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## Flight training program won't land in Big Spring

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Despite nearly a year of efforts to bring a U.S. Air Force-contracted Introductory Flight Training (IFT) program to Big Spring, local officials announced this morning Big Spring did not make the government's "short list" for possible sites.

Tommy Churchwell, presi-

dent of the board of directors for Moore Development for Big Spring, said he was informed of the development this morning.

"We didn't make the short list," said Churchwell. "I was shocked. I just knew we'd make the list. We really had a great proposal."

Churchwell said who did make the list is still something of a mystery.

"The

"Everyone involved gave everything they could in the process, and we have no regrets."



released the list itself," said government hasn't Churchwell. "All they did was

let us know we didn't make it. released to the public. So who is still in the running is still a big question. I have been told that Midland made the list, but that hasn't been confirmed

Churchwell said he expects to call a special meeting of the Moore board of directors next week, at which time the details of the proposal, which have remained a closely guarded secret until now, will be

"I expect to call a special meeting next week so the board can discuss everything," said Churchwell. "We'll go into executive session and go over what's happened, then we'll release most of the details from the proposal and what we did during the course of the project."

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## **BSISD** will give desks to needy

☐ Trustees to convene at 5:15 p.m. today.

#### By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

School furniture gathering dust in an abandoned gymnasium in Big Spring will soon be put to good use thousands of miles away.

For the past several years, Big Spring Independent .... School District personnel have stored old, discarded school desks in the old Runnels Junior High School gymnasium.

But thanks to an agreement between BSISD and Helping Hands International, these desks will soon be on their way to schools in Nicaragua

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Even old soreheads can't resist the festival-style food that will be served this weekend during Stanton's Old Sorehead Trade Days. Featuring as many as 600 vendors from all over the region, the event is set from 8 a.m. until "dark-thirty" Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

## TRADE DAYS

## Hundreds of vendors expected in Stanton Saturday and Sunday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

More than a decade after the first "Old Sorehead" decided to set up a booth and hawk his wares, the people of Stanton are gearing up once again for the annual Old Sorehead Trade Days, set for Saturday and Sunday.

Trade Days' spokesperson Bud Lindsey said the event, which includes everything from food to oddities from around the world, has come a long way since its "instigation."

"It's a 12-year tradition in Stanton," said Lindsey. "Back in the spring of 1993, the date of the first Old Sorehead Trade Days, a few volunteers — with the help of the Texas Cooperative Extension Service and the Martin County Chamber of Commerce -organized the first event.

What: Old Sorehead Trade Days.

Where: Downtown Stanton.

When: 8 a.m. to 'dark-thirty' Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

"Old Sorehead Trade Days started with 97 vendors. During last October's trade days there were over 600 vendors lining the streets and filling the buildings in Stanton. So it has really grown."

Lindsey said the array of vendoes and their wares scheduled to attend the trade days will be amazing, with everything from antiques to rides for the children offered between 8 a.m. and "darkthirty" Saturday, and noon to 5

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## Webb AFB reunion to return this year by popular demand

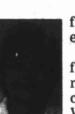
By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Twenty-eight years ago the future of Big Spring was questionable at best when Webb Air Force Base was closed by the government, leaving a runway full of memories and rich military history behind.

Now, in 2005, that same history will be the focus of a reunion for the men and women, both civilian and military, who served in Big Spring as local coordinators prepare to hold a Webb Air Force Base reunion in late September.

Slated Sept. 30 through Oct. 2, the reunion will be the second of its kind, and according to event coordinator and committee member Jan Foresyth,



fashionably early. "We had the

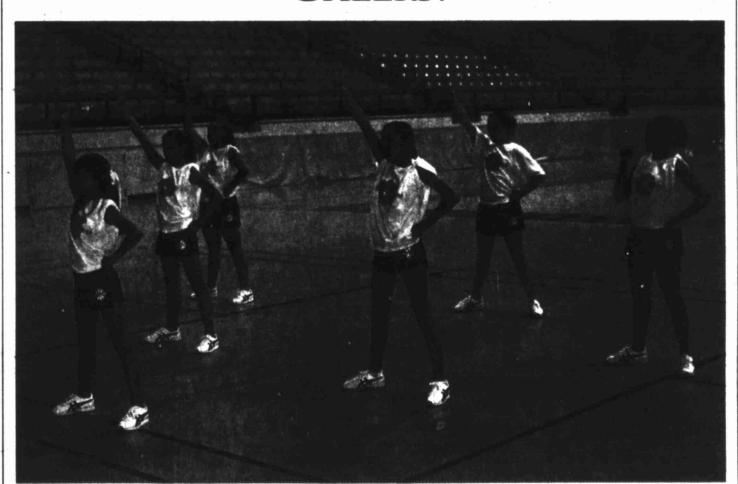
first annual reunion of the closing of Webb Air Force Base in 2002," said Foresyth Foresyth.

had been 25 years since it was closed, and we invited every airman and civilian we could get a name for and had about 400 people attend. Since then, we've had people calling, wanting to know when the next one would

"When we held the first one in 2002, we only planned to do it every five years. But we've had so many calls we've decided to do it again after only

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## CHEERS!



Participants at the NCA Cheer Camp go through a cheerleading routine Wednesday afternoon at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The camp concludes today.

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#### **COMING SUNDAY**



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#### WHAT A CONCEPT!



DaimlerChrysler unveiled a four-seat diesel compact Tuesday with a

design that company officials said was derived from the efficient shape of the Australian boxfish.

"Our engineers have based it on a true hero of the deep sea," Thomas Weber, the head of research and technology at DaimlerChrysler's Mercedes Car Group, said at the automaker's Innovation Symposium Washington's convention center.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

· Heritage Museum presents a western art show, "From Rembrants to Rodeo," beginning at 4:30 p.m. June 14 with a wine and cheese reception followed by the annual Legends and Legacies dinner. Tickets to the dinner are \$15.

· Big Spring 29th annual Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, June 16-18.

 Old Settlers Reunion from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. June 18 at the Howard County Fair Barns. Call Heritage Museum for free tickets at 267-8288.

## **Obituaries**

**Dorothy Clements** 

Dorothy Clements, 95, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 7, 2005, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 9, 2005, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Matt Miles, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

She was born Nov. 15, 1909, in Fort Worth and married John T. "J.T." Clements Dec. 3, 1937, in Tuleta. He preceded her in death Oct. 19, 1981.

Dorothy graduated from Texas Tech University with a major in English. She had taught English at Beeville

High School for seven years before moving to Big Spring in 1946. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church. Survivors include one son, William Clements and his wife, Frances Malpezzi of Jonesboro, Ark.; and one granddaughter, Evelyn Clements of Jonesboro, Ark. She was also preceded in death by one son, John T. Clements III.

The family suggest memorials be made to Odyssey Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

**Josephine Dawes** 

Josephine Dawes, 95, of Big Spring died Wednesday, June 8, 2005, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## **Support groups**

**THURSDAY** 

- · Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.
- Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY** 

- · Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8
- West Texas Gluten-Free Awareness Support Group meets from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Memorial Hospital west campus in Midland. Call Barbara at 432-520-2119 for more information.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 14-17-22-31-35 Number matching five of five: none. Matching four of five: 87. Prize: \$576. Matching three of five: 3,086. Prize: \$12. Matching two of five: 33,436. Prize: \$2. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: 6-9-13-20-28. Bonus Ball: 42.

(six, nine, thirteen, twenty, twenty-eight. Bonus Ball: forty-two)

Estimated jackpot: \$8 million.

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-8-5

## Weather

Tonight-Partly cloudy this evening then mostly cloudy after midnight. Isolated thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may be severe with damaging winds and large hail. Lows in the mid 70s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Friday-Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms In the morning then partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms may be severe with damaging winds and large hail in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds around 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Friday night-Partly cloudy in the evening then mostly cloudy after midnight. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may be severe with damaging winds and large hail in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds around 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday—Mostly cloudy in the morning then partly cloudy in the afternoon. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds around 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday night-Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening then mostly cloudy after midnight. Lows in the upper 60s.

Sunday-Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s.

Sunday night-Partly cloudy. Isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s. Monday-Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Monday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

## Police blotter

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

 THEFT was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell. DISORDERLY CONDUCT was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

 in the 1600 block of Bluebird. in the 3300 block of FM 700.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported:

- in the 900 block of 14th Street. - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

 ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 900 block of Golf Course.

 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 4200 block of Calvin.

## Sheriff's report

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

· PEDRO URANGA. 74, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of indecency with a child - sex-

 MICHAEL ANTHONY JUAREZ, 20, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for tampering/fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair.

• FRANK GARZA, 55, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

SERGIO MACIAS RIVAS, 30, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to identify.

· JOHN EUGENE KELLEY, 39, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession/transportation of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

 JEREMY CARL FORTENBERRY, 29, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession/transportation of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

 KURT DANIEL STAPLETON, 29, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession/transportation of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

 DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 9300 block of Jay Road.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC. · MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Carol.

Service was refused. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Park.

One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of W. Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

 TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of Lamesa Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.

MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard. One person was transported to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

## Take note

- COAHOMA PATRIOTIC PARADE begins at 10 a.m. July 2. Celebration continues in Coahoma Park with a car show, food booths and vendors. Free set up space for interested vendors. Contact Paulette Lindsey at 394-4975 or 270-0875 to secure space.
- COAHOMA NON-MARCHING BRASS BAND NEEDS MORE MEMBERS, any age, any instrument, any ability, any experience. For more information, contact Pam Hicks at 394-4312 or Patricia Bennett at 394-4122.
- TEXAS LIONS CAMP is looking for children interested in attending camp this summer. Sessions are for children with physical disabilities 7 through 16 yers of age. Camp is free for these children. For more information, call Bob Noyes at 267-5811 or 270-0811.
- SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER'S SCHOOL OF RADIOLOGY is having a reunion of all past graduates in conjunction with the 2005 graduation July 9 at the Spring City Senior Center. The reunion organizer are looking for thse individuals: Tere Barrier, Susan Weaver Burton, Cheryl Carroll, Irma Chavez, Caroline Clifton, Paul Decker, Frank Garfias, Randy Gavin, Michelle Gonzales, Sandy Hatfield, Mickie Johnson, Sarah Martin, Janie McLaughlin, Mary Poston, Debbie Richter, Melissa Shafer and Susan Soloman. Contact Vivian Gordon at 268-4885 or email to vivian\_gordon@chs.net.
- YOUNGLIFE FUND-RAISER FOR TRIP TO COL-ORADO. YoungLife leaders are taking 12 high school students to Frontier Camp in Buena Vista, Colo., in July. Full-detailed car wash fund-raiser is set for Friday. Service includes carpet cleaning and waxing. Call 213-4819 to schedule an appointment.
- ODYSSEY HEALTHCARE BRISKET AND CHICKEN PLATE FUND-RAISER FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK is set for Friday. Each plate is \$7.50 and includes meat, bread, pickle, beans, onion, potato salad or chips. delivery is 11 a.m. until noon Friday. Whole briskets are \$25 and half briskets are \$13. Call 263-5999.

## **Bulletin board**

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

TODAY

· Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-

· Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

· Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main

· American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.

• The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

· Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more information.

 Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.

 YoungLife fund-raiser for trip to Frontier Camp in Buena Vista, Colo. Full-detailed car wash includes carpet cleaning and waxing. Call 213-4819 to schedule an appointment.

 AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell

 Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

 Railroad Museum at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

 Community Angels auction is set to start at 10 a.m. at the Railroad Plaza to benefit the Christmas project. For more information, contact Ellen Barefoot at 268-9070 or Vickie Dahmer at 267-5223. • Free eye glasses are available from 9 a.m. until

11:45 a.m. in the Event Center, 1607 E. Third. • Stargazing Party at the Big Spring State Park. Call Ron Alton at 263-4931 for more information.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

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 Off Pounds 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.

•The Big Spring Symphony Association meets at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry.

• Take Off Pounds 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. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information. Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the

Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave. • Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

· Archeology Society for Howard and Borden coun-

ties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information. · 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. • Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

**TUESDAY** 

• Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.

 Howard-Glasscock Counties American Cancer Society director's meeting in the dining room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at noon. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

 Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay

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## TEXAS BRIEFS

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WACO (AP) — As his murder trial inched closer, anxiety grew for a former Baylor University basketball player charged with killing his teammate two years ago, his attorney said.

After months of failed attempts at a plea bargain with prosecutors, Carlton Dotson's attorneys were ready to go to trial Monday.

But on Wednesday, Dotson suddenly pleaded guilty to murder — without a plea agreement — in the death of Patrick Dennehy, who was missing six weeks before his body was found in a field near campus in July 2003.

His attorney Russ Hunt Sr. declined to discuss why Dotson pleaded guilty. But he said he was confident the judge would impose a fair sentence June 15. Dotson faces from five years to life in prison.

"He has been very, very frightened at the prospect of going to trial," Hunt said.

#### Texas man files federal Viagra blindness lawsuit

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas man has filed a lawsuit against the makers of Viagra following an announcement last month by health officials that the drug may have caused a condition in a small number of men that can result in blindness.

James Thompson, 63, of The Woodlands lost partial sight in his left eye 16 hours after taking Viagra, according to one of his attorneys, Ronnie Penton of Bogalusa, La. His attorneys filed the lawsuit in Houston federal court Tuesday, accusing Pfizer of being aware of the danger of the drug, yet failing to warn users of possible harm.

Attorney Daniel E. Becnel Jr. of Reserve, La., said he and his team of lawyers plan to file about 100 cases nationwide against Pfizer Inc., maker of the drug for erectile dysfunction.

The Food and Drug Administration has said that it is looking into 43 reports of blindness potentially linked to impotence drugs. The reports include 38 Viagra users, four Cialis users and one man who took Levitra.

The men suffered a condition known as stroke in the eye, or non-arteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy, federal officials said. The condition can lead to blindness.

#### Portland man waives

#### extradition in Texas slaying

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A Portland man who voluntarily implicated himself in an unsolved slaying four months ago in Texas has waived extradition to face charges in the case.

Edward Bachelder approached police with information about the killing of an unidentified white male whose body was found in a ditch beside a road in February in Wharton County, Police Chief Michael Chitwood said Wednesday.

"He came forward and gave us the name, what happened, where the body was, and everything fell into place," Chitwood told WCSH-TV. "I think he had pangs of conscience and gave it up.

The chief would not divulge the name of the dead man but said he was from the Portland area. Chitwood would not say whether Bachelder admitted to the killing but said he was present with others when it took place.

#### Radioactive waste arrives in Andrews

ANDREWS (AP) — The first of an expected 2,000 shipments of Cold War-era radioactive waste from Ohio arrived at a West Texas storage facility early Wednesday.

Two steel canisters, each holding about 20,000 pounds of a mixture of radioactive waste combined with fly ash and concrete, were on the first truck, which left a shuttered uranium processing plant in southwest Ohio about noon Monday.

#### **TRAINING**

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Churchwell although Big Spring failed to make the government's cut, the process itself was a positive experience for everyone involved.

"We learned a lot," said Churchwell. "We learned some very valuable lessons. We learned how important it is to work as a community on things like this. Everyone involved gave everything they could in the process, and we have no regrets.

"We also managed to develop a great friendship with Boeing, and we're hopeful we'll be able to work with them again if something develops in this region."

Churchwell said not making the government's short list is a tough pill to swallow, but it's just part of the "economic development game."

"This is economic development. It hurts when

lose," Churchwell. "But you have to realize this is how the game is played. We just have to keep working until we find the right

Efforts to bring the program to Big Spring began in mid-2004, when Moore Development, the city of Big Spring and several other local agencies joined forces to bring the program to the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

The program is expected to involve initial flight screening of up to 1,300 aircrew training candidates each year, with screening of the initial class of students expected to begin in October of 2005. The initial contract has option periods

extending out to 2015. In mid-January, Big Russ Mayor Spring McEwen announced Big McMahon-Spring's Wrinkle Airpark was chosen by aero-engineering giant Boeing as the site for a U.S. Air Force Introductory Flight Training program.

## House votes to postpone meat labels

#### By LIBBY QUAID

**Associated Press Writer** 

WASHINGTON Labels telling grocery shoppers where their meat comes from are viewed as a godsend by cattle ranchers and consumers but a nightmare for supermarkets and meatpackers.

Packers and retailers the argument won Wednesday as the House voted to block the federal government from requiring country-of-origin labels for meat.

The labels "would present a nightmare" of costs that consumers would have to bear, said Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-Texas, who voted against the labeling.

The industry estimates it could cost as much as \$4 billion in the first year. Rep. Bob Goodlatte, the

House Agriculture Committee chairman, said the labels would do the opposite of what was intended, adding \$10 per head of cattle to ranchers' costs.

"It will make our producers less competitive with foreign meat producers, not more competi-

record-keeping and legal tive," said Goodlatte, R-Va.

The postponement was part of a \$100 billion spending bill for food and farm programs in the budget year that begins Oct. 1. The House passed the bill 408-18 on Wednesday.

Congress has already delayed the labeling, which was originally set for 2004 but now begins in September 2006. Lawmakers voted Wednesday to delay it again, forbidding the Agriculture Department from spending money on the new requirement.

Western ranchers had counted on the labels to help sell their beef, said Rep. Stephanie Herseth, D-S.D.

"Instead, the large meatpackers have rallied to kill this program because they don't want American consumers to discover how much meat in the grocery case is actually imported," Herseth said.

Rep. Denny Rehberg, R-Mont., said Texas cattle producers are fighting the labels because they don't want grocery shoppers to know they buy cheap Mexican calves to fatten and sell in the U.S.

#### **BSISD**

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and Zambia.

The agreement, which will cost BSISD nothing. will be explained to district trustees when they hold their monthly meeting at 5:15 p.m. today in the high school board room.

**Superintendent Michael** Downes said Helping Hands will handle all costs of transporting the hundreds of pieces of furniture to the far-away classrooms, saving the district the hassle of disposing of them by another method.

"The only other option would be to take them up to the auction house, where they would bring almost nothing," Downes said. "(The furniture) is old, but in an impoverished area, it can definitely be used."

The pieces of furniture in question are 13-inch and 15-inch desks used by elementary students, Downes said.

This is not the first time Helping Hands has partnered with BSISD to help the district dispose of outdated equipment. The organization recently agreed to transport old computer equipment to schools in Mexico.

> other business,

trustees will consider:

- · Contracts for the food service and athletic departments.
- · Updates to local and legal policies.
- · Resignations, retirements and employments.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringher-

## **VENDORS**

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"The vendors have something for everyone,' said Lindsey. "Collectibles, antiques, household gadgets, paintings and perhaps, over on the trading lot, a chicken or two. The Friends of the Martin County Library will also have their used book sale with more than 3,000 titles in the old Bill's Hardware building."

And of course, don't forget the food. "Many visitors come to

the trade days just to sam-

ple the dishes the food vendors have to offer," said Lindsey. "All kinds of food is available.

Curly fries, funnel cakes, turkey legs, roasted corn, seafood and Mexican food. There are all kinds of soft drinks and bottled waters in the food court areas."

For those who aren't familiar with the streets of Stanton, trade days volunteers will be on duty to help direct visitors to the different areas, including parking areas for the handicapped and overflow parking. Golf carts will also be available to from their vehicles.

Entertainment will be offered on the courthouse lawn. Local gospel group Voices 7 will perform Saturday, followed by Alyssa Graves, a profesvocalist from sional McLean.

Also slated for Saturday is MOBS, a barbershop quartet, and a family group gospel from Midland. Cade Halfman and Cory Multen, both Garden City High School students, will also take the stage Saturday.

Sunday's agenda begins with feature singers Anna Lockridge band Terry Sauls, with a performance

from guitarist and vocalist Mike Payne also scheduled.

ald.com.

"If you want to see everything at the Old Sorehead Trade Days, you need to plan to come early and stay late," Lindsey said. "Admission is free and anyone who needs information on the event can call our trade days hotline at (432) 756-2006, or visit us on the Web at www.stantonfolks.com."

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three years."

Regardless of what role people may have played in the day-to-day life of the base, Foresyth said she hopes they will return for a chance to peruse the past.

"Everyone who was employed, stationed or had anything to do with Webb Air Force Base is invited to come," said Foresyth. "Well start registration on Friday morning, Sept. 30, at Hangar 25 Air Museum. At noon, Jan Colmer will fly over Midland's from

Commemorative Air Force, which is holding its Airsho that weekend. He's going to do an air demonstration for us, and after he lands we'll have lunch and everyone will get the chance to meet him. The rest of Friday afternoon will be pretty casual since we'll still be registering people.

"Friday evening we'll be at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum where we'll have a dinner, which will be catered by La Posada. After dinner we'll have some casino games, and that's a big success each year."

Retired Air Force Col. Jim Little, who is also serving on the reunion committee, said the reunion is a special time for the men and women

who make the trek back

help get shoppers to and

"The people who were stationed here come back and they really remember where the buildings where and what functions went on," said Little. "It brings back a lot of memories, and I see that even as I drive around and look at the facility now."

The reunion is also sharing a special day with the Commemorative Air Force in Midland, as reunion attendees will get a chance to attend the world famous CAF Airsho the next day. "On Saturday morning

we'll load everyone on to charter buses and take those who are interested in going over to the Confederate Air Force for the day," said Foresyth. 'We'll serve lunch and dinner, and we'll be there all day for the show.

"Those who aren't interested in going to the CAF will have lunch at the Heritage Museum, which will be catered by Gale Pittman. We'll have tours of the downtown area with all of the antique shops. We'll also have a group going out to the ALON USA refinery for a tour, if they don't want to visit downtown."

"I think this is going to be a great reunion," said Little. "We're doing it in conjunction with the Commemorative Air Force Airsho, which is a

world class event they we're bringing back for the Webb reunion, most of them have an aviation type background. We feel tying that event in with what we're doing here is going to be a very positive

Little should know — he trained at Webb Air Force Base during his tenure in the service — and having come back to Big Spring after so long, there's no denying the memories that await discovery for reunion attendees. "There's a shock ele-

ment there because you remember how pristine the military kept the facility while you were there," said Little. "You come back years later and it's been deactivated and turned over to the city, it's always changed dramatically. In some ways, the changes are for the positive, and in other ways it's for the negative.

"Then you start walking around and remembering things from when you were here. It's amazing the things you pick up on. The base, the community even the church you attended. Things that might still be there and still have memories of. It really brings you back." Little said serving on

the reunion committee has been an adventure in itself, and while he will breath easier when the

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event is over, there's still to Big Spring for the hold in Midland each an air of excitement in year. And the people what he and the rest of

the group are planning. "Getting it together is really exciting. Right now we're going through the steps to bring a speaker here and we're looking at a lot of different people with ties to Webb Air Force Base," said Little. "Everyone from astronauts to governors and other officers associated with the facility, and that's fascinating.

"How many opportunities do you have to talk to an astronaut who trained at Webb, and getting to invite him back here? You're touching history just by talking to a person like that.'

For more information on the reunion, contact Little at 264-2362.

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### OUR VIEWS

## There's still time to register yours for Kids' College

ho says summer school can't be a lot of fun? At least that's the take Howard College officials are taking as they prepare for the two-week run of their annual Kids' College that begins

Offering children in the first through sixth grades and opportunity to mix learning and fun, Kids' College will run form 8 alm. until 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday until June 23.

According to camp director Elizabeth Morton, the cost is \$160 for the entire course, or \$80 for half-day students. Already 70 applications have been received, but applications will be accepted until Monday morning.

Don't be misguided by the fact that HC officials want the 10-day camp run to be fun for children. There will be some serious learning going on at the camp.

Students will study computers, Native Americans and Japan, but will mix that with a healthy dose of volleyball, cheerleading and dance, as well as learning how to perform magic tricks. In addition, students will stage a play.

We want to encourage parents to give their children a chance to take part in Kids' College, if for no other reason than it's a much more enriching endeavor than playing video games or watch-

To make sure your child or children get that chance, contact Morton at 264-5197.

We're betting both you and they will be glad you did.

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## Dean's not ready for prime time

n the long run, the critical question for Democrats may turn out to be not what Party Chairman Howard Dean is doing, but what he isn't doing.

The answer to the first question is easy. What he's doing is what he has become know

for: shooting from the lip. This is, after all, the man who went from front-runner to also-ran in a matter of weeks, on the strength of a series of mistakes that convinced the most liberal Democratic voters in America that the guy was not ready for primetime. The

much-remembered "Dean scream" came after he lost, not before he was already dead, politically speaking, by then.

So it should come as no surprise to experienced Dean watchers to hear him say that most Republicans have never earned an honest living. This is what it means not to be ready for primetime. You make the sort of statements that are sure to get attention because they hit flashpoints like class warfare. It's a Republican talk show host's dream. The reason other Democrats

don't say such things is because you don't win elections this way. In point of fact, of course, what Dean is saying is wrong. Most Republicans are not coupon-clippers — they go to work and earn a day's pay like the rest of us. And hearing Howard Dean say otherwise not only offends Republicans, but also moderates and independents who have no taste for class warfare or the strident liberalism that Howard Dean is selling.

But that's not really the problem with Dean. In seeking the party chairmanship, he promised not to run for president. I'd be willing to bet that Howard Dean will be well out of the picture by the time November 2008 rolls around, having been replaced by someone with less of an appetite for insulting would-be voters and donors.

Dean's words may be causing their share of headaches in the short run, prompting such prominent Democrats and potential candidates as Sen. Joe Biden and former Sen. and Vice Presidential candidate John Edwards to publicly diss the party chairman, but that's mostly inside baseball and hardly the stuff that is likely to move voters and decide elections.

What is far more troubling is what Dean may not be doing, and what his counterpart, Ken Mehlman, almost certainly is. According to the latest reports, Mehlman and his RNC have outraised Dean and his DNC by a factor of about three to one: \$42 million to \$14 million. Three top DNC major fund-raisers have left in recent weeks, among conflicting reports as to whether their departures are routine aspects of the normal transition to new leadership or a sign of the move from a focus on large donors to the grassroots small-donor base that Dean emphasized in his own campaign and has been talking up since.

The truth is that the Democrats must do both if they are to be competitive. It doesn't matter very much what the party leader sounds off about — there are plenty of Democrats with bigger bullhorns than his. But he is the only one whose job is to put together the technology that the 2008 candidate will need if he is to have the ability to pull off what Karl Rove

did in 2004, and then some.

At the time Dean pulled out of the race in 2004, his much-vaunted website was getting one-tenth as many hits as George Bush's. Even more important, the Bush team, under the leadership of then-Rove deputy Ken Mehlman, was embarked on a sophisticated technological project that allowed it to communicate with voters in key states and key groups the same way Amazon does with regular purchasers: Understanding more than name, address and serial number, Amazon knows what I like, and what my family likes, and what other people like me like, so that when they write to me, they know how to sell to me. So did Bush.

On the Sunday before the election. Karl Rove was in a position to squeeze out every single Bush voter he needed, a capacity Democrats couldn't match.

The good news for 2008 is that while Republicans squeezed out every one of their voters, there were more Democratic votes left on the table. The bad news is that they still may be there, unless Democrats start doing what needs to be done. It isn't glamorous work. It doesn't make headlines, or primetime news. You don't need a big mouth or a high profile to do it. But if you do it right, you

Unlike name-calling, which wins you nothing. Not even, in the long run, continued tenure at the DNC.

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## 'The Lege' struck out on major issues

o, the Texas Legislature decided it's OK for gay couples to be foster parents, but only if they're not married. I would explain what message that sends, if only I understood it.

Look at it this way: At least we can hunt inside city limits now. My personal fave was the day they voted themselves a huge retirement pension and the next day cut retirement benefits for the teachers. Classy move, boys. Retiring solons will now get \$36,000 a year after 12 years in the Lege. The job pays \$7,200 a year and requires 140 days of work once every other year. Welcome to a Republicandominated state.

As all hands know by now, the Lege got nowhere on the Big One the interrelated issues of property tax relief and school financing. The whole state is screaming for property tax relief because of the rise in real estate values.

In order to lower property taxes, you have to raise them on something else. So of course the House decided to tax ordinary people, instead of taxing big corporations. Not for nothing is the House gallery, where the business lobbyists sit, known as "the Owner's

The House was prepared to saddle us all with the highest sales tax in the country. By lowering property taxes and raising sales taxes, the House lowered the tax burden on the richest Texans and dumped it on the poorest Texans, in a state that already has a staggeringly regressive tax structure.

The Senate passed a fairer bill, all things being relative, but **House Speaker Tom Craddick** refused to compromise. Craddick is the easy winner of this session's Number One Dickhead Award.

"The Speaker said no," was the story of the whole session. If the state Supreme Court, which consists of nine conservative Republicans, backs the lower court decision that our current school financing system is unconstitutional, we'll have to close the public schools in October. That's how irresponsible these people

You know, it's one thing for Republicans to run year after year railing against government. But once you win, you got to run it,

One good thing: The state added 2,500 child protection workers. This was after a study showing that 509 Texas children died from abuse or neglect over a two-and-ahalf-year period between 2001 and 2004. More than a quarter of those children had previously been investigated by Child Protective Services. CPS workers are so overburdened, they're handling up to 70 cases each, when the recommended load is somewhere in the 20s. Gov. Goodhair Perry ordered the statewide study after the beating death of a 2-year-old in San Antonio just a few weeks after she was returned home from state custody. God bless the child — at least she didn't die in vain.

Thanks to the Lege, we can now legally drive 80 mph out in West Texas and start drinking before noon at public events on Sunday. They also raised juror pay from \$6 a day, one of the lowest in the nation, to \$40 a day - only took them 50 years. As former state Sen. Carl Parker says, the Texas Legislature believes 12 citizens drawn at random are competent to decide on the death penalty, but not competent to decide fair and reasonable damages against industries that poison workers. This year, the Lege put a limit on awards in asbestos lawsuits.

After years of fooling around, this was supposed to be the year the Lege would finally address the school finance problem. People, we

have to get this done. As a rule, the Lege never does anything hard unless the courts are holding a gun to its collective head. Then, of course, they blame it all on "activist judges."

This may be a shrewd political ploy for the "Craddick-al Right." but it is grossly irresponsible. The basic problem is what former Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock called the twolegged stool: a 19th century tax structure on a 21st century econo-

Almost all of the state's income is from property taxes and sales taxes. If you lower one, the other goes up. We don't have an income tax, and our business taxes are spotty, scarce and riddled with loopholes. Some political scientist should be able to figure out just exactly how much a company has to give in campaign contributions to get a special tax loophole in this state. I recommend we try the old Blue

Ribbon Commission ploy: Find someone with the energy of Ross Perot (if there is such an animal) to draw up a sensible plan without paying any attention to politics, and then sell it to the business community by showing them. again, their own self-interest lies in investing more in the schools. How about a special emphasis on math and science ed?

Newspaper editorials around the state graded this session an "F." As Bud Kennedy of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram said, the session opened with low expectations and managed to exceed them with an even lower performance.

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# Smart Choices

Add Healthful Foods and Activity

It's that time of year: Just as the last snow bank disappeared, many of us wished we could melt away a few pounds for a more slender summer silhouette. It's time for a diet that jump-starts weight loss without gimmicks, helps establish healthy lifestyle habits and is easy to both swallow and follow

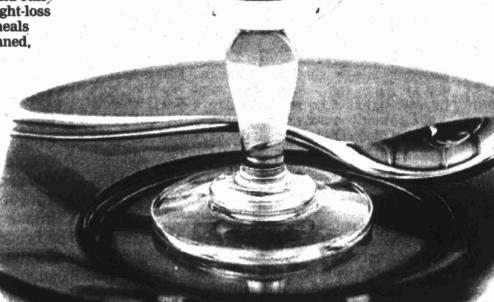
Dreaming? Nope. A diet that is rich in whole grains and fiber can be a useful tool in losing weight, and maintaining your loss. Fruits and vegetables, and cereals, breads and pasta made with whole grains, are delicious and satisfying filling you up, not out.

The easiest way is to wake up and begin at the breakfast table. "Start the day right with a bowl of whole grain cereal, fat free milk and fruit,' said Jackie Newgent, registered dietitian and culi-) nary consultant. "In fact, I counsel my weight-loss clients to include two whole grain cereal meals daily, with their third meal being well-planned, tasty and balanced."

Why the emphasis on whole grains? "Americans need to close the whole grains gap," said Newgent. "Nine out of 10 Americans do not get the recommended three or more servings they need daily. Whole grains are rich in vitamins and minerals and are also loaded with fiber a great tool for weight management because it fills you up and keeps you sat-

Newgent points out that we need look no further than the classic whole grain cereals that we've enjoyed for years. "Whole grain cereals are familiar, satisfying, taste great and offer the utmost in convenience for busy consumers," she said.

What you add to your cereal can elevate it to a real taste sensation and nutritional powerhouse. Newgent suggests the following ideas and encourages her clients to create their own:



## Scrumptious, Speedy Ways for Cereal with Style

Dress Up Your Cereal: Don't just serve cereal with plain ol' milk; serve it with fat free milk and fruit, low fat yogurt and fruit, or fat free soy milk and fruit. Try exotic fruits new to you or farmers' market picks. There are nearly endless varieties.

Cereal Sundae: Layer your favorite cereal in a wine, martini or parfait glass along with low fat yogurt and fresh, seasonal fruit.

Mix-n-Match to Create Your Own Favorite Combination: Know you should choose the higher fiber cereal but prefer the taste of a lower fiber one? Just mix them together to get the best of both — nutrition and taste. Bag It to Go: Toss cereal in a sealable plastic snack- or sandwich-size bag with dried fruit and nuts of choice. Try dried cranberries and almonds for a nutritious kick — and super flavor.

Sprinkle It ... Just a Little Bit: Want to add a little crunch to a salad or casserole, but want a nutritions alternative to croutons, fried onions or potato chips? Toss or top with Grape-Nuts instead!

Satisfaction in a bowl might be the key to weight loss. Participants in a clinical trial conducted by the Rippe Lifestyle Institute lost an average of 10 pounds and up to 3 inches off their waistline in 12 weeks.

The plan was simple: Every day participants replaced two meals with a serving of Post Healthy Classics

(Post Raisin Bran, Post Grape-Nuts, or Post Shredded Wheat) and one-half cup of fat free milk and fruit, ate a balanced third meal and included 30 minutes of light exercise like walking.

During a 12-week maintenance phase of the study, dieters ate one meal of Post Healthy Classics cereal and two balanced meals. Most participants not only maintained their weight loss but, on average, lost an additional 2 pounds and maintained reductions in their heart disease risk factors: low blood pressure and triglyceride levels.

In addition to being a critical component to weight loss and maintenance, whole grain foods fight several serious chronic diseases, accord-

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ing to Newgent. "Whole grain consumption has been linked with lowered risks of heart disease, diabetes, obesity and some forms of cancer. Eating whole grains is also associated with lower blood pressure and blood lipid levels," she said.

"For professionals concerned with public health, the recommendation to eat more whole grain foods is a dream come true." Newgent points to the new dietary guidelines for Americans, which focus on weight management, physical activity, adequate nutrients and specific whole foods like whole grains.

"Healthful lifestyles include portion control and mindful eating choosing healthful foods that taste good to you, and enjoying your meals. This is a

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critical component of any healthful diet," said Newgent,

who also emphasizes regular exercise as part of a diet of whole grains.

"Physical activity is critical for weight loss and maintenance, stress management and positive outlook.

And the best exercise is one that you'll actually do. It can be as elementary as taking a walk."

Ready to cinch an inch? For more information on Post Healthy Classics' 3step weight loss plan, cereal serving ideas, tips on diet and nutrition, healthy recipes and healthy lifestyle tips, check out www.posthealthyclas-

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# Hot Ideas With Whole Grain Cereals

Adding more fruits, vegetables, low fat dairy and whole grains to your daily diet can be as delicious as the following recipes.

**Morning Berry Parfait** 

Prep: 5 minutes 1 cup strawberry slices, blueberries or raspberries 1/2 cup Breyers Light Fat Free Yogurt,

any flavor 1/4 cup Post Grape-Nuts or Spoon Size Shredded Wheat cereal LAYER half each of the strawberries,

vogurt and cereal in a medium glass. REPEAT layers. Serve immediately. Makes 1 serving **Tabbouleh Salad** Prep: 15 minutes plus refrigerating

1 pint cherry tomatoes, quartered 1/2 cup finely chopped yellow or white onion

1/2 cup finely chopped green onions 1/2 cup finely chopped fresh parsley 1/4 cup prepared Good Seasons Zesty

Italian Salad Dressing & Recipe Mix for Fat Free Dressing 2 tablespoons lemon juice

4-1/2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh mint 1 cup Post Grape-Nuts cereal

MIX all ingredients except cereal in large bowl; cover. **REFRIGERATE** at least 1 hour to allow

flavors to blend. STIR in cereal 30 minutes before serving. Let stand at room temperature until ready

#### Makes 6 servings **Chocolate Popcorn Trail Mix**

Prep: 10 minutes 3 tablespoons Baker's Semi-Sweet **Chocolate Chunks** 

1 cup dried cranberries 2 cups Post Spoon Size Shredded

Wheat cereal 2 cups popped reduced-sodium reduced-fat microwave popcorn

MELT chocolate as directed on package. Pour over cranberries in small bowl; toss to coat. Set aside. MIX cereal and popcorn in large bowl.

Add cranberries; mix lightly. SPREAD into single layer on large piece

of wax paper. Cool.

Makes 4 servings, 1-1/4 cups each Orange Bowl Cereal ni .capril

Prep: 5 minutes 1 cup Post Spoon Size Shredded Wheat cereal

2/3 cup mandarin orange segments and their juices (about 1/2 of 11-ounce

1/4 cup Breyers Vanilla Lowfat Yogurt PLACE cereal in serving bowl. Top with mandarin orange segments and juice. TOP with yogurt.

Makes 1 serving

#### **Strawberry Cereal Shake**

Prep: 5 minutes

1 cup fat free milk

1 cup unsweetened frozen strawberries 1/2 cup Post Fruit & Bran with Dates, Raisins, Walnuts cereal

1 tablespoon honey PLACE all ingredients in blender container; cover.

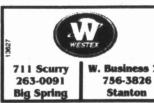
BLEND on high speed 30 seconds or until well blended.

POUR into large glass. Serve immediately. Makes 1 serving











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## What a concept!

## DaimlerChrysler unveils new diesel concept car based on shape of fish

By ANDRES R. MARTINEZ cylinder car to get about

**Knight Ridder Newspapers** DaimlerChrysler unveiled a four-seat diesel compact car Tuesday with a design that company officials said was derived from the efficient shape of the Australian

boxfish. "Our engineers have based it on a true hero of the deep sea," Thomas Weber, the head of research and technology DaimlerChrysler's Mercedes Car Group, said the automaker's **Innovation Symposium at** Washington's convention center.

He touted the boxfish which looks like a squared, hard-nosed sunfish — for a shape so efficient that it rarely needs to move its fins. The boxfish, which is found off Australia's southeastern coast, grows to be 14 inches long.

The slab-paneled Bionic, which does resemble the boxfish, shares some of the fish's virtues, according to Weber and his colleagues. It's lightweight thanks to lots of aluminum — and its diesel engine enables the four70 miles per gallon.

Mercedes-Benz engineers and designers came across the boxfish, Weber said, when they were seeking streamlined shapes in nature that they could adapt to make a car fuel-efficient and environmentally friendly.

ever be sold in its current form.

The prospect of a new DaimlerChrysler diesel vehicle in the United States was surprising, considering the company's heavy investment in hybrid cars. "We are still committed to hybrid (technologies), because in a lot of cases it benefits the customer," Weber

Improved technologies now make diesel engines as efficient as gasoline and hybrid engines, although not as clean environmentally, according to automakers. While diesel cars are proving popular in Europe, the U.S. charket for light-car diesels is largely untapped.

Mercedes-Benz already offers an SUV - the E 320 CDI — with advanced diesel technology, and



**DaimlerChrysler's Bionic Concept Car** 

Chrysler uses a similar engine in the Jeep Liberty. DaimlerChrysler is the parent company of Jeep and Mercedes-Benz.

Brett Smith, the assistant director of manufacturing at the Center for Automotive Research, based in Ann Arbor, Mich., speculated that DaimlerChrysler is using the fish concept to stress the improvement of its diesel engines in a U.S. market skeptical of diesels. The boxfish also puts an environmentally friendly face on a fuel that's associated with air pollution.

"The real goal is here to give some positive spin that says diesel is friendly and efficient," Smith said.

He cautioned that the Bionic might never reach U.S. showrooms.

Unlike American regulators, Smith said. European ones tend to focus more on fuel efficiency and less on emissions. In the United States - especially in California regulators emphasize the need for cleaner emis-

sions. For more information online, visit www.daimlerchrysler.com and click on "Daily News."

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## Backe, Lidge lead Houston against N.Y. Mets

By MIKE FITZPATRICK

AP Sports Writer NEW YORK (AP) — Brandon Backe was at his best—with runners on base. Good thing, too, because he put them

Backe worked around a career-high six walks, and pinch-hitter Orlando Palmeiro homered to lead the Houston Astros past the New York Mets 4-1

there.

Wednesday night. "The amount of change-ups that worked for me tonight really helped me out," Backe said. "I just stayed away from the big guy, I somehow got a damage.

strikeout or a groundball.

I refocused and went after the next hitter." Craig Biggio and Jason Lane each had an RBI double for the Astros who improved to 6-23 on the road and handed the Mets only their fourth defeat in 12 games.

New York lost star catcher Mike Piazza to a bruised left wrist in the first inning after he was hit by a foul ball. X-rays were negative and he was day-to-day. Piazza's replacement.

Ramon Castro, came through with an RBI double in his first at-bat, but inning. If I did walk a Backe (6-3) limited the

rest after making his first for his 14th save in 16 relief appearance of the season Saturday against St. Louis, the right-hander gave up four hits in six innings.

He struck out seven, helping him overcome a wild outing.

"He's been such an unusual study so far. He's pitched so well at home and he hasn't pitched as well on the road. But you've got to hand it to him today. He made the pitches when he needed to," Houston manager Phil Garner said.

Chad Qualls and Dan Wheeler each threw a scoreless inning before

chances.

One night after Pedro Martinez pitched a gem against one of baseball's worst offenses, Mets starter Victor Zambrano (3-6) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings.

New York took the lead in the first when Mike Cameron walked and scored on pinch-hitter Castro's two-out double. Marlon Anderson followed with a looper to center, but Lane made a diving catch to save two runs.

The Mets stranded 11. They loaded the bases in

Starting on three days' Brad Lidge got three outs the second, but Carlos Beltran grounded out.

Todd Self singled in the fourth and scored on Biggio's double to left, tying it at 1.

Zambrano walked Self leading off the sixth, and Biggio followed with a single. After a double play, Zambrano had a escape chance to. unscathed, but Morgan Ensberg drove in the goahead run with an infield single down the thirdbase line.

Lane added an RBI double to make it 3-1, and Palmeiro connected in the seventh off Heath Bell for his third career pinch-hit

## Tejeda's first start leads to victory for **Phillies over Texas**

By ROB MAADDI

**AP Sports Writer** 

PHILADELPHIA (AP) With help on the way, the Philadelphia Phillies' pitching was stellar from start to finish.

Pat Burrell's two-run single broke a scoreless tie and four pitchers combined on a five-hitter, leading Philadelphia to a 2-0 victory over the Texas Wednesday Rangers night.

"Coming in, I wasn't shutout." thinking Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

The Phillies have won 11 of 13, moving to a season-best four games over .500 at 32-28.

Rookie Robinson Tejeda pitched five innings in his first big-league start. The right-hander, getting a spot start because the Phillies played a doubleheader Saturday, allowed just two hits and two walks, striking out four.

Aaron Fultz pitched one inning to record his first win with Ryan Phillies. Madson went two innings and Billy Wagner finished for his 16th save in

18 chances. "He did a tremendous Manuel said of job," Tejeda. "He kept his composure. He didn't get shook up. He didn't get rattled. He just kept pitching. He was very aggressive. He went right

at them." Before the game, the significantly Phillies upgraded their bullpen, acquiring reliever Ugueth Urbina and infielder Ramon Martinez from Detroit for infielder

Placido Polanco. Urbina, who helped the Florida Marlins win the World Series in 2003, is 1-3 with nine saves and a 2.63 ERA in 25 games.

"The price was high,

but to be able to get a proven bullpen arm who has pitched at a championship level, it was too good to pass up," Phillies general manager Ed Wade said.

The Rangers have lost five of seven after winning nine straight.

"They made a lot of good pitches," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "We couldn't get anything going."

Chris Young (5-3) allowed two runs and five hits in 5 1-3 innings, losing for the first time since April 28.

Young breezed through the first five innings, allowing just one runner to reach second base. But Perez started the sixth with singles. After Bobby Abreu grounded out to first base, Burrell lined a single to left field to make

it 2-0. Burrell advanced to second when left fielder Kevin Mench bobbled the ball, but was thrown out at the plate by right fielder Richard Hidalgo on David Bell's two-out sin-

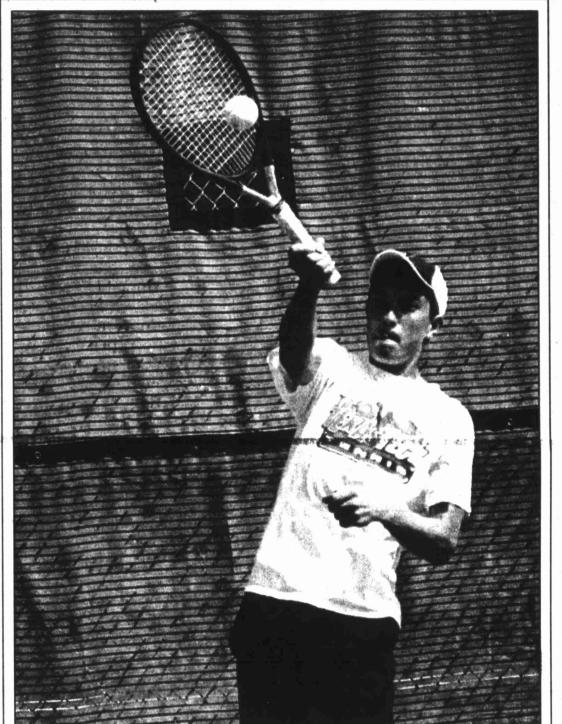
"He had a good fastball, good curve and an aboveaverage change," Burrell said of Young. "He has good stuff. You have to try to react. I got a hang-

ing curve." Tejeda, a starter in the minors, had pitched out of the bullpen since being recalled by the Phillies.

"I felt good," he said. "I just tried to make good pitches. I've been a starter my whole life. I feel comfortable that way."

The Rangers came in leading the AL in runs.

"They threw a lot of guys at us," first baseman Mark Teixeira said. "We still have to get more than five hits.'



Big Spring's Garrett Nichols hits an overhead return during the Big Spring tennis camp Wednesday morning at the Figure 7 Tennis Center inside Comanche Trail Park. Nichols will be a junior next year and the camp runs through today. Big Spring's version of the Black and Gold Tennis Circuit begins Friday morning at Comanche Trail Park. The event concludes Saturday. For more information on Big Spring tennis happenings or to set up a lesson, visit www.bigspringtennis.com.

## ESPN removes name from poll

By NANCY ARMOUR

**AP National Writer** 

ESPN withdrew from the college football coaches' poll Tuesday, the second major news organization to say it didn't want to be a part of the Bowl Championship Series' weekly rankings.

The cable sports network said it no longer wanted its name attached to the rankings unless all ballots were made public, not just the final ones. USA Today will continue running the poll, which helps determine who plays for the national championship.

December, The Associated Press told the BCS to stop using its media poll in its weekly formula.

"Coaches have the perfect right to conduct their voting the way they see fit," said Vince Doria, ESPN's vice \*president and director of news. "We just feel we couldn't reconcile having our name on the poll and being able to cover any controversy that might arise."

Unlike the AP voters, the coaches' ballots have always been secret. ESPN asked this year that they be public, but the coaches agreed only for the final regular-season poll. Doria said ESPN wanted it for the entire year.

"We just felt that to be as ethical as we possibly could in this situation, that's what we needed to do," Doria said.

Doria said ESPN notified USA Today and the coaches' association of its decision, but not the BCS. The AP poll and the

ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll had been the major components of the BCS rankings.

However, the AP said such use was never sanctioned and had reached the point where it threatened to undermine the independence and integrity of its poll.

ESPN had sponsored the coaches' poll with USA Today since 1997.

Doria said the network became uncomfortable last season, California lost a shot at a BCS poll."

major bowl after dropping in the final coaches' poll, causing a public outcry and debate among fans.

The Golden Bears finished fourth in the coaches' poll, but six coaches dropped them below No. 6 on the final ballots — four at No. 7 and two in the eighth slot. In the previous week's poll, nobody picked Cal lower than sixth.

The final vote came after Cal's 26-16 win at Southern Mississippi — a close game, but a tough road contest that wasn't in doubt in the final minutes.

The drop cost Cal its first Rose Bowl bid in 45 years. The Golden Bears instead went to the less glamorous Holiday Bowl while Texas got into the Rose Bowl.

"In essence, that was really the determining factor," Doria said. "The poll was more than something that is there primarily for fans to discuss and debate. It was a deterwhen minant element in the

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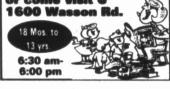
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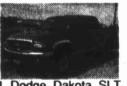
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c/o: C.E. (Mike) Thomas III **Attorney At Law** P.O. Drawer 2117 Big Spring, Texas 79721-2117 DATED the 6th day of June, 2005. C.E. (Mike) Thomas III Attorney for Estate State Bar No.: 19845200

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what you're so happy or mad about so you can decide how to proceed. Spend a few hours getting your house in order. and you'll have

HOLIDAY **MATHIS** 

the answer to an important question by the time your task is complete.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). While you totally grasp the concept of earning more money than you spend, your bank account fails to show it. If your social life is the cause of your unchecked spending, entertain at home. The drinks are cheaper.

TAURUS (April 20-May Be thoughtful. Consider why people say what they do and how it affects you. Loved ones speak words that lodge in the center of your heart and become part your selfdefinition.

GEMINI (May 21-June

Tomorrow's Horoscope 21). You're very percepare, however, vulnerable tive. When you look at the to silly mistakes like los-

around you, motives are transparent and intentions are crystal clear. Luck comes in the form of a strange person there first. calling your name - and no, it's not a sales call.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're forced to act as an interpreter for family members who don't speak each other's language. You decipher code words and are an excellent diplomat. At some point, you have to ask what's in it for you.

people

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Relationships are beautiful music now, and you get swept up in a strong force of melodic continuation. Indeed, you are an important instrument in the symphony of life, so be sure to come in when it's your turn to carry the song.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're brilliant! Genius even! Be careful to communicate on the level of the person you're trying to reach. What makes perfect sense to you is all jabberwocky and figure eights to someone else.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Outrageous demands are made of you, and you handle them brilliantly! You ing your keys. Note: The last place you look always ends up being the most obvious. Try checking

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'd like to think that your friends aren't the type of people who require a lot of maintenance, but a couple of them start to worry if they don't hear from you once a week. A quick call is most reassuring.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-**Dec. 21). Dare to raise your standards. Your ideas about what you deserve may be the only thing holding you back. As addictive as relationship drama can be, avoid CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). You're succeeding because you're methodical. You realize that all forces must be going in one direction in order to make progress and you give up actions in opposition to your goal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The workplace jumps with excited energy and many of you will remember why you originally got into your field. You still must overcome a difficult foe (likely your neg-

ative own self-talk) in order to move up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's an us-againstthem mentality present in today's dealings, and it's not such a bad thing. At least people around you are banding together instead of feeling that they can't make a difference.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUES-**TIONS: "I am a Pisces who married a Scorpio last summer. Soon after the wedding, he lost his job. He had no luck finding a job in our area and then he found one out of state. We are now in a long-distance marriage. Living with him was no fun since I was working and he was not. I can't let go of my career and move. (I have a 16-year-old son who is not that crazy about changing schools.) I think about getting a divorce every day so I can have my freedom back. This marriage seems to be like a rock hanging from my neck. I love him, but I'm not moving. What do I do?"

Although Pisces and Scorpio are extremely compatible (it's a soul connection that fulfills you on deep emotional levels), real-life problems sometimes get in the way of their other-worldly kind of bond. Even though you'll likely dissolve the legal connection in a matter of months, I think you should make an effort to maintain a friendship. You could have another go at this love in your old age.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Although Natalie Portman will enjoy one of the biggest years in her career next year, her chart reveals that internally she still wonders if acting is the right career path for her. She chose to exercise her Gemini intellect within the walls of Harvard, where she studied psychology. She may come to realize that her movie roles also provide a kind of therapy for her adoring audience. If you would like to write

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#### Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Several months ago, one of our neighbors (I'll call him "Bill") accidentally destroyed some property belonging to another neighbor who was out of town at the time. Bill did not inform the neighbor of the damage, but he did tell my husband.

This did not seem fair to me. So, several weeks after the neighbors returned home, I knocked on their door and told them what had happened, condition under anonymity. However. confidence was breached and when they contacted Bill, somehow my name was in the mix.

Bill did the repair work with a martyred attitude and then called my husband (not me) and blew his top, telling him that since we were a couple,



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR my husband was as culpable as I. Since my husband had nothing to do with telling the neigh-

> ever again. How can a grown man exhibit such immature

> bors, it seems grossly

unfair that Bill refuses to

talk or interact with him

behavior, especially since he and my husband used to do so many things together? Any advice on how to proceed from here, or has this friendship reached an impasse? Disgusted in the

**Midwest** Dear Disgusted: Why on earth would your husband want to be friends with a man who would destroy property and then lie about it, begrudge making amends to the injured party and then blame others in a vindictive snit fit?

Obviously, you feel for responsible the impasse, so tell your husband you are genuinely sorry there is a rift. Any repairing of the relationship, however, will have to be up to Bill. Meanwhile, be as polite and civil as you would with any neighbor.

Dear Annie: Last night, my husband pulled a humiliating stunt. We were seated in the lounge of a lovely restaurant, waiting for our dinner companions. It seems the nicer the atmosphere, the darker the establishment. "David" reached for the wine list and, with aplomb, took out a pen flashlight from his jacket, stating, "Well, finally, I can see what I am reading." When the waiter arrived to take our order, I tried to joke about the flashlight, but I was mortified.

Later, when our friends arrived, he again dragged out the flashlight in order to read the menu. To my disdain, our friends asked if they could borrow it. My guess is that this could be the result of his recently ordering a \$200 bottle of wine because he could not read the wine list. Any alternative suggestions? — Valley Village

Dear Valley: Actually, we admire your husband's willingness not to be intimidated. There is nothing wrong with pulling out a little light if you are having difficulty reading, and rest assured, the other patrons are not castigating you for it. Restaurants often use dim lighting because it seems cozier, but it also means you can't see if the silverware is clean. Instead of being embarrassed, consider it an amusing idiosyncrasy. You'll feel better.

Dear Annie: There is a house in my neighborhood with a ragged American flag hanging in the front yard. It is so tattered and torn that it makes me sad.

I don't know the residents, so I left an anonymous note stating the flag needs replacing. When that yielded no results, I left guidelines about the proper treatment of the flag, but still nothing. There is no local ordinance about flag treatment, but it doesn't seem right for such blatant disrespect to continue. Any ideas? - Mystified in Mississippi

Dear Mystified: When a flag is so tattered that it can no longer be cleaned and presentable, it should burned. be Many American Legion posts conduct such burnings at dignified ceremonies on Flag Day (June 14), and you can suggest that your neighbors put the flag away until then. For more information, contact your local American Legion Department or check their website at legion.org.

Dear Annie: My husband, "Owen," took early retirement so he could spend four months every winter in his camper, fishing someplace warmer. I had to continue working, as we otherwise would not have had enough money to pay the bills.

About five years ago, Owen decided to rent the camping site for the entire year and began spending more time there. He complained constantly that I was unable to join him, but somehow would not acknowledge that if I quit my job, he would not be able to do what he was doing.

Well, 18 months ago, Owen discovered a female fishing friend, and the two of them spent a great deal of time together. He also became verbally abusive to me. Finally, last fall, Owen admitted he and this woman had a "deep friendship." He promised to break it off over the winter. He left me in quite a

state and didn't return home for the holidays. I went into counseling, and was just starting to rebuild myself, when I found out I have cancer. Owen came home, but he left his camper and all of his equipment at the winter resort.

Now I am in the fight of my life, and even though

Owen is here, it seems like he is just waiting for me to die. It upsets me to think this way, and I haven't mentioned anything to Owen, because he surely would deny it.

The mental and emotional strain of having him around is unbelievable. Worse, from time to time, he lashes out at me about some "stupid" thing I did, and his words leave me totally devastated. Should I ask him to leave? — Sick and Hurt

Dear Sick: Have your counselor and your doctor talk to Owen and explain what he needs to do. If he is uncooperative, it might be best to ask him to leave.

Stress is absolutely the last thing you need right now, and it can interfere with your ability to stay strong. We hope there is someone else — a parent, sibling, child, close friend who can provide emotional support. Also, contact please **American Cancer Society** (cancer.org) for help and assistance. We'll be thinking of you.

Dear Annie: I constantly get into physical fights with my sister, "Beth," and I have lost several times. It is very embarrassing to be 17 years old and beaten up by a 12year-old sibling.

My parents don't know about most of these fights. Do I keep them in the dark while I put up with it for one more year until I move out, or do I tell them? My concern is that telling them will make my relationship with Beth unbearable. How do I go about preventing problems? **Western Bloody Nose** 

Dear Bloody Nose: You and Beth need a better way to disagree. She may be too immature to control her anger, but you are getting too old for this. Tell your parents about the fighting (without finger-pointing), and ask them to help the two of you work on conflict resolution. You also can discuss it with your school counselor, who should have some training in this area. Things should be better as Beth grows up, but it will help to work on a healthier relationship right now.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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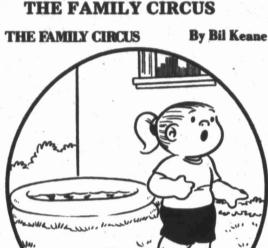


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Roman Emperor Nero committed suicide. On this date:

In 1940, Norway surrendered to the Nazis during World War II.

In 1953, about 100 people died when a tornado struck Worcester, Mass. In 1954, during the Senate-

Army Hearings, Army special counsel Joseph N. Welch asked Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy: "Have you no sense of decency, sir?

In 1969, the U.S. Senate confirmed Warren Burger to be the new chief justice of the United States, succeeding Earl Warren.

In 1973, Secretariat became horse racing's first Triple Crown winner in 25 years by winning the Belmont Stakes. In 1978, leaders of the

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints struck down a 148-year-old policy of excluding black men from the Mormon priesthood. In 1985, American educa-

tor Thomas Sutherland was kidnapped in Lebanon; he was released in November 1991 along with fellow hostage Terry Waite.

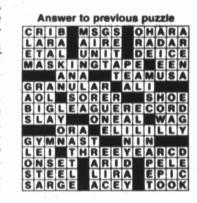
In 1993, as millions of Japanese watched on televi-Crown sion, Naruhito wed commoner Masako Owada in an elaborate Shinto religious ceremony.

Five years ago: The Justice Department released a report saying an 18-month investigation had found no credible evidence that conspirators aided or framed James Earl Ray in the 1968 assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

One year ago: The Federal Communications Commission agreed to a record \$1.75 million settlement with Clear Channel to resolve indecency complaints against Howard Stern and other radio personalities.

Today's Birthdays: Guitarist Les Paul is 90. Former World Bank president and former defense Robert secretary McNamara is 89.Rock musician Jon Lord is 64. Actor Michael J. Fox is 44. Actor Johnny Depp is 42. Jazz musician Wayman Tisdale is 41. Rock musician Dean Felber (Hootie & the Blowfish) is 38. Rock musician Dean Dinning is 38. Actress Natalie Portman is 24. Actress Mae Whitman is

Thought for Today: "Next to the slanderer, we detest the bearer of the slander to ears." Mary Catherwood, American novelist (1847-1901).



#### **Newsday Crossword**

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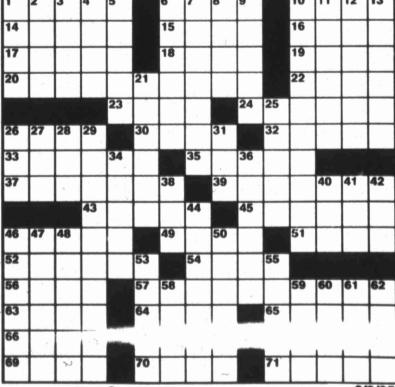
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THAT'S RACIN'S NOMINEES

Bobby Allison: Had 84 career victories as a driver,

including three Daytona 500s. 1983 Cup champion.

Buck Baker: Winner of 46 races and three champi-

Clay Earles: A true pioneer in the sport who built

Martinsville Speedway and ran it for more than 40

Dale Earnhardt: Seven-time Cup champion with 76

career victories and one of the sport's all-time most

Tim Flock: Colorful champion of the sport's early years

who won 39 races, including 18 in one year in 1955.

Bill France Sr.: Founder of NASCAR who served as

leader and led it through the remarkable growth of the

John Holman-Ralph Moody: The men behind one of

NASCAR's all-time most formidable teams. Won back-

to-back championships with David Pearson in 1968-69.

Bobby Isaac: Won 36 races in 207 starts between

1967 and 1972, and finished his career with 37 victo-

Ned Jarrett: Won 50 races and two Grand National

titles in his driving career, then served the sport as a

Junior Johnson: Won 50 races as a driver and then

139 more — along with six championships — as a car

Carl Klekhaefer: The sport's first multi-car owner, his

teams dominated the sport in an unrivaled fashion in

Bud Moore: A World War II veteran who landed on Utah Beach on D-Day, he won back-to-back titles as a

car owner in 1962 and 1963 with driver Joe Weatherly.

career victories and a three-time Cup series champion.

Lee Petty: Patriarch of the sport's most famous family,

he won 54 career races and built one of the great pro-

Richard Petty: Lee Petty's son won an all-time record

200 races and seven championships to earn his nick-

Fireball Roberts: Won 32 races in a 15-year career

Ralph Seagraves: The man who led R.J. Reynolds

lasted more than 30 years, establishing NASCAR's

before suffering burns in a crash at Charlotte that even-

Tobacco's sponsorship venture that began in 1971 and

David Pearson: Second on the all-time list with 105

Bill France Jr.: Followed his father as the sport's

its chairman for its first quarter-century.

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tually ended his life.

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Cast your votes to predict who will be inducted into NASCAR's hall of fame

By David Poole Knight Ridder Newspapers

> you believe the question of where a new NASCAR hall of fame should be built can get a lot of discussions started, just think about the other big question that follows along with it: Who should be inducted?

The National Motorsports Press Association has been electing members to its Stock Car Racing Hall of Fame since 1965, and so far has chosen more than 70 inductees for their contributions to and accomplishments in the sport for enshrinement in a museum at Darlington (S.C.) Raceway

The International Motorsports Hall of Fame adjacent to Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway also has a strong stock-car contingent, and various regional and state halls around the country have recognized racing's pioneers and heroes.

No selection process has been officially announced for the proposed NASCAR hall for which Atlanta; Charlotte, N.C.; Daytona Beach, Fla.; Kansas City, Mo.; and Richmond, Va., submitted bids by the May 31 deadline. NASCAR plans to visit each of those cities this summer and, after reviewing the bids and the results of those visits, could choose a site for the hall by the end of the year.

While we're all waiting, let us assume that NASCAR will start from scratch in choosing the people to be honored once the new hall is established.

How many people should make up the first year's class of inductees? With more than 70 already in the NMPA hall, it's clear that any number significantly smaller than that would create some tough calls for whatever group of voters is assembled to make those decisions.

What if you were on that panel and were asked to vote for the 10 most deserving people to be among the first to go into the new hall of fame? How many drivers would you choose, as opposed to men who helped guide the sport to the success it enjoys today?

We'd like to know how you'd vote. We've provided a list of the 25 candidates we feel should be the list for anyone considering who to include in the first hall of fame class. That doesn't mean these are the only legitimate candidates the list could certainly be at least twice as long.

We've included all of the drivers who're in the top 20 in all-time victories who're not still active in the sport. We've also got track owners and team owners.

Choose the 10 you think are the most deserving and e-mail your votes to dpoole@charlotteobserver.com by June 24. We'll let you know who you voted for the weekend of the July race at Daytona.



**Dale Earnhardt** 



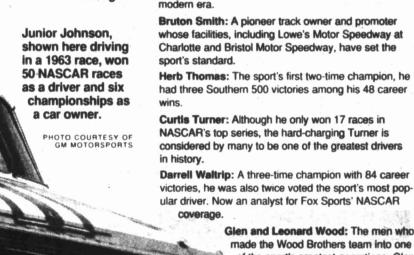
**Curtis Turner** 



**Richard Petty** 



Cale Yarborough



Glen and Leonard Wood: The men who made the Wood Brothers team into one of the sport's greatest operations. Glen won 14 races as a driver, and he and Leonard have had 17 of the sport's 50 greatest drivers in their cars.

Cale Yarborough: The only driver to he won 83 races in his career.

Smokey Yunick: One of the most colorful and brilliant mechanics and car owners to ever ply his trade in NASCAR.

## ever win three straight championships.

#### **POCONO 500**

THIS WEEK'S RACE

Where: Pocono Raceway, a 2.5-mile triangular-shaped paved flat track located in Long Pond, Pa

When: Sunday at 1:40 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 12:10 p.m. Saturday.

TV: Fox.

Radio: Motor Racing Network. Purse: \$4,750,499.

Last year's winner: Jimmie Johnson. Worth mentioning: There have been nine different race winners in the 10 races at Pocono since Bobby Labonte swept both races

in 1999. Johnson swept both Pocono races in

Mark Martin leads all drivers at Pocono, with 18 top-five and 25 top-10 finishes in 36

races, yet has not posted a victory. Ken Schrader and Bill Elliott lead all other drivers, each with five poles at Pocono.

#### POLL POSITION

#### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The Fox Sports broadcast team is winding down its half of the NASCAR season and will soon surrender the booth to the NBC/TNT bunch. Which of the two do you think does a better job with the races?

Cast your vote at: www.thatsracin.com

#### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Which drivers have the most volatile relationship?

Number of votes: 7,140

Drivers	Percent
Joe Nemechek and Kevin Harvick	40.4%
Rusty Wallace and Ryan Newman	23.3%
Jeff Green and Michael Waltrip	22.2%
Jimmie Johnson and Kevin Harvick	9.9%
Others	3.1%
Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Michael Waltrip	1.1%

#### STOP 'N' GO

#### WHO'S HOT

■ Serve, Hendrick? Roush Racing drivers have won six of the 13 races in 2005, while Hendrick Motorsports drivers have won five. Richard Childress Racing and Evernham Motorsports each have one victory. On fire: Greg Biffle has four consecutive

top-10 finishes and has won four races this season, the most of any driver. ■ Taking the up escalator: Rusty Wallace has

climbed from 14th to seventh in points over the past three races.

#### WHO'S NOT

Falling star: Jeff Gordon has finished 30th or worse in the past three races, including two 39th-place finishes.

■ Wrong kind of team unity: All three Chip Ganassi Racing drivers — Jamie McMurray, Casey Mears and Sterling Marlin — finished 24th or worse at Dover, Del.

Wrong way: Dave Blaney has finished 27th or worse the past four races and fallen from

22nd to 28th in points.

- Jim Utter

## BY THE NUMBERS

#### NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of June 5:				
	Rank/Driver	<b>Points</b>	Rank/Driver	<b>Points</b>
	1. Jimmie Johnso	n . 1912	21. Joe Nemechek	1308
	2. Greg Biffle	1866	22. Matt Kenseth .	1295
	3. Elliott Sadler	1681	23. Sterling Marlin	1281
	4. Ryan Newman	1672	24. Brian Vickers .	1264
	5. Tony Stewart .	1606	25. Mike Bliss	1207
	6. Mark Martin		26. Kyle Petty	1201
	7. Rusty Wallace	1584	27. Casey Mears .	
	8. Kurt Busch	1579	28. Dave Blaney	
	9. Carl Edwards .	1574	29. Bobby Labonte	
	10. Kevin Harvick.	1573	30. Ken Schrader.	
	11. Jeff Gordon	1562	31. Jeff Green	1166
	12. Jeremy Mayfiel	ld . 1538	32. Travis Kvapil	
	13. Jamie McMurra	ay . 1536	33. Ricky Rudd	
	14. Dale Jarrett	1500	34. Mike Wallace .	
	15. Dale Earnhard	Jr. 1494	35. Scott Wimmer	1034
	16. Jeff Burton	1452	36. Jason Leffler	924
	17. Michael Waltrig	1419	37. Bobby Hamilton	Jr. 804
	18. Kasey Kahne .	1409	38. Kevin Lepage.	702
	19. Kyle Busch	1354	39. Robby Gordon	
	20. Scott Riggs	1310	40. Hermie Sadler	

#### RANKINGS

#### THAT'S RACIN'S TOP **PICKS**

- 1. Greg Biffle (car No. 16): Winning is becoming a habit for this team, and that's bad news for everybody else. Last week: 2.
- 2. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): This team swept last season's Pocono races, so it could seesaw right back to the top. Last week: 1.
- 3. Elliott Sadler (car No. 38): Led some laps at Dover, but the gap from here to second in the rankings is still a chasm. Last week: 4.
- 4. Ryan Newman (car No 12): Seems like this team has it 98 percent together with that final 2 percent on back order. Last week: 5.
- 5. Mark Martin (car No. 6): Six finishes of seventh or better so far this year, but the other seven are 15th or lower. Last week: 7.
- 6. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): DuPont re-ups as sponsor. The way this team is running, Otis Elevator
- might be more fitting. Last week: 3. 7. Tony Stewart (car No. 20): What's irony? It's Stewart saying Jeff Gordon expects to live by his own set
- of rules. Last week: 8. 8. Rusty Wallace (car No. 2): Like Newman's, this team only seems to need a little bit more to be formidable. Last week: 13.
- 9. Carl Edwards (car No. 99): Always interesting to see how a talented guy like this handles his first
- time at Pocono. Last week: 6. 10. Kurt Busch (car No. 97): The

defending champ could soon have his little brother knocking on the door for this spot in the rankings. Last week:



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

## Early predictions holding up at season's midpoint

emain in the 2005 season, last Sunday's MBNA 400 at Dover International Speedway marked the halfway point of the 26-race regular season that determine the field for the second annual Chase for the Nextel Cup

During championship week activities in New York last year, we offered a formula for forecasting who'd make the Chase this season. How are we doing? Not great, but

not bad, either. We said seven teams seemed to be a cut above and guessed that six would make the Chase. Only four -Jimmie Johnson, Ryan Newman,

Tony Stewart and Kurt Busch - are in the top 10 now, but Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. are still in contention. Only Matt Kenseth is badly

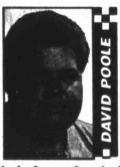
We said a second group of 10 teams would fight for three more spots, but as of today five - Greg Biffle, Mark Martin, Kevin Harvick, Elliott Sadler and Rusty Wallace — are in the top

And we guessed that one long-shot would get there. So far, Carl Edwards is that guy. If you reshuffle the

deck again based on 13 races, you'd start by saying Johnson and Biffle are locks for

the Chase. If Johnson can average a 15thplace finish over the next 13 races, about the only way he could get knocked out of the Chase would be for 10 guys to average top-10 finishes. That's not going to happen. And Biffle's team showed again with Sunday's dominant win that it's a

threat to win anywhere this year. Next come five drivers who collectively still have no points race wins but still look fairly solid. Sadler,



Newman, Stewart, Martin and Wallace could each use a win or two, if for nothing else than psychological value. Even if they keep failing to maximize opportunities, minimizing misfortune could get the job done.

Chances are at least one of those five won't be able to keep that up, but if four do that's six for the Chase.

Next come four drivers who have won races but can't stand prosperity. Busch, Edwards and Harvick each have one win. Gordon has three. Busch has failed to finish two races and, even though they've been running at the finish of all 13 races so far, Edwards and Harvick have performed mercurially as well.

We figure that at least two of those four are going to wind up in the Chase. One, despite DNFs in the past three races, figures to be Gordon

(remember, he's got two road courses still coming up). Busch is the safest bet for another spot, even though Edwards could be next year's Biffle and Harvick traditionally runs well at several of the tracks coming up.

So for eight of the 10 Chase spots, I'd pick Johnson, Biffle, Sadler, Newman, Stewart, Martin, Busch and Gordon. For the ninth slot, I'll lean toward Wallace, who's in his final full Cup season.

For the final spot, I'll say one driver is going to come from further back with a strong run. I think it will be Kyle Busch.

Three races ago, the 20-year-old rookie was 27th in points. He's 19th after Sunday's second-place finish and would be even higher if the Coca-Cola 600 hadn't turned so wacky in the final 50 laps. Nobody not named Greg Biffle has more momentum than Kyle Busch does halfway home in the race to the Chase

#### **BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS**

The top-20 drivers as of June 4:					
Rank/Driver Points	Rank/Driver Points				
1. Carl Edwards 1930	11. David Green 1508				
2. Reed Sorenson 1856	12. Kevin Harvick 1497				
3. Martin Truex Jr 1810	13. Jon Wood 1370				
4. Clint Bowyer 1790	14. Randy LaJole 1318				
5. Kenny Wallace1700	15. Justin Laborite 1283				
6. Ashton Lewis 1698	16. Kasey Kahne 1275				
7. Greg Biffle1686	17. Stanton Barrett 1259				
8. Denny Hamlin 1618	18. Johnny Sauter 1256				
9. David Stremme 1592	19. Stacy Compton 1233				
10. Jason Keller 1548	20. Paul Menard 1229				

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Federated Auto Parts 300, Lebanon, Tenn.

#### TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of June 3: 1. Ted Musgrave ... 1200 6. Dennis Setzer ... 1064 Ricky Craven .... 1180 7. Matt Crafton . . . . 1018

Bobby Hamilton . . 1147 8. Terry Cook . . . . . 1007 Plon Homaday ... 1100 9. David Starr ..... 977 Jimmy Spencer .. 1064 10. Johnny Benson ... 958 NEXT RACE: Friday, Chex 400k, Fort Worth.