until she gets her way. She'll end up alienating her children from herself, not from their father.

The parents should spend time with whomever they want. Jenny should learn that not everything revolves around her. — A Real Angry Man in South Carolina

Dear Angry Man: A lot of readers were upset with Jenny. We were, too. However, given the choice of seeing their grandchildren or having dinner with the ex-son-in-law, we opted for the former. Jenny is manipulative, but that doesn't alter the fact that the children are what's important here. We doubt the grandparents want to alienate Jenny and risk losing their grandchildren just to prove a point. It's a lousy choice to make, but there it is.

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Chasing the checkered flag

By DAVID POOLE
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Kelly Sutton has multiple sclerosis. She also has a husband named Butch, two daughters named Ashlee and Nicole, and a dog named Shadow. She has parents, Ed and Carol, who wouldn't let her give up on her dreams to become a race-car driver.

So what label best defines Sutton, a 32-year-old from Crownsville, Md.? Wife and mother? Or rookie trying to make it in NASCAR's Truck Series, a female in a male-dominated sport? Or spokesperson for a medicine used to help manage MS, the most common neurological disease causing disability in young adults?

"I don't ever want MS to define me," Sutton said. "I am a mom, I am a wife and I am a race-car driver. I have MS, and that has given me an opportunity to share my story with other people and encourage them to get on therapy like the daily injection I take."

Sutton takes Copaxone, and part of her job is to get the word out that the medicine can help people with what she has, relapsing-remitting MS, live with a relatively low number of symptoms.

Another part of her job, though, is to get better as a racer every time she takes her Chevrolet truck onto the track. Racing, after all, is in the Sutton blood. She's a third-generation racer who grew up spending her Saturday nights at the short-track with her dad.

"I started working on cars when I was 5, old enough to hold a wrench," she said.

The idea was always for her to be a driver. Ed and Kelly starting building her first car when she was 15, but less than a year later she started feeling fatigue and numbness on her right side. A spinal tap and an MRI led doctors to diagnose Sutton with MS.

It was a tough thing to take in, and Sutton didn't take it well at first.

For three years, she said, she felt sorry for herself and thought her dream to race had died. Then, Ed and Carol stepped in.

"Dad said, 'You want to go racing?'" Sutton said. "I said, 'Yes, but I have MS.' He said, 'I don't care. If you want to be a driver, you're a Sutton and you're not a quitter.'"

She raced at Old Dominion Speedway in

Kelly Sutton won't let disease stop her from pursuing a racing career



In her first year racing in the NASCAR Truck Series, Kelly Sutton is 31st in the points standings.

Virginia for three years, winning seven features and three most popular driver awards. But then she had a relapse and spent much of 1996 in a wheelchair.

Again, it was up to Dad to help her move on. He built his daughter a piece of exercise equipment that looked like a go-kart with no wheels. "He told me to get my butt up and get into it," Kelly said. "When I could do 100 laps, we'd go racing."

Sutton changed her attitude. She also changed doctors and medications. She started using Copaxone in 1998. She ran Allison Legacy cars, then moved up into the Dash Series and finished in 12th and eighth in points in two full seasons in that division.

Now she's driving a truck owned by her family. It's not the richest team in the Truck Series, and Sutton knows both she and the first-year team have a lot of learning ahead.

"It's very rewarding to be competing. I am not frustrated," she said. "We have to get our act together and get great people with more experience on this team. The guys we're racing against have been running the series a long time. They know what it takes to make these trucks go. We're just learning that because it's our first year."

"I know this year is our learning year. Next year I will worry about having better qualifying times and about finishing in the top 20 and the top 10."

Along the way, she hopes she might be able to help someone else avoid some of the things she had to pull herself out of after learning she has a disease.

"I want to change the face of MS," Sutton said. "I can't tell you the number of times people have said to me, 'Well, you don't look like there's anything wrong.' If you have a broken leg you have a cast on and people can see that something's wrong. People hear about MS and think wheelchair. I want to change that. That's part of my story."

But it's only a part. If you're looking for the best label for Kelly Sutton, there's only one that does her justice — racer.

"I just know that racing has been in my family and I am a very competitive person by spirit, like race car drivers are," she said. "I think that's what makes you a driver, being competitive. You want the speed, you want to be better than everybody else on a given day. I am just like anybody else, I want to see that checkered flag."

Multiple sclerosis

Multiple sclerosis occurs in any part of the brain and spinal cord's nerves. Symptoms vary according to which nerves are infected but could include the following:

- **Ataxia:** Muscular incoordination that results in unstable walking
- **Dizziness and vertigo**
- **Spasticity:** Extreme muscle tightness resulting from lesions in the nerve pathways.

SOURCES: KRT, WWW.ABOUT.COM

RANKINGS THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. **Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48):** We wound up being only one week early in getting this team to the top of the list. Last week: 1.

2. **Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8):** First in points doesn't matter yet. Figuring out how to run better each week does. Last week: 2.

3. **Matt Kenseth (car No. 17):** If Ford's new engines start consistently providing more pop, look out for this team. Last week: 4.

4. **Bobby Labonte (car No. 18):** Just sort of rocking along, gathering up points as they go. Could this team be a stealth contender? Last week: 6.

5. **Ryan Newman (car No. 12):** Michigan was more like it for a team that had been missing from the winner's circle. Last week: 10.

6. **Kasey Kahne (car No. 9):** With all of these runner-up finishes, maybe he got his "second" wind first this season. Last week: 9.

7. **Jeff Gordon (car No. 24):** Road course trip may be timely after three less-than-acceptable finishes in four races. Last week: 3.

8. **Elliott Sadler (car No. 38):** Another top-five for a guy who's looking more and more like a candidate for the championship. Last

week: 8.

9. **Tony Stewart (car No. 20):** Newman's Michigan victory means this team's winless streak is now the most puzzling. Last week: 5.

10. **Kurt Busch (car No. 97):** The most difficult team to read thus far this season. Is it improving, slipping or holding ground? Last week: 7.

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

'Ricky' Eldora track more than meets the eye

There's a light beyond the fields lining Ohio Highway 127, beckoning like the diamond in the Iowa cornstalks from "Field of Dreams." But this light seems fuzzy — filtered and out of focus.

Eldora dust is flying. The PA announcer has it in his eyes when he calls Eldora Speedway, a half-mile clay oval celebrating its 50th season, "one of the true palaces of open-wheel racing."

At first glance, this is no palace. It is, frankly, in the middle of nowhere. The sign out front reads "USAC Tonight." Painted on the backstretch wall, beside the G.W. Pierce Auto Parts sign, is confirmation you're in the right place — "Eldora Speedway USA." The wall itself might have been white once, a thousand coats of mud ago. There is no scoreboard. The first adjective that comes to mind is "rickety."

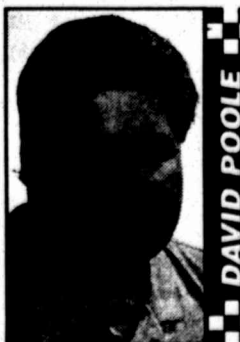
The U.S. Auto Club's sprints and

midgets, staples of grassroots Midwestern racing, are running the "Buckeye Nationals," and a crowd of 4,000, give or take, is gathering. About 2,000 have their own lawn chairs.

Midget heats are up, followed by a sprint car second-chance race for those who didn't qualify. The midget feature comes after that, followed by sprint-car heats, the B-main and finally the A-main.

Just when you start thinking you've wasted a two-hour ride over from Indianapolis, however, the Eldora dust starts to clear things up.

The three midget heats are eight laps apiece. Cory Kruseman wins the first, Bobby East dominates the second. Then Dave Darland wins the



DAVID POOLE

third and you realize what you've seen could be the best eight laps of racing you've seen in a long, long time.

The 25-lap midget feature runs 21 laps with no cautions. This is a miracle. Control is only theoretical in the 900-pound cars with 375 horsepower. It's as if they're being hurled into the corners at random, but somehow they all come out until a wreck in

Turn 1 finally slows the pace. As the track is cleared, the drivers' buddies come out onto the frontstretch to check the cars. Josh Wise's car owner is among them — Tony Stewart, the Nextel Cup star who has come to check in and help out with the USAC teams he owns and loves. Earlier in the day, Jeff Gordon, Jimmie Johnson and Brian Vickers visited the Formula One guys at the big track over in Indy. Stewart,

though, has sprint cars in his blood. You knew he'd be at Eldora instead.

The midget feature becomes a showdown between East, the 19-year-old son of legendary sprint-car chassis builder Bob East and the national points leader, and Darland, a wily veteran and East's teammate. East holds on in the four-lap dash to the checkers.

The water truck comes back out and you look at the time. It'll be 10 before the first sprint heat starts and you've still got to drive back to Indianapolis. The world's most technologically advanced racing cars will be running over there tomorrow, and that's what you're really here to see.

As you're driving back toward the interstate, you make a mental note. When you get back to the hotel, get out the notebook and cross out "rickety." Then, get on the Internet and see who's racing at Eldora on the Saturday night before the Brickyard 400 in August.

THIS WEEK'S RACE

DODGE/SAVE MART 350
Where: Infineon Raceway, a 1.99-mile, 10-turn road course located in Sonoma, Calif.
When: Sunday at 4 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 6:10 p.m. Friday.
TV: Fox.
Radio: Performance Racing Network.
Purse: \$5,268,329.
Last year's winner: Robby Gordon.
Also this week: Kyle Busch's victory last weekend at Kentucky Speedway moved him within 10 points of NASCAR Busch Series leader Martin Truex Jr. entering Saturday night's race at The Milwaukee (Wis.) Mile. Bobby Hamilton's second Truck Series win of the season has moved him into third in the title chase behind Dennis Setzer and Carl Edwards heading into Friday's race at Milwaukee.

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION
Should NASCAR do away with road-course racing after the 2005 season?
Cast your vote at: www.thatstracin.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION
NASCAR is quick to penalize drivers and teams for their actions. How would you penalize NASCAR for dropping the ball on recent race days?
Number of votes: 9,186

Driver	No. of votes	Percent
Probation for Mike Helton, NASCAR president.	3,398	37%
Fine NASCAR \$100,000.	2,328	25%
Suspend all officials.	1,336	15%
Something else.	1,102	12%
Do nothing. It'll all work out at the end of the day.	1,022	11%

STOP 'N' GO

RANDOM THOUGHTS
A list of who's hot and who's not in Nextel Cup racing:

WHO'S HOT
■ **Jimmie Johnson** has seven top-five finishes in the past eight races. He has 10 top-fives in the first 15 races, two more than any other driver.
■ **Michael Waltrip** has scored three top-10s in the past four races.

WHO'S NOT
■ **Rusty Wallace** has dropped from eighth to 15th in points since his win at Martinsville, Va., eight races ago.
■ **Kevin Harvick** has finished 10th or better only once in the past five races.

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of June 20:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. J. Johnson (48)	2220	21. T. Labonte (5)	1554
2. D. Earnhardt Jr. (8)	2150	22. M. Waltrip (15)	1533
22.13		23. G. Biffle (16)	1509
3. M. Kenseth (17)	2040	24. J. Burton (98)	1499
1. B. Labonte (18)	1954	25. W. Burton (0)	1497
5. T. Stewart (20)	1945	26. S. Wimmer (22)	1451
6. J. Gordon (24)	1933	27. R. Rudd (21)	1430
7. E. Sadler (38)	1933	28. J. Nemechek (01)	1411
8. K. Busch (97)	1933	29. B. Gaughan (77)	1368
9. R. Newman (12)	1859	30. S. Riggs (10)	1304
10. K. Harvick (29)	1847	31. R. Craven (32)	1259
11. K. Kahne (9)	1821	32. K. Schrader (49)	1234
12. J. Mayfield (19)	1778	33. J. Sauter (30)	1217
13. J. McMurray (42)	1722	34. K. Petty (45)	1201
14. D. Jarrett (88)	1694	35. J. Green (43)	1188
15. R. Wallace (2)	1674	36. D. Cope (50)	841
16. M. Martin (6)	1642	37. J. Spencer (4)	779
17. C. Meares (41)	1594	38. D. Blaney (23)	773
18. S. Martin (40)	1587	39. K. Lepage (51)	540
19. B. Vickers (25)	1557	40. M. Shepherd (89)	433
20. R. Gordon (31)	1554		

The top-20 drivers as of June 19:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. M. Truex Jr.	2434	11. K. Kahne	1816
2. K. Busch	2424	12. K. Wallace	1812
3. D. Green	2150	13. R. Gordon	1805
4. G. Biffle	2089	14. S. Compton	1749
5. M. Waltrip	2082	15. T. Fedewa	1723
6. B. Hamilton Jr.	2072	16. A. Lewis	1717
7. J. Keller	2055	17. C. Alwood	1715
8. J. Lettler	2051	18. J. Sauter	1702
9. R. Homaday	2039	19. D. Stremme	1685
10. M. Bliss	1848	20. R. Pressley	1638

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Alan Kulwicki 250, West Allis, Wis.

The top-10 drivers as of June 19:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. D. Setzer	1100	6. J. Sprague	827
2. C. Edwards	1089	7. D. Reutimann	808
3. R. Crawford	986	8. J. Wood	900
4. M. Skinner	982	9. M. Crafton	837
5. B. Hamilton	946	10. C. Chaffin	879

NEXT RACE: Friday, Black Cat Fireworks 200, West Allis, Wis.