



Lakeview School Reunion scheduled for this weekend

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Lakeview School was a testament to Big Spring's segregated past, but it is also the source for many fond memories for former students.

Those students will have an opportunity to share those memories when the 11th Annual Lakeview School Reunion is held here Friday and Saturday at the La Vadera Club on the north service road of Interstate 20.

More than 100 former students have

pre-registered for the reunion, said Clarence Hartfield Jr., one of the event organizers, who added that he expects the final attendance figure to easily pass 200.

Lakeview School was home to Big Spring's African-American students until local schools were integrated in 1962.

But for Hartfield, the reunion, which is held every two years, is mostly a chance to get re-acquainted with old classmates.

"I enjoy seeing all the people, especial-

ly the ones from out of town," he said. "I like talking to them, and reliving the old days."

Registration for the reunion will begin at La Vadera at 4 p.m. Friday, while the formal program begins at 7 p.m.

Willene Johnson Knox, a classmate of Hartfield's, will be the keynote speaker, while Myrtle Wrightsil Banks, who was among the first group of Lakeview students allowed to attend Big Spring High School, will recognize special visitors.

Jenny Johnson will present a memorial to former students who have died

since the last reunion.

Also Friday, Lakeview teachers will be recognized and honored, Hartfield said.

The reunion, which is dedicated to the Lakeview Class of 1958, will continue Saturday with a brunch from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

A dinner will be held from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., followed by a dance at 9 p.m., Hartfield said.

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READY FOR RODEO



Famed rodeo clown Quail Dobbs, left, signs autographs for Lane White, middle, and Kelsey Westbrook, right, during an appearance at the Howard County Library Thursday morning. Dobbs was promoting the start of the annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, which begins tonight at the Rodeo Bowl.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Direction

Coahoma RCCI begins development process by looking at 'what is'

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

COAHOMA

Sometimes, you have to know where you are, before you know where to go.

That was the subtle lesson behind Tuesday's meeting of the Coahoma Rural Community College Initiative at the community center here.

RCCI, which was implemented more than a year ago and Big Spring and has since branched out to Coahoma, is designed to bring people and organizations together to help promote community development.

But before you can begin the development process, you must decide what you have to work with, organizers told those present Tuesday. So the balance of the meeting was taken up listing services, organizations and activities available in the community.

Team Leader Glenna Ellis started listing that information on a chalkboard that runs the length of one of the walls at the center. To the surprise of many, by the end of the meeting, the board was full.

Coahoma, with a population of less than 1,000, supports four churches, all with active women's and youth groups, and several organizations ranging from a Masonic Lodge and Lion's Club to a 50-member senior citizens club.

The town's largest employer, the Coahoma Independent School District, employs a staff of 135 that helps educate almost 800 students on three campuses.

And the town is heavily involved in youth sports

"I think things went extremely well. I think

Coahoma learned that it has a strong volunteer base, and they need to decide how best to utilize it."



ELLIS

activities, led by the high school's softball team, which has qualified for the state tournament seven times in the last 12 years. Youth sports groups range from football to baseball to softball to soccer.

The City of Coahoma employs four people, while the town also is home to a Howard County Justice of the Peace and a Volunteer Fire Department.

Jan Foresyth of the Big Spring RCCI effort said being surprised by just how much a community has to offer is just one of the byproducts of RCCI.

"One of the things RCCI did in Big Spring is it brought people together to talk about things," she said. "We had lots of people doing things, but nobody was talking to anybody about it ... It makes you realize that when people say things like, 'There's nothing to do in Coahoma,' they're wrong."

Ellis, who was appointed team leader of the Coahoma effort in May, was pleased with the

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Code officer receives one-day suspension

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A code enforcement officer with the city of Big Spring received a one-day suspension without pay Wednesday following an investigation into an argument with a local resident.

Leslie Hooper, an officer with the city's code enforcement department, was reprimanded following an investigation into the incident.

"We felt some of the comments (from Bailey) were provoking," said

Todd Darden, director of public works for the city. "And our employee (Hooper) made some comments that were inappropriate and unprofessional. And as a result, the city concluded its investigation today and decided appropriate actions were necessary to deal with those unprofessional actions."

Darden said the incident took place on June 6 when Bailey entered the city's Code Enforcement office, located in the Polly Mays Annex, to get a permit for a fence he had

erected on his property.

"We had an incident with a citizen that received some code violation letters in the past, with the most recent incident occurring on June 6," said Darden. "The citizen had erected a new fence around his property and failed to obtain the appropriate permit for the fence. He was contacted by the Code Enforcement office and advised that it was a requirement to get a permit."

"He came into the office to do so. We were short staffed that particular

day .. and a problem with the issuance of the receipt for the permit escalated into comments being made by both the citizen and the city employee (Hooper)."

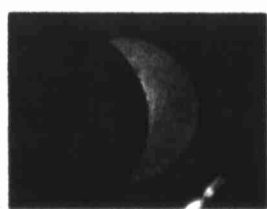
The conversation was captured by Bailey, who said he hid a recording device on himself while going out to his vehicle during the conversation.

"I have a digital recorder," said Bailey during an interview with the Herald. "I turned it on while I was outside and

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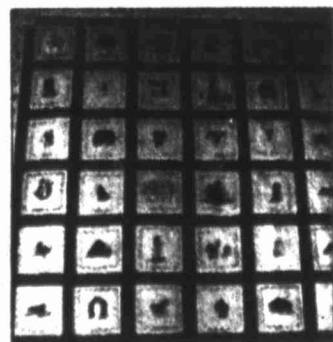


Rock singer John Mellen-camp's love for a small town remains just as strong today as it was growing up in Indiana.

He discusses his decision to raise

his family in Bloomington. Hometown Hero: When Leslie Morissette lost her 8-year-old son to leukemia, she converted her grief into good cause by providing computers to other seriously ill children and their families.

QUILT RECEPTION



A quilt, it goes a 'travelin'.

But first, the public is invited to view a western-themed quilt, made by more than 50 women for

the Howard County Fair, at a special Quilt Reception from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at Heritage Museum.

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FATHER'S DAY MEAL

The Spring City Senior Center, located at 1901 Simler, will hold its annual Father's Day Luncheon at noon Sunday.

The meal for the luncheon will be roast beef, potatoes and carrots. Coffee, tea, water and milk will be available to drink. Dessert for the day will be strawberry shortcake.

The public is invited to attend. The meal will be \$5 per person for all those under the age of 60.

For those 60 years of age and older, an unspecified donation is requested.

For more information call Joann Staulcup at 263-4980.

Obituaries

Doris Cotton

Doris Cotton, 68, of Big Spring died Tuesday, June 14, 2005, in an Odessa hospice house. Memorial services will be at a later date.

She was born March 13, 1937, in Big Spring. Doris had lived in Las Vegas, Nev., for 24 years and retired from the Desert Inn after 20 years. She returned to Big Spring in 1986 and had served on the Senior Citizen Advisory Council.

Survivors include her twin sister, Dolores Bankston of Big Spring; one niece, Debra Stearns and husband, Alan of Houston; one nephew, Gary Bankston of Austin; and a great-niece, Kyla Stearns of Dallas.

She was preceded in death by one son, Larry McBryde in 1993 and one daughter, Randa Warman in 2000.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Hospice House Foundation, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa 79761.

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

Paid obituary

Paul A. Clanton

The Rev. Paul A. Clanton of Baxter Springs, Kan., passed from this earth June 14, 2005.

He was born March 8, 1923, to John A. Clanton and Hassie Mayfield (Weems) Clanton in Polar, Kent County.

He married Bonnie Jean Bard Nov. 19, 1946, in Webb City, Mo. To this union were born two children, Daniel D. Clanton and Max C. Clanton.

Paul was called to preach in the Original Apostolic Faith Movement in 1944. He has pastored churches in Missouri, Kansas, Texas and New Mexico. He was superintendent of the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs for four years and on the board of director for 15 years.

Paul was raised on a farm and returned to those roots in later life. He enjoyed raising and babying his herd of beef cattle.

He was preceded in death by both parents, four sisters and two brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Jean Clanton of the home; sons, Daniel Clanton and wife, Sharon and Max Clanton and wife, Sharon, all of Rural Baxter Springs; four grandchildren, Casey Clanton, Danny Clanton, Belinda Schooley and Kayla Clanton; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Hassie Belle Anderson and Mary Thomas, both of Big Spring and Stella McBeth of Seminole; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Arrangements are by Derfelt's Baxter Chapel of Baxter Springs, Kan.

The visitation is today, June 16, 2005, at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be at the Apostolic Faith Church, 10th and Lincoln, Baxter Springs, Kan., at 2 p.m. Friday, June 17, 2005. Burial will be in the Baxter Cemetery, Baxter Springs, Kan.

Paid obituary

Damion Shain Howard

Damion Shain Howard, infant son of Coby Shain Howard and Jamie Jo McShane Trammell of Big Spring, died Wednesday, June 15, 2005, in a Midland hospital. Graveside funeral services are 10 a.m. Friday, June 17, 2005, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Mark Winn, pastor of First Baptist Church of Sand Springs, officiating.

Damion was born June 15, 2005, in Midland. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his grandparents, Kenneth and Kathy Barber and Shain and Kelli Howard, all of Big Spring; two aunts; and three uncles.

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

Anita Ball

Anita Ball, 71, of Sand Springs died Tuesday, June 14, 2005, in Ruidosa, N.M. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Today — Partly cloudy. Highs around 102. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs around 104. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs around 106. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs around 104.

Sunday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s.

Monday — Partly cloudy. Highs around 101.

Monday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-9-20-28-38. Bonus Ball: 10. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: none. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$11 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 20-21-24-31-33. Number matching five of five: none. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night, in order: 6-6-0

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday afternoon, in order: 0-3-8

Police blotter

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

- TERRY SCOTT DIAZ, 22, of 1003 N.W. Second Street, was arrested Thursday on four local warrants and a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
- ALVIN LOUIS, 39, of 1211 Harding, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- JOHN GELB, 38, transient, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- DERRICK DRAKE, 19, of 1515 Stadium, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of criminal trespass. Note: An activity log was not available.

Sheriff's report

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

- DAVID LOPEZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest and minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- GREGORY ALLAN MCDANIEL, 36, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for violation of a protective order and bondsman off bond for driving while intoxicated - open container.
- MICHAEL LEE LOPEZ, 17, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment and sentence for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- ANTHONY HIGNOJOS JR., 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment and sentence for robbery.
- MICHAEL LEE MUNOZ, 22, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment and sentence (charge not provided).

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of E. 16th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 300 block of N.E. Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of W. Eighth Street and Bell. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Robinsion. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Terry. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of N. Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of W. Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2800 block of Crestline. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lark. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take note

• PAVING THE ROAD TO CARNEGIE HALL bake sale fund-raiser to benefit the Big Spring High School band trip in June of 2006 by invitation to Carnegie Hall in New York City is Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. at the east door of Wal-Mart. June 25 a car wash and bake sale is set for the same time at Wal-mart. Call Mindy at 432-213-3651 for more information.

• HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM needs volunteers to work Sunday afternoons. Call 264-1999 or visit the museum, 1911 apron, to volunteer.

• 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 years 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 these 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 e-mail to vivian_gordon@chs.net.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

- Big Spring 72nd annual Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. Parade begins at 5:30 p.m.
- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. and will elect new officers 2005-2006. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.

FRIDAY

- Big Spring 72nd annual Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- Lakeview School reunion.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- 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 seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- Big Spring 72nd annual Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.
- Old Settlers Reunion from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barns. Call Heritage Museum for free tickets at 267-8288.
- 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.
- American Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Highway 80, fish fry from noon until 3 p.m. \$7 per plate. Carry out available. Call 263-2084.
- Howard County Fair Association annual Quilt Reception from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Heritage Museum. Free admission.
- Lakeview School reunion.
- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

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.
- 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.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

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.

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"Remember...you deserve the best!"

Police search home of Dutch youth in teen's disappearance

By PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press Writer
NOORD, Aruba — Police investigating Natalee Holloway's disappearance made a helicopter survey of this Dutch Caribbean island before dawn Thursday after seizing cars and other items at the home of a judicial official whose son was with the Alabama teen the night she vanished.

A judge was expected to rule later today on a motion from the official to see his 17-year-old son, who is being held along with two friends from Suriname. The judge also was to rule on a request by lawyers for the two Surinamese to see any evidence against their clients.

In a statement released late Wednesday, officials said the helicopter would conduct "technical investigations" across the island during the night.

On Wednesday, two investigators from the Netherlands and Aruban police spent four hours inside the house of judicial official Paul van der Sloot, whose son, Joran, was detained a week ago.

Officers carried two white plastic garbage bags filled with unidentified items from the one-story, yellow-beige house, which includes an attached apartment where the young man lives. Authorities also towed away a blue SUV and a red Jeep.

Asked why it took investigators more than

two weeks after Holloway's May 30 disappearance to search the home, Attorney General Caren Janssen said: "You have to build up an investigation. You can't just go in there like a cowboy, you have to give certain direction to investigators."

Janssen, who went into the house with investigators Wednesday, declined to discuss the case, but said the father was not under investigation. Paul van der Sloot is a judge-in-training, serving a three-year term that allows him to hear a limited number of cases.

Police also declined to discuss the case.

Government spokesman Ruben Trapenberg said investigators were making progress.

"They're getting pieces that they need to solve this puzzle, put it together," he told CNBC. "It is a question of national priority for us."

Holloway was celebrating her graduation from Mountain Brook, Ala., High School with 124 other students and seven chaperones when she disappeared in the early hours of May 30.

Her U.S. passport and packed bags were found in her room at the Holiday Inn.

The 17-year-old Van Der Sloot and his two Surinamese friends have told police they were with Holloway, but said they dropped her off at her hotel.

LA mayor-elect says Democrats must talk family values to get Latino support

By ANABELLE GARAY

Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH — Democrats should talk more about family values and connect them to more issues if they want to keep the support of Latinos, Los Angeles Mayor-elect Antonio Villaraigosa said.

Republicans were able in the last presidential election to gain the votes of Hispanics by focusing on religion and seeming comfortable with Latino voters, he said during the opening address of the 23rd Annual National Association of Hispanic Journalists Convention in Fort Worth.

"They recognize something Latinos have in common with everybody else. I think Republicans do a better job of speaking to matters of the heart," Villaraigosa said.

Villaraigosa, a Democrat, campaigned for John Kerry in the presidential race.

Villaraigosa said Democrats need to take the discussion beyond the issues of gay marriage and abortion. He mentioned the homeless, health insurance for children and improving education as issues that should be addressed as part of family values.

When he was elected

mayor of the country's second-largest city last month, Villaraigosa became Los Angeles' first Latino mayor since 1872. His election signaled the expansion of Latino political influence across the nation.

It also saw a record 25 percent Hispanic voter turnout, but blacks and left-leaning whites also spurred his victory.

"It wasn't just a black-brown coalition ... and that made LA comfortable," said the mayor-elect, who said he will continue to try to unite a city that has faced racial clashes in the past. Villaraigosa said he

forged relationships with leaders from more than 30 ethnic groups in Los Angeles and connected with younger voters.

During his campaigning he emphasized that he wanted to be the right candidate for every resident within the city and not just a Latino candidate.

When he takes office in July, Villaraigosa will face leading a city with continuous population growth, cramped traffic, housing shortages and a troubled school system.

He is the son of Mexican immigrants and a former California Assembly speaker.

Five U.S. Marines killed in roadside bomb blast

By FRANK GRIFFITHS

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A roadside bomb attack killed five U.S. Marines and gunfire killed an American sailor in a western Iraqi town, the U.S. military said Thursday.

The Marines died Wednesday after their vehicle was attacked near Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad, the military said. Officials in Ramadi had reported a roadside bomb blast in the pre-dawn hours.

A sailor attached to the Marines' unit, the 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, was also killed Wednesday in Ramadi by gunfire, the military said.

The six U.S. deaths raised Wednesday's toll

from insurgent attacks to 58 killed.

At least 1,714 U.S. military members have died since the war began in 2003, according to an AP count.

A judge and his bodyguard were killed Thursday morning in an eastern Mosul neighborhood where many residents support the now-banned Baath Party of toppled President Saddam Hussein, officials said.

Six masked gunmen in two cars blocked the road and sprayed the judge's car with machine-gun fire, said Mosul court Judge Abdul al-Hassaniani and Dr. Bahaa al-Din al-Bakri of the city's hospital. The officials identified the dead judge as Salim Mahmoud al-Haj Ali. Mosul is 225 miles northwest of

Baghdad.

Police found the bodies of 11 people in two towns in the so-called Triangle of Death on Thursday, an official said. The corpses of five family members were discovered at a farm in Musayyib, about 40 miles south of Baghdad, said Capt. Muthana Khalid.

A group of armed men wearing police uniforms broke into the family's house Wednesday and pretended to arrest them and later killed them, Khalid said. There were signs of torture on the bodies, he said.

The remains of six other people were found in Latifiyah, about 20 miles south of Baghdad. Gunmen used the bodies as a trap to ambush arriving officers and engaged police in a fire fight.

There were no immediate reports of injuries.

Iraqi legislators seemed close to agreement on a demand by Sunni Arabs for more participation in the effort to draft a constitution.

A Shiite-dominated parliamentary committee drafting Iraq's new constitution offered a compromise to the country's Sunni Arab minority in an effort to break a deadlock over demands they have a bigger say in drawing up the charter.

The offer suggested that 13 additional Sunni Arabs join the committee in a parallel body. The head of a major Sunni religious organization and a spokesman for the community's largest political party rejected committee chairman Hummam Hammoudi's offer.

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went back in."

The conversation that was captured, which included a number of defamatory remarks directed at Hooper, was an obvious attempt to bait the code enforcement officer into a heated argument, Darden said.

"We have listened to the tape recording and we concluded that most of the comments on the citizen's (Bailey's) part were provoking and continued to be provoking," said Darden. "And while his comments to the city employee were inappropriate, he (Hooper) should have refrained from making any comments — should have simply let the other officer that was handling the permit complete the process.

"I don't think this incident is indicative of how we handle complaints on

a daily basis. I think this was a situation where the citizen had past cases against him relating to code violations or permit violations, and basically chose to come in and defend his actions — which were wrong — and it escalated from there."

Bailey claims Hooper threatened him during the course of the argument.

"You can clearly hear this maniac telling me he 'has cut the throats of Vietcong who were better than' me, and that I had no idea how badly he wanted to pounce on me," said Bailey.

Darden disagreed, saying although Hooper's comments were inappropriate, they were in no way threatening, compounded by the belief Bailey was intentionally trying to enrage Hooper to capture it on tape.

"Based on what we heard in the tape, we felt the tape was used because

he intended to provoke," said Darden. "If you listen to the tape it's clear that it's provoking. He made comments and called our employees Nazis, communists and unpatriotic. Leslie Hooper is a Vietnam veteran and of Jewish faith, and to call him a Nazi is just uncalled for."

Bailey is also caught on tape making disparaging remarks that even he said were "overboard."

"The reason it's taking so long to process your permit and receipt is because one of our clerks is out today," Kenny Davis, code enforcement director, can be heard saying to Bailey on the recording. "She's out today because her father-in-law just had a stroke."

"I hope all of your father-in-laws have strokes," remarked Bailey on the recording.

"I may have gone a little overboard there," Bailey said with a shrug during

a Herald interview.

In another instance clearly captured by the recording, Bailey questioned Hooper's patriotism.

"You're Gestapo," said Bailey.

"I am not Gestapo sir. I'm an American,"

Hooper shoots back. "I'm an American veteran of a foreign war."

"Well, you should have stayed over there because you're on their team," said Bailey.

"I was born and raised in Texas," said Hooper. "I fought in the Vietnam

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OUR VIEWS

Why not take Dad to Senior Center event?

Thinking about taking Dad out for lunch Sunday as part of your Father's Day observance? Well, you're not alone, a great many of us do just that on an almost annual basis — at least those of us who can keep our fathers away from the barbecue grill do that type of thing.

This year, however, we here at the Herald would like to make a suggestion.

Why not pack up your father and take them to the Spring City Senior Center and enjoy the spread the center offers during its annual Father's Day Luncheon.

The meal will be served at the center, located at 1901 Simler, at noon Sunday.

The luncheon menu includes roast beef, potatoes and carrots. Coffee, tea, water and milk will be available to drink. Dessert for the day will be strawberry shortcake.

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Jackson trial: Best lawyers won

The best lawyers won. The seven-figure team beat the five-figure team. That's the way it works in sports. Why should the courtroom be different? As between Tom Mesereau and Tom Sneddon, is there any doubt whom you would pick, if your life were on the line?

The jurors made it clear: They couldn't stand the mother. She was an awful woman. She snapped her fingers. She dressed like a slob. She made a terrible impression. She used her kids.

But would any of those jurors send their kids or grandkids over to Neverland for a sleepover with Michael Jackson? I don't think so. Not for one minute. Would you?

You don't send high school kids to play against the Sonics or the Lakers. So why do we keep sending the second string when we need superstars? When public confidence in the criminal justice system is at stake, what's the point of being penny wise and pound foolish?

Imagine how different this case might have been if Tom Sneddon — realizing at the outset that he had an axe to grind against Jackson, that his judgment was impaired by his longtime pursuit, that the resources of his office were limited, better suited to the robberies and burglaries of the regular crime docket than a circumstantial case against an international celebrity represented by a million dollar lawyer — had decided to look for outside help.

What might have happened if he'd picked up the phone and called Daniel Petrocelli, to name one obvious choice, the lawyer who successfully brought the O.J. Simpson civil case after public prosecutors Marcia Clark and Chris Darden hit the proverbial brick wall in the criminal case?

For one thing, you would have had an objective decision as to whether there was in fact enough

evidence to justify the prosecution in the first instance.

It's not enough for a prosecutor to believe the victim, as Sneddon clearly did. He has to be convinced that a jury will. Grand juries will indict a ham sandwich, as we like to say. Grand juries were intended to serve as a check on the power of prosecutors, to ensure that the power of a prosecutor to ruin someone's life — which even a charge of serious crime will do, regardless of the result (does anyone doubt that Michael Jackson will never be the same?) — is not used except in cases where there is sufficient evidence to meet the reasonable doubt standard.

In Hollywood, there are scripts every few years about runaway grand juries who refuse to follow the directions of prosecutors. In real life, the only check on a prosecutor is his conscience or her boss.

Second, and more important, the prosecution's case would have been more effectively presented. As one juror pointed out, in an unintended irony, when the boy's mother went on tape to defend Jackson, she was made-up and well-dressed, and her hair was combed. She came to court utterly unkempt, hair uncombed, clearly offending the very jurors whose confidence she needed to win, and whose trust she needed to earn. Maybe she was trying to look pitiful, the clearly disgusted juror said.

You can't tell a witness what to say, but any good trial lawyer will tell you that you must, especially with a witness who has as many problems as this mother, and whose testimony is as important as hers, help her to express herself effectively. That's what Michael Jackson and his people did, before they put her on camera to help Michael. But clearly no one from the prosecutor's office had the time, experience or training to do that here.

Why not? In most cases against clearly guilty defendants, represented by public defenders or

appointed counsel, who barely have time to meet their clients, let alone investigate the charges, hair styles are the least of anyone's problems. Ninety-nine percent of the time, the defendant is caught red-handed, the prosecution has more resources than the defendant and the last thing a prosecutor has to worry about is preparing his witness for a scalding cross-examination.

The most persuasive piece of corroborating evidence in this case, the video of the boy's interview with the police, was not shown to the jury until the end of the 14-week trial. How evidence is presented, in what order, is critically important. At least nine of the 12 jury members went into the deliberations ready to acquit. You can't wait 14 weeks to present your most persuasive evidence. Clearly, the defense expected a stronger case — so did everyone else.

Thinking back, the only celebrity to be convicted in recent years of a serious crime was Mike Tyson. He had a million dollar defense, as well. But the prosecution in Indiana reached out to a top-notch lawyer in private practice, Greg Garrison (now, what else, a radio talk show host, as well as a lawyer), to handle the prosecution for the state. He won the case.

Prior to the Simpson case, I suggested to my friend Gil Garcetti, then the district attorney of Los Angeles, that he consider doing the same thing in that prosecution. It's the only fight we've ever had.

Are you suggesting my team isn't up to taking on Johnny Cochran, Barry Scheck, F. Lee Bailey, Bob Shapiro and Alan Dershowitz? he asked me. I was. I am.

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Bush appointments leave this writer scratching her head

Sometimes you look at the people Bush appoints to high public office and the only possible response is, "What were they thinking?"

Zalmay Khalilzad for U.S. ambassador to Iraq? Why not just send Richard Perle? Khalilzad is a second-rank neo-con with all the same credentials as the rest of those bozos — pre-emptive war, world hegemony, Project for a New American Century... the whole stinking lot of it. Plus, he's been a big booster for Iran's ayatollahs, the Afghani Mujahideen and the Taliban, not to mention an oil company consultant. Isn't that just jim-dandy?

What this tells us is that the administration has learned exactly nothing from the past three years of insurgency in Iraq. The 1,700-dead, \$1 billion-a-week mistake will continue to be run in exactly the same way we have already proved doesn't work. We'll keep trying to put out a growing insurgency with too small an army as the country drifts ever-closer to civil war. It's like Ben Franklin's definition of insanity — doing the same thing over and over, expecting different results.

As one who has long argued that George W. Bush is not stupid, I must

admit that not learning from your mistakes is a prime signal of stupidity. But of course, in order to learn from your mistakes, you have to recognize you made them. The president assured us just last week he is "heartened" by what is happening in Iraq and, "I am pleased with the progress." The vice president says there is "major progress" and the insurgency is in its "last throes." These folks are in such deep denial.

Chris Cox, now there's an appointment of near-genius level. Hey, is this the man you would put in charge of the Securities and Exchange Commission to protect investors from greedy, capitalist crooks? Cox, a Republican from Orange County, Calif., helped produce the Enron mess and subsequent scandals in the first place. Just the guy for the job!

Cox led the fight in 1995 to pass the "Private Securities and Litigation Reform Act," which provided extensive legal protections to corporate executives, accountants and lawyers who make misleading statements. The law paved the way for corporate executives to lie without fear of being sued — it's the Ken Lay Protection Act.

In 2002, Cox said he "rejected the notion that Enron's meltdown should cause Congress to rethink deregulation." The guy's home state was ripped off for \$10 billion by Enron. Here's another one who can't learn from his

mistakes.

Of course, the fact that he's gotten more than \$640,000 in campaign money from the very people he will now be regulating has nothing to do with his views.

Cox, according to The New York Times, is a devotee of Ayn Rand, the high priestess of unregulated capitalism. On announcing the Cox appointment, Bush said, "As a champion of the free-enterprise system in Congress, Chris Cox knows that a free economy is built on trust." Trust? How about trust but verify?

While working for the law firm of Latham & Watkins, Cox himself was sued, according to the Los Angeles Times, for work that involved him in a business scheme that robbed nearly 8,000 investors of approximately \$136 million. The scheme cheated customers out of their retirement nest eggs by enticing them to invest in phony mortgages. High-level officers of the company pled guilty.

The charge against Cox was that he helped write a deceptive plan to sell mutual fund shares. Cox claimed ignorance and said he was only distantly involved, but The Associated Press later uncovered documents that showed him to be more involved with the convicted dealer than he previously let on.

And a new development in the most ludicrous nomination yet, John Bolton, Mr. Diplomacy, for ambassador to the

United Nations. It turns out that in addition to trying to get American intelligence analysts who disagreed with him fired, Bolton axed an international civil servant for having the temerity to do his job.

In 2001, Jose Bustani, head of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), says Bolton "telephoned me to try to interfere, in a menacing tone, in decisions that are the exclusive responsibility of the director-general." Bolton was opposed to Bustani's effort to get Iraq and other Arab countries involved in the OPCW.

Bustani aide Bob Rigg of New Zealand said: "Why did they not want OPCW involved in Iraq? They felt they couldn't rely on OPCW to come up with the findings the U.S. wanted."

Bolton then arranged to have Bustani fired in a way a U.N. tribunal has since said was "unlawful." I'll bet they just can't wait to see Bolton's moustache up at the United Nations. How could we possibly make more friends there?

As I'm sure Chris Cox can tell us, in business, "goodwill" is considered an asset.

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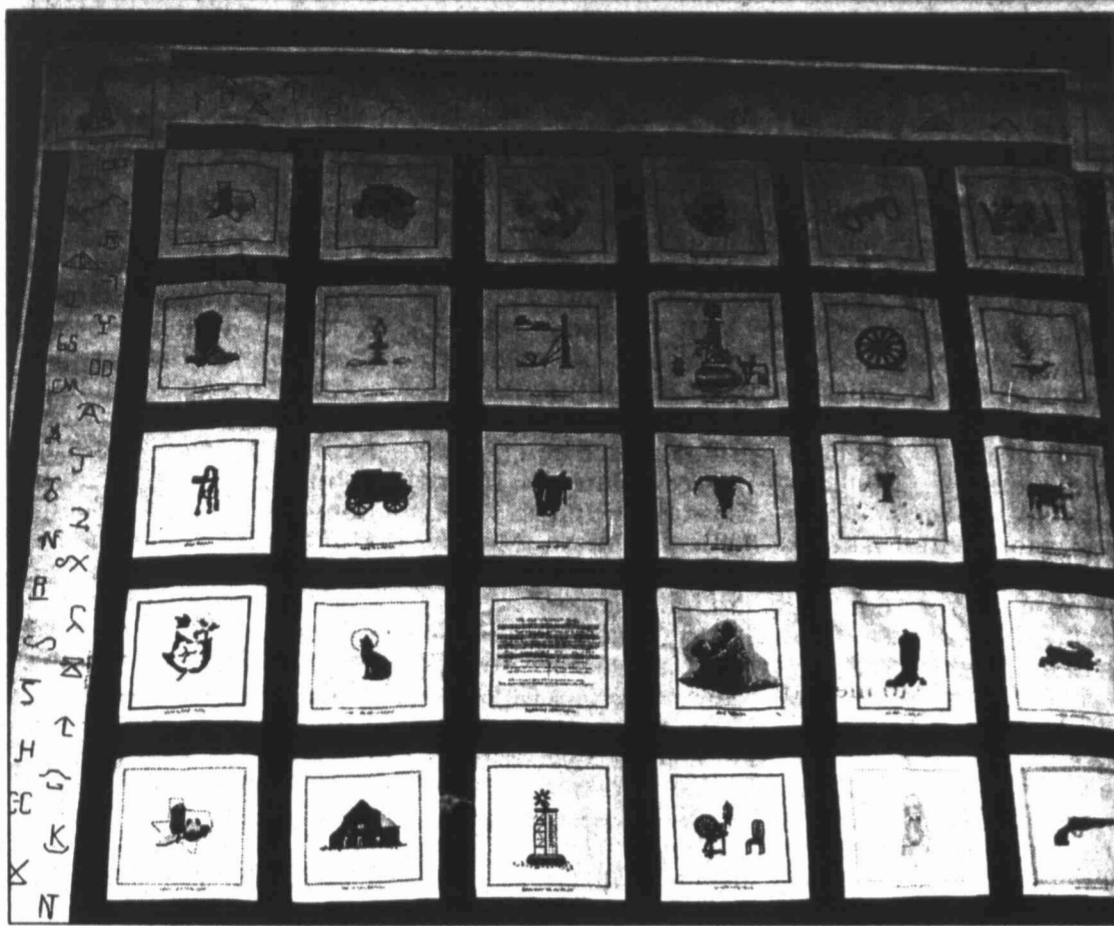
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Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant
This quilt, made by more than 50 local women, is on display at the Heritage Museum and will be unveiled at a reception at the museum Saturday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., following the Old Settlers Reunion. The quilt is a fund-raiser for the Howard County Fair.

Quilt reception set for Saturday

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Features Editor

A quilt, it goes a'trav-elin'.

But first, the public is invited to view a western-themed quilt, made by more than 50 women for the Howard County Fair, at a special Quilt Reception from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at Heritage Museum.

"This is the fifth year we've made a quilt to be sold as a fund-raiser for the Howard County Fair," said Geraldine Posey, fair board member and organizer of the quilt project.

This year, the quilt features everything cowboy, with cross-stitched squares of oil rigs, cowboy boots, cowboy hats, spurs and saddles.

"Anything western, we've got it on there," Posey said.

Cross-stitched names of the artist are visible on the front of the quilt and those women who did the quilting are named on the back of the quilt.

The quilt will remain on display at the museum through June 25.

Then the quilt moves to local banks, beginning with Wells Fargo Bank, then onto First Big Spring Banking Center on Gregg Street, she said. Other locations will be announced.

Ultimately the quilt will be on display at the Howard County Fair Aug. 24-27.

A drawing for the quilt will be the last night of the fair, she said.

Tickets are available at the museum and at each

bank displaying the quilt as well as at the Fair, she said.

The fund-raiser helps cover the cost of the Howard County Fair.

"We thought this would be a good way to raise money to help the fair, and it has been," Posey said.

"But it's also brought a lot of women together. Each year it's different women because for whatever reason some who helped last year can't this year, but that makes it really fun, too," she said.

The women began quilting in November of 2004 and the quilt was finished in May.

Patterns were distributed to the cross-stitch artists, who returned their finished square for the quilting. The quilting was done at a local church.

"We were quilting morning, noon and night and we got it out in a week. One year we got it all put together in three days, it all just depends on how fast they stitch and how many jokes they tell," Posey said.

She said one of the best by-products of the project has been the fellowship the women working on the project each year have enjoyed.

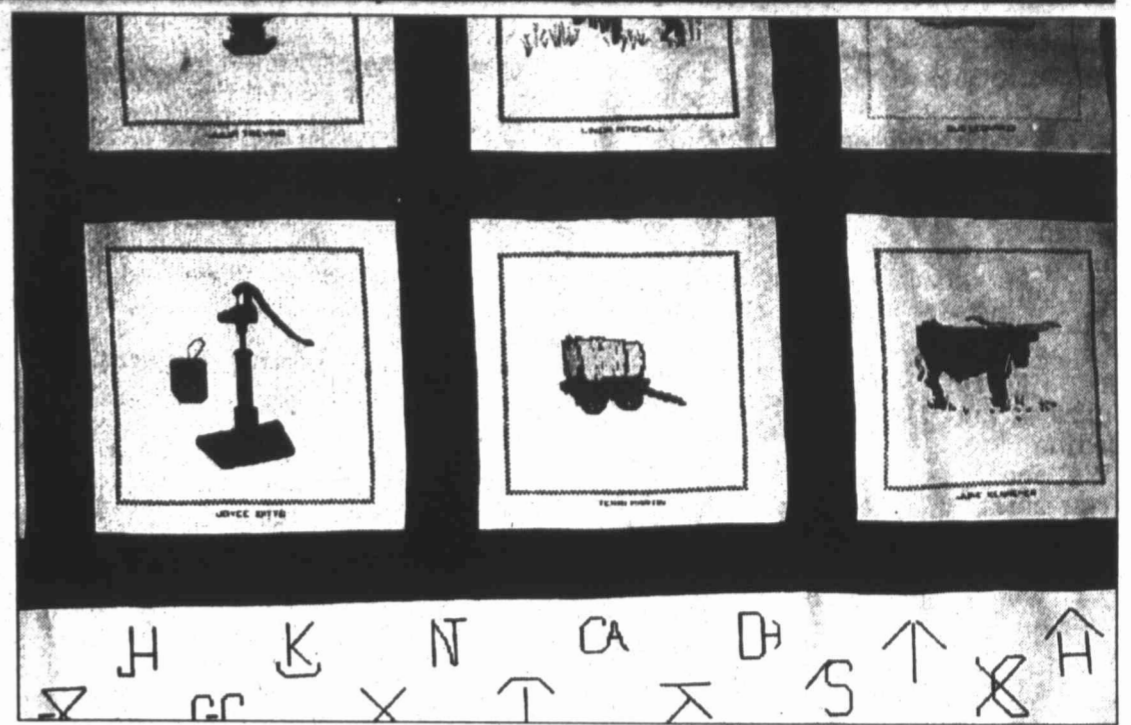
"I'd always heard of quilting bees, never knew what it was all about, but this is fun," Posey said.

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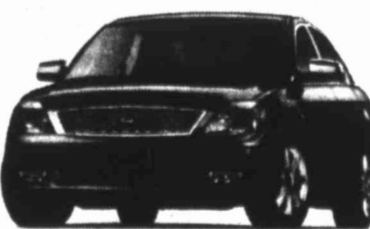
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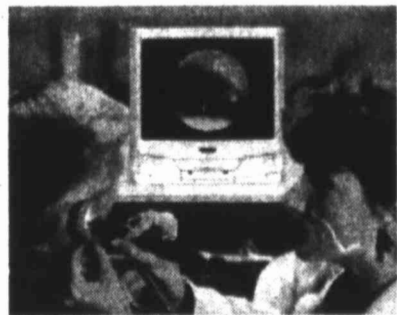
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Custody hearing continues for young cancer patient

By LYNN BREZOSKY

Associated Press Writer

CORPUS CHRISTI — As a 13-year-old girl with Hodgkin's Disease prepared to meet with doctors, her parents were trying to convince a judge she should be returned to them and they wouldn't resist efforts to resume her chemotherapy.

Michele Wernecke told juvenile court judge Carl Lewis in a custody hearing Wednesday that if she had daughter Katie they would be on their way to Houston's M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

"Right now I'd be on a plane, I'd be in my truck heading to M.D. Anderson," she said. "Right now, I'm afraid as fast as the other one grew, this one will be growing

twice as fast."

The Werneckes had opposed radiation treatment for their daughter, saying the cancer had left after four rounds of chemotherapy and that the radiation was harmful and unnecessary.

Texas Child Protective Services officials took custody of Katie last week after her doctor told them the treatment was a life-or-death matter and that the cancer in her chest could return if she did not complete treatment. At least two other doctors agreed.

At a hearing Friday, the state presented evidence that the cancer had returned. Judge Lewis ordered that Katie remain in CPS custody and that the treatment resume. Katie was to see doctors

Thursday at M.D. Anderson.

He also allowed lawyers for Wernecke to go ahead with Wednesday's hearing. Michele Wernecke was to resume testifying Thursday.

The case has drawn national attention as a battle between parental rights and the state's charge to protect children from abuse or neglect.

Dr. Nejemie Alter, Katie's primary cancer doctor, testified that when he diagnosed Katie in January she had a large mass on her chest and could barely breathe.

"I recognized a child in severe distress," he said. "If she had not come to the emergency room, probably she would have been dead within 24 hours."

He said the Werneckes opposed treatment from the beginning and that he met with them many times to try to convince them. He said he called CPS after the parents refused a blood transfusion because Katie was low on hemoglobin and getting close to heart failure.

He said he was alarmed to learn that an antibiotic he had prescribed for a sore Katie developed was never filled, resulting in an infection that caused her hospitalization.

He said he thought the failure to continue treatment allowed the cancer to return.

Alter is no longer Katie's doctor because he said he was upset by the family's claims on national television that doctors

didn't care about Katie. He also said that Katie's father, Edward Wernecke, had been belligerent at his treatment center so that he feared for his staff.

Edward Wernecke was expected to testify Thursday, as was a family member who apparently would be willing to take custody of Katie if the parents were denied.

It has been weeks since Katie had any treatment. Saturday was her birthday, and an appointment Monday was canceled after the doctor said he had been threatened with a lawsuit.

A CPS investigator testified that there had been two reports filed with CPS about the family since 2000 that were not substantiated and a hospital

worker testified that Michele Wernecke seemed afraid of her husband.

Edward Wernecke has told The Associated Press he feared the radiation would put Katie at a heightened risk for breast cancer, stunt her growth and cause learning problems.

After Wednesday's hearing, Wernecke told reporters he thought there had been a big misunderstanding. He said Alter had led him to believe four rounds of chemotherapy would be enough.

"After we finished with the four chemos, we thought that's all there was," he said.

He said it was "heart-wrenching" to be without his daughter.

Strayhorn event fuels speculation about 2006 campaign

By APRIL CASTRO

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Republican Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has reserved a prime piece of downtown property for a Saturday event, fueling speculation she's preparing to announce her 2006 campaign plans for governor or lieutenant governor.

An invitation to Saturday's outdoor event just north of the Capitol promises a "major

announcement," complete with free hot dogs, drinks and music. Strayhorn, a 65-year-old triathlete within the GOP, has long been considered a potential candidate for one of the state's top two posts.

Calls to Strayhorn's office by The Associated Press were not returned Wednesday.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry is expected to seek re-election, and Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is mulling a challenge to

Perry, though she has not made a formal announcement.

"We're just focused on the governor and getting him elected," said Luis Saenz, Perry's campaign manager. "There's a lot of speculation out there about others ... but the Republican leadership around the state is solidly behind one candidate for governor, and that is Governor Rick Perry."

The lieutenant governor's office is currently held by Republican David

Dewhurst, who is considered a potential candidate for the U.S. Senate if Hutchison leaves that post for a run at the Governor's Mansion.

Strayhorn, who bills herself as "One Tough Grandma," has spent much of the last two years as the state's chief financial officer launching vitriolic attacks on Perry's leadership.

Her criticisms of Perry and his policies — including state cuts to health care and the failure to

devise a new method for funding public schools — routinely make headlines.

Two years ago, Strayhorn refused to certify the state budget until Perry vetoed certain items. Lawmakers then stripped Strayhorn's agency of two prominent duties: government efficiency recommendations and school performance reviews. She claims the governor's office prompted the lawmakers to make the changes, though Perry has denied the alle-

gations.

Strayhorn, who was the first female mayor of Austin, is in her second term as state comptroller. Republican Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has announced plans to run for the post.

On the Democratic side, former U.S. Rep. Chris Bell, of Houston, is considering a bid for governor.

Musician and author Kinky Friedman has announced he's running as an independent.

Honor Roll

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Texas News Briefs

Scammer eludes prison until she hits DA

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman who has run identity-theft scams for years is facing prison on charges she wrote checks on the personal bank account of Harris County's highest-ranking prosecutor.

Sharon Durbin pleaded guilty to felony forgery Wednesday in a case in which she assumed the identity of Cathy Rosenthal and wrote 21 checks on the account of District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal.

The 31-year-old Beaumont woman's convictions include theft, fraudulent checks and credit-card fraud. She's eluded prison time until now.

Durbin faces two to 10 years in prison when she is sentenced Aug. 25.

Meanwhile Rosenthal said the efforts to straighten out his financial problems, which began with Durbin's scam in February 2004, continue.

At some businesses he said he still has problems cashing personal checks.

Durbin used a fake driver's license to cash 21 checks totaling more than \$9,000, investigators said. She bought groceries, gift certificates at a PetsMart store and computers.

Police arrested her after one cashier required her thumbprint on a check.

Power outage affects thousands in SE Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — All of the nearly 100,000 customers who lost power in Southeast Texas have had their power restored.

Entergy Texas has determined that high winds from a storm caused several transmission lines to fail simultaneously Wednesday night.

Then, as a precautionary measure to protect the mechanical system, the power plant shut down.

"That shut down almost automatically," Entergy Texas spokesman David Caplan said.

However the power company rerouted transmission lines and had power back to all customers by 11 p.m. Wednesday.

As workers stabilize the system, Entergy has asked its customers to conserve electricity Thursday. For example, customers could set their air conditioning units at 78 instead of 68, Caplan said.

Caplan didn't know the status of the prisons that were forced into lockdown Wednesday night.

The outage affected Montgomery, Trinity, Liberty, Waller, Polk, San Jacinto and Grimes counties.

Man arrested 14 years after toddler's death

ARLINGTON (AP) — After finding some forgotten videotapes in the bottom of a file drawer, police have gathered enough evidence to arrest a man in the death of a toddler 14 years ago.

Arlington police arrested Ronnie Kemp, 49, on Wednesday on a murder charge in the beating death of 2-year-old Desiree Kunkel.

On Feb. 2, 1991, Kemp told police a closet door had fallen on Desiree's head. He had been babysitting Desiree and her 4-year-old sister while their mother, his girlfriend, was at work.

At the time, police didn't believe Kemp but didn't have the evidence to arrest him, cold case Detective John Bell said in Thursday's editions of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Detectives found a 1991 videotape that shows Angel Kunkel demonstrating how she and her younger sister were abused. In the tape, Angel grabs a doll by its feet and drops it on its head.

Police believe Angel watched as her sister was beaten to death.

Bell reopened the case after finding the tapes and some witness statements. Months of rebuilding the case culminated in Kemp's arrest at his job in Grand Prairie.

Cheerleaders disciplined over bad pizza

KELLER (AP) — Four Keller High School cheerleaders were sent home early from camp after allegedly putting human feces on a pizza and trying to frame rival cheerleaders for the deed.

Cheerleaders from rival Fossil Ridge High School

had sent the pizza to the Keller squad on the last night of a four-day camp at the University of Texas at Arlington. Less than an hour later, some Keller cheerleaders took the pizza to the Fossil Ridge sponsor, claiming that Fossil Ridge cheerleaders had doctored the pizza with feces.

After questioning, four Keller cheerleaders were sent home.

Federal laws bar officials from discussing the girls' discipline, but such an incident would be considered "serious misconduct," district spokesman Jason Meyer said. He said punishment could include sending the girls to the district's disciplinary alternative high school and removing them from the team.

The day after the pizza prank, other Keller cheerleaders apologized and to the Fossil Ridge squad.

Donors save reading service for the blind

AUSTIN (AP) — Two benefactors have come forward with the funds needed to operate a newspaper reading service for the blind for one year.

The National Federation for the Blind's Newline had been discontinued Friday because the state failed

to find \$40,000 to fund it. The service resumed Wednesday after an anonymous Houston woman and Alcon Laboratories responded to media reports of the discontinued service.

The woman donated \$25,000 and Alcon, a manufacturer of eye-care products in Fort Worth, donated \$15,000. Combined, the donations will fund one year of service.

"It's unbelievably good news. We're absolutely thrilled," John Pare, the National Federation for the Blind's director of technology outreach, said.

The service allows clients to select articles to be read to them in an electronic, synthesized voice over the phone. Clients have a choice of 190 newspapers and periodicals.

The state could not find the funding in the budget this year to provide the service in Texas.

Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, had tried to create a program that would have permanently funded the service out of fees paid on telephone lines.

But the legislation failed in the last days of the session.

Pare and Naishtat said they will continue to work to find a permanent fundraising solution.

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B.S. Country Club sets junior clinics

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a summer junior clinic and an advanced summer junior clinic.

The clinics run through August 4.

Both clinics will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The junior clinic costs \$150, while the advanced junior clinic costs \$200.

All participants in the advanced clinic must be entering ninth grade or pass a skills test.

The fee includes instruction and range club membership for the child for June through August.

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

Coahoma's annual ragball tournament set for end of June

The annual ragball tournament which takes place in Coahoma has been set for June 24-26 this year at the Coahoma softball park.

The sign-up date has been scheduled for June 24 at 5 p.m.

Booths will also be available for any organization which is interested in a fundraiser. The deadline to sign-up for a booth is June 17.

For more information, contact Patric Robinson at 432-393-5622 or Randy Clanton at 432-393-5338.

Coahoma sets dates for baseball camp

Coahoma High School and head baseball coach Brad Harman have set the school's annual baseball camp for June 27-30 at Bulldog Field in Coahoma.

The camp costs \$75 per athlete and will run from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. all four days. It is also for ages 6-18, but no Coahoma High School students can attend as mandated by UIL rules.

Each camper will need to provide shoes, cap, glove, and one baseball, but you are also allowed to bring your own bat.

Each camper will also be given personal instruction that covers all main phases and fundamentals of baseball. Proper techniques in hitting, fielding, pitching and baserunning will be taught.

The campers can expect a T-shirt, certificate as well as other possible prizes and awards. The camp will be led by Coahoma coach Brad Harman and will be assisted by other qualified personnel.

For more information, contact Harman at 816-3258.

Big Spring sets first Quarterback meeting

The Big Spring football booster club has set its first quarterback club meeting of the year for Monday at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring ATC.

For more info, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

Several locals highlight 72nd Big Spring Rodeo

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The 72nd Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo begins tonight at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl and several local contestants headline several different events.

Stephanie Fryar, Crystal Sturm and Jennifer Driver, all from Big Spring, will be competing in the barrel racing event.

Fryar will compete tonight, Sturm will go Friday night and Driver, who is a former National Finals Rodeo (NFR) champ and currently an assistant on Howard College's rodeo team, will

be competing during Saturday's final night.

Another local rider will be Danny McDowell, who is a former College National Finals Rodeo member of Howard College's rodeo team, will be performing in the bull riding competition Friday night.

Spectators who will be at the bowl tonight can expect to see several other big names in the sport of rodeo.

Chris Harris of Itasca and Lance Kelly of Queensland, Australia, will both be competing in the bareback riding competition. Kelly will also headline the saddle bronc category along with Matt

McCoy of Morgan.

Scooter Bell and former-NFR qualifiers Trent Walls of Stephenville and Tommy Guy of Abilene highlight the calf roping event.

John Schuenman leads the way in the steer wrestling, while Fryar will be joined tonight by former NFR qualifier Mary Burger and Cley Sewalt in barrel racing.

The opening night of the rodeo does not just feature action inside the arena.

Several other events will take place tonight, as well, including the parade and a dance for teenagers. The parade will start at 5:30 p.m. at

10th and Main Streets.

The parade includes Miss Rodeo Texas, the Hardin-Simmons White Horses, a Texas Tech masked rider, shriners, cowboys, cowgirls and sheriff posses from surrounding towns.

The admission to the dance, which does not allow anyone over 19 to attend, is free with a paid ticket into the rodeo.

The rodeo will feature mutton bustin' twice nightly as several local kids will get their chance to participate. The first session will take place before the rodeo begins at around 7:30 p.m. and another session will happen sometime during the rodeo, which begins at 8

p.m. nightly.

The event will host a calf dressing competition nightly, as well. Tonight's calf dressing event will feature students from local high schools including Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan.

Tickets at the gate cost \$8 for adults and \$6 for children each night. Gates open at 7 p.m. nightly.

Headliners for Friday and Saturday night include Jeff Crowder, Cimarron Boardman, Rickey Rile, Jim Locke, Barry Simpton, Lisa Ogden, Shay Good, Mike Coon, Jim Bob Clayman, Cliff Kirkpatrick and Kay Blandford.

Rangers rough up Braves' rookie arm

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers' hitters are making things easy for Chan Ho Park, even when he struggles.

Park again got plenty of offensive support, winning his sixth straight decision over 10 starts in the Rangers' 9-5 victory over the Atlanta Braves Wednesday night.

The right-hander overcame a 40-pitch first inning, gave up just one run despite allowing 12 baserunners in his five innings, and is 7-1 for the first time in his career.

"I like him going five innings and giving up one run," manager Buck Showalter said. "He kept making pitches when he had to. Our guys feed a little off his competitiveness, but there were some long innings out there."

Alfonso Soriano and Kevin Mench had two-run doubles in the Rangers' five-run first, when the first six batters reached against rookie Kyle Davies (2-2). Soriano added a solo homer and another RBI double.

Park went into the game

getting 8.43 runs of support per start, best in the major leagues. But he threw 40 pitches before the Rangers even got to bat.

Plus, after 20 minutes on the mound, the offense gave Park plenty of time to catch his breath.

Gary Matthews Jr. had a leadoff single before consecutive walks and an RBI single by Hank Blalock tied the game 1-1. Soriano and Mench, the next two batters, both had two-run doubles.

Davies allowed six runs and eight hits in 2 1-3 innings, and his ERA increased from 1.86 to 3.45. He allowed just six runs over 29 innings his first five starts.

Park allowed eight singles, struck out three, walked three and hit a batter in five innings against a batting order that included six rookies. He threw 114 pitches before leaving with a 7-1 lead.

His seven wins are half his total of the past three seasons (14-18) — which began his \$65 million, five-year contract with the Rangers.

The first three Atlanta batters reached before Adam LaRoche's comebacker, which Park deflected then had to scramble to get the out while a run scored. After a walk reloaded the bases, consecutive strikeouts finally ended the inning.

Atlanta, which started seven rookies in a game for the first time since Oct. 1, 1978, dropped its sixth straight series since sweeping three games from the New York Mets May 23-25.

Francisco Cordero, the fourth Texas pitcher, got the last three outs for his 17th save in 20 chances. Atlanta used six pitchers.

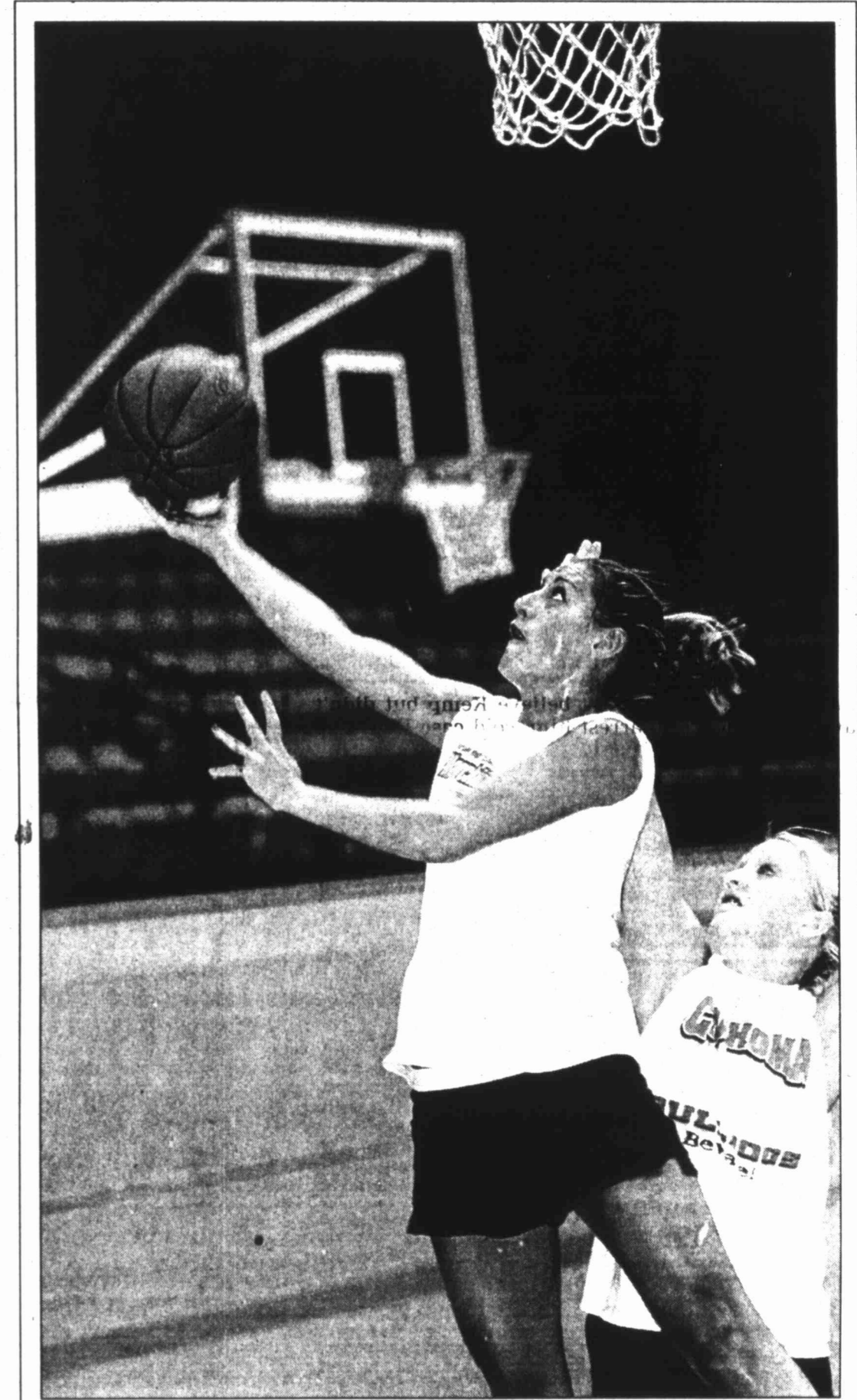
Matthews had an RBI single in the third that chased Davies.

"I know I'll have ups and downs," said Davies, who has allowed 10 runs in two starts after just two runs over the first four. "I know exactly what it was, not keeping the ball down and not throwing a lot of strikes."

Soriano's 18th homer came off Jorge Vasquez in the fourth. His RBI double in the eighth capped the scoring.

The Braves got three unearned runs in the sixth after first baseman Mark Teixeira's first error in 804 fielding chances over 88 games since September.

Teixeira was unable to hold on to a throw from reliever Brian Shouse on a comebacker.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Forsan's Kaylon Stanley, left, goes up for a reverse layup during a camp put on by the Howard College women's basketball coaches Wednesday. The camp began Monday and ended today at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Howard College women's basketball team will put on two more camps in July. The Hawk men will also host two camps in July.

Ex-Baylor star's crime costs 35 years

By ANGELA K. BROWN

Associated Press Writer

WACO — Carlton Dotson's crime will cost him up to 35 years behind bars.

The former Baylor basketball player was sentenced Wednesday, a week after he unexpectedly pleaded guilty to murdering teammate Patrick Dennehy two years ago.

As Dotson was led off to prison, the stepfather of his murdered best friend held up a framed picture of his son and yelled: "Remember him! Remember his face!"

"You, Carlton Dotson, are a killer, a sinner of the worst degree, and may you never forget what you did," Brian Brabazon said during the

sentencing, at times glaring and pointing at Dotson as his voice rose to a shout.

Dotson showed no emotion. Valorie Brabazon, the mother of victim Patrick Dennehy, sat in the front row sobbing as her teenage daughter tried to comfort her.

She said afterward that the family would attend all parole board hearings and urge that Dotson "doesn't walk the streets again."

Dotson, 23, pleaded guilty last week to killing the 21-year-old Dennehy, whose body was found in 2003 in a field where the two best friends had gone to shoot targets.

The case against Dotson shocked the Baptist

school and led to a scandal in the basketball program.

Dotson was arrested at his home in Maryland, a few days before the body was found, after calling authorities to say he was hearing voices. He told authorities where to look for the corpse of the 6-foot-10 Dennehy, who dreamed of playing in the NBA.

Dotson could have gotten life in prison. He will be eligible for parole after serving about half of the sentence.

Dotson's mother, Gilreatha Stoltzfus, shook hands with Dennehy's relatives in the courtroom Wednesday and said she had urged him to plead guilty.

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Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Saturday, 8:00-12:00, 207 Pettus, north Hwy 87, right on Centerpoint, right on Pettus, follow signs. Clothes, games, household items, misc. items. Cheap!

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Garage Sales

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Garage Sales

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Vehicles

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Sometimes teams wear a uniform, speak a common language and move like a well-oiled machine. Teams that come together now do none of the above. The only thing team members seem to have in common is the goal — and that's enough. Mercury and Uranus form a lucky trine, inspiring motley alliances working for a common good.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). The best ideas all seem crazy at first. So if it makes your head spin, your eyes cross and your belly laugh, it's probably

Vehicles

1995 MERCURY Cougar in good condition and runs good with V8 engine. Dark green with sun roof. Asking \$2,250. Call (432)393-5602 or (432)230-0997, leave message.

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2002 GMC Yukon, maroon, SLE, power door locks, power windows, tilt, cruise, tint glass, luggage rack. \$18,900.



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1999 Chrysler LHS, V-6, maroon, power seats, leather seats, power door locks, power windows, tilt, cruise. \$6,900.

Jimmy Hopper
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Big Spring, TX. 79720
(432)267-5588
In House Financing

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Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lyman Kay Bartlett, Deceased, were issued on June 9, 2005, in Cause No. P-13289, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: **Jeffery G. Bartlett.** All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: Representative, **Jeffery G. Bartlett**
Estate of Lyman Kay Bartlett
7800 NCR 35
Big Spring, Texas 79720
DATED the 14 day of June, 2005.
Joshua Hamby
Attorney for Estate
State Bar No.: 24034471
306 Scurry Street
P.O. Box 2199
Big Spring, Texas 79721-2199
Telephone: (432)263-8395
Facsimile: (432)263-4798
#4598 June 16, 2005

on the right track. A wacky move is what's needed to shake things up. This goes double in matters of love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Loved ones keep close tabs on your every move. You feel as though you're under home confinement a la Martha Stewart. You need to stretch your wings. Break free — be rebellious and unreachable for a few hours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Without meaning to, you stumble onto deep issues. You'll sort through the ethics of a situation or face a metaphysical quandary, such as: What, exactly, is love? No need to solve the mysteries of the universe in one day.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You expect much from your friends now — or is this what you should have been receiving all along? Is it too much to ask for a nurturing word, a bonding activity and some wise counsel? If it is, maybe you need new friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are words engraved on your heart. You heard them early in life and have been acting in accordance ever since — though you would be hard-pressed to remember what they say. See if you can figure it out today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A spoonful of salt is disgusting to eat. But a pinch here and there enlivens almost any food. Little by little, you chip away at a responsibility you once found unsavory. When taken in tiny doses, it's actually kind of nice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What happens on a fluke is brilliant, genius, truly inspired. Too bad what you do deliberately doesn't have that same spark. The lesson, as usual, is to lighten up. Relax, and make room for spontaneity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're not content to add your contribution to the mix now because you're tired of not getting credited for your work. You want people to know who you are and acknowledge you properly. And who can blame you?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Career gains may be coming in a steady climb, but romance explodes into your life. Love is found while pursuing interests that are off the beaten track. (Then again, what interests do you have that are ON the beaten path?)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your specialty now is contained emotion — perfect for this soul-testing day. Though the idea of facing an authority figure makes your palms sweat, you act your way through the situation. The act becomes a reality.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's a fine day to break your own record or reach a personal goal. Consider hypnotherapy or other alternative forms of motivation to kick a habit — like being self-effacing at the wrong moments.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Music pours from your soul. The one whose song harmonizes with your own emerges. It's not who you think. The most unlikely person will help you develop your purpose.

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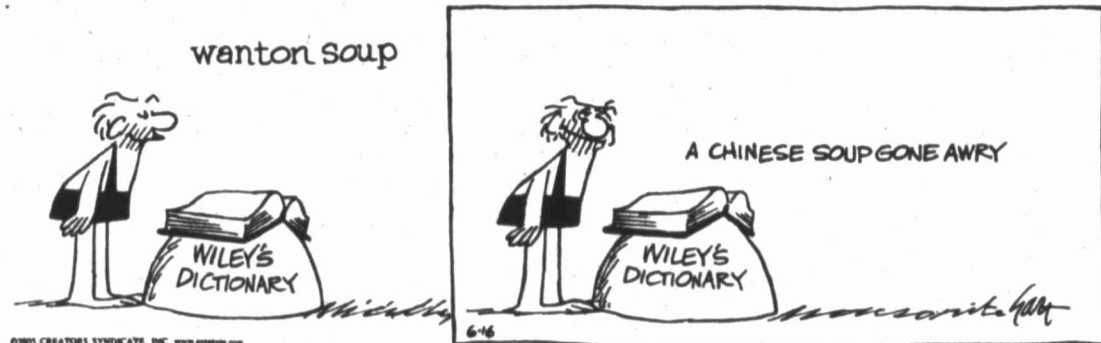


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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 16, the 167th day of 2005. There are 198 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 16, 1858, in a speech in Springfield, Ill., Senate candidate Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

On this date: In 1897, the government signed a treaty of annexation with Hawaii.

In 1943, comedian Charles Chaplin married his fourth wife, 18-year-old Oona O'Neill, daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill, in Carpentaria, Calif.

In 1955, Pope Pius XII excommunicated Argentine President Juan Domingo Peron - a ban that was lifted eight years later.

In 1961, Soviet ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev defected to the West while his troupe was in Paris.

In 1963, the world's first female space traveler, Valentina Tereshkova, was launched into orbit by the Soviet Union aboard Vostok 6.

In 1977, Soviet Communist Party General Secretary Leonid Brezhnev was named president, becoming the first person to hold both posts simultaneously.

In 1978, President Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos exchanged the instruments of ratification for the Panama Canal treaties.

Ten years ago: Bosnian government forces aided by Bosnian Croats unleashed a major offensive in hopes of breaking the Serb stranglehold on Sarajevo.

Five years ago: Federal regulators approved the merger of Bell Atlantic and GTE Corp., creating the nation's largest local phone company. Empress dowager Nagako, widow of Japan's Emperor Hirohito, died in Tokyo at age 97.

One year ago: Rebuffing

Bush administration claims, the independent commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks said no evidence existed that al-Qaida had strong ties to Saddam Hussein.

Today's Birthdays: Author Joyce Carol Oates is 67. Country singer Billy "Crash" Craddock is 66. Songwriter Lamont Dozier is 64. Boxer Roberto Duran is 54. Actor Eddie Cibrian is 32. Actress China Shavers is 28. Actress Olivia Hack is 22. Singer Diana DeGarmo ("American Idol") is 18.

Thought for Today: "Not to know is bad. Not to want to know is worse. Not to hope is unthinkable. Not to care is unforgivable." Nigerian saying.

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Newsday Crossword

SOUND BEGINNINGS by Fred Piscop Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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THIS WEEK'S RACE

BATMAN BEGINS 400

Where: Michigan International Speedway, a 2-mile slightly banked paved oval located in Brooklyn, Mich.
When: Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Qualifying is 12:05 p.m. Saturday.
TV: Fox.
Radio: Motor Racing Network.
Purse: \$4,955,273.
Last year's winner: Ryan Newman.
Also this week: Rookie Reed Sorenson looks to expand on his NASCAR Busch Series points lead in Saturday night's race at Kentucky Speedway. Sorenson leads 2004 champion Martin Truex Jr. by 51 points.

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

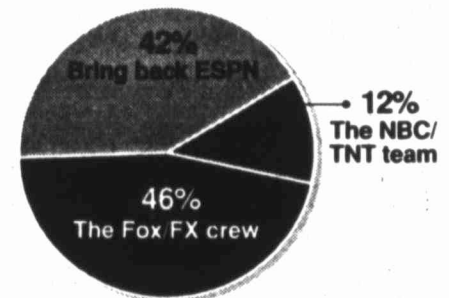
In 2007, NASCAR's top series will be renamed Sprint Cup. What do you think about the decision to change names?

Cast your vote at:
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LAST 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?

Number of votes: 7,274



STOP 'N' GO

WHO'S HOT

Kyle Busch may be among the newest members in the Nextel Cup Series, but he is currently also one of its most successful. He has three top-five finishes in his past four races.
Ryan Newman and **Greg Biffle** each have four top-10 finishes in the past five races.
Mark Martin has climbed from 12th to fifth in the points standings in the past two races.

WHO'S NOT

Tony Stewart has finished 24th or lower in two of his past three races and dropped from sixth to 10th in points during that span.
Dale Earnhardt Jr. is looking to stop the slide, as he has finished 14th or lower in four consecutive races and dropped from 11th to 16th in points.
Scott Riggs has failed to finish in the top 10 in the past nine races and fallen from 14th to 23rd in points.

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of June 12:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Jimmie Johnson	2062	21. Brian Vickers	1444
2. Greg Biffle	1939	22. Sterling Marlin	1396
3. Elliott Sadler	1781	23. Scott Riggs	1362
4. Carl Edwards	1759	24. Matt Kenseth	1362
5. Mark Martin	1734	25. Casey Mears	1303
6. Ryan Newman	1733	26. Dave Blaney	1284
7. Kevin Harvick	1715	27. Jeff Green	1284
8. Rusty Wallace	1714	28. Ken Schrader	1283
9. Jeff Gordon	1700	29. Bobby Labonte	1277
10. Tony Stewart	1682	30. Mike Bliss	1265
11. Kurt Busch	1681	31. Kyle Petty	1241
12. Jamie McMurray	1670	32. Travis Kvapil	1228
13. Jeremy Mayfield	1659	33. Ricky Rudd	1171
14. Dale Jarrett	1624	34. Mike Wallace	1122
15. Michael Waltrip	1579	35. Scott Wimmer	1089
16. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1558	36. Jason Leffler	967
17. Jeff Burton	1558	37. Bobby Hamilton Jr.	898
18. Kyle Busch	1514	38. Kevin Lepage	751
19. Kasey Kahne	1491	39. Robby Gordon	656
20. Joe Nemechek	1473	40. Hermie Sadler	467

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of June 12:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Reed Sorenson	2026	11. David Green	1577
2. Martin Truex Jr.	1975	12. Kevin Harvick	1497
3. Clint Bowyer	1975	13. Jon Wood	1437
4. Carl Edwards	1930	14. Randy LaJoie	1409
5. Kenny Wallace	1870	15. Johnny Sauter	1394
6. Ashton Lewis	1786	16. J.J. Yeley	1365
7. Denny Hamlin	1764	17. Justin Labonte	1359
8. David Stremme	1742	18. Paul Menard	1358
9. Greg Biffle	1686	19. Stacy Compton	1348
10. Jason Keller	1678	20. Stanton Barrett	1344

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Meijer 300, Sparta, Ky.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of June 10:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Ted Musgrave	1321	6. Jimmy Spencer	1184
2. Ricky Craven	1304	7. Matt Crafton	1178
3. Bobby Hamilton	1259	8. Terry Cook	1153
4. Ron Hornaday	1255	9. Johnny Benson	1128
5. Dennis Setzer	1224	10. Jack Sprague	1119

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Paramount Health Insurance 200, Brooklyn, Mich.



Brad Keselowski, front, stands near his 2005 Ford racing truck with his family, clockwise from top left, Kathy Samborski, Kay Keselowski, Ginger Hoffman, Brian Keselowski and Bob Keselowski at the K Automotive race shop. Brad will race the truck in the Paramount Health Insurance 200 NASCAR Trucks race at Michigan International Speedway.

Trucks team owner values kin over financial success

BY MIKE BRUDENELL
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Bob Keselowski knows he should have gone south years ago. It would have been good for business, in his case, NASCAR Trucks series racing. Most teams in the closely fought series are located in North Carolina or Tennessee, with a few in Ohio, Missouri and Nevada. But family came first with Keselowski, and he had no intention of leaving his mother, Roberta, who is 83 and lives in the Detroit suburb of Troy, Mich., or his family-operated race shop in Lake Orion, Mich., about 20 minutes away.

"It gets pretty difficult running NASCAR in Michigan," said Keselowski, 54, an ARCA veteran and former NASCAR Trucks series driver.

"I looked at some buildings in the South, but I just had a hard time leaving. I've been in the Detroit area all my life. My mother lives a mile from me." Keselowski co-owns K Automotive Motorsports, which has been winning stock-car races around the Midwest for more than 40 years. He and his brother, Ron, took the business over from their late father, John, a short-track racer in his day. Ron ran a season in 1970 in the NASCAR Grand National Division, finishing fourth at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich.

This Saturday, Keselowski will enter the No. 29 Ford F-150 in the Paramount Health Insurance 200 at MIS. Son Brad will be at the wheel, with Bob calling the shots as crew chief and Ron working as assistant crew chief. Also on hand will be Bob's wife, Kay Keselowski, who co-owns the race truck and spots for the team, and their daughters Ginger,

Kathy and Dawn. "Family is more important than racing," said Bob Keselowski on Monday. "I wanted to keep the family together."

Had Keselowski relocated to North Carolina, for example, he would have had better access to engine builders, fabricators, tracks and sponsors. Instead, he is doing the best he can here, which is pretty good, nevertheless. Brad, 21, is a NASCAR Trucks sophomore. He is currently 19th in points, just behind Bill Lester and ahead of well-financed drivers like Todd Kluever, Robert Huffman, Brendan Gaughan and Chase Montgomery.

"We'd like to be doing a whole lot better, but we've been on a tight budget, and we've had to be conservative," said Bob Keselowski, who posted the team's first truck victory at Richmond in 1997. "But Brad is keeping us alive in points."

Last Friday, Brad Keselowski finished 20th at Texas Motor Speedway. Dad thought it a solid effort.

"With what he's had to work with, Brad did a pretty darn good job," said Keselowski, an ARCA winner at Michigan. "Right now, Brad has 90 percent of what it takes. He's got the right attitude, the personality and the respect of the other drivers."

"The other 10 percent is natural ability. Brad blew through everything I ever entered him in — quarter midgets, factory stock, limited late model, super late model. He's constantly thinking out there on the racetrack. He can succeed in Trucks."

Brad is looking for a strong finish at MIS this weekend. "We came out of Texas reasonably unscathed, which is always a good thing in the Trucks series," he said. "A top-15 spot

would be good at Michigan, but as a driver, you're always looking for something better. We are going to give it our A-effort."

K Automotive has long given its best, even in the hard times. In 2003, Bob Keselowski suffered a heart attack. He lay in a coma at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich., for two days. Kay Keselowski was told to prepare for the worst.

"He didn't give up," Kay recalled. "He pulled through."

While the team lost ground — as well as a major sponsor and driver Terry Cook — during his recuperation, Keselowski never for a moment thought of chucking it in. With his family and local racing community rallying around him, Keselowski was back at his race shop the day he was released from hospital. Brian Keselowski, Bob's oldest son, remembers his father working on his late-model sportsman car.

"He came straight to the shop," said Brian, 23. "He sacrificed himself to help me. We won the late-model title at Toledo (Ohio) Speedway that year."

Bob Keselowski never reached the dizzy heights as a racer, although he did win the 1989 ARCA championship, and the ARCA race at MIS in 1992. His K Automotive NASCAR Trucks team has won 10 races, however, and notched 37 top-five finishes since 1995, with a third-place finish in points in 1999.

During a recent test at Atlanta, 2000 Nextel Cup champion Bobby Labonte thought he spotted Bob Keselowski in the pits.

He asked a former K Automotive crewmember, now working for Joe Gibbs Racing, if it was, indeed, the Michigan team owner. The crewman nodded yes.

"That guy is a legend," Labonte said. "What was Keselowski's reaction?"

"Coming from Bobby, that's an honor. That means a lot."

RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

- 1. Greg Biffle (car No. 16):** Not a great weekend at Pocono, but he'll be a force to be reckoned with at Michigan. Last week: 1.
- 2. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48):** Solidly first in points, but sixth at Pocono. Not quite enough to return him to rankings' top spot. Last week: 2.
- 3. Mark Martin (car No. 6):** Keeping dreams of going-away championship party alive one top-10 finish at a time. Last week: 5.
- 4. Carl Edwards (car No. 99):** Winning at Pocono on his first try? Video game virtuosity or not, that's impressive. Last week: 9.
- 5. Elliott Sadler (car No. 38):** Big-picture racing has worked for this team so far. Could Michigan be time

to win? Last week: 3.

6. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): Back in top 10 for now, but it's way past time. This team finds some kind of a groove. Last week: 6.

7. Ryan Newman (car No. 12): Had a solid top-10 Pocono finish in hand until he was a late victim of tire troubles. Last week: 4.

8. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29): Did a nice job staying near the front of the pack for most of the day at Pocono. Last week: 11.

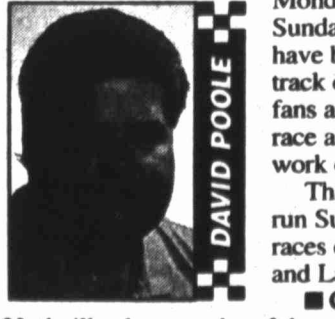
9. Tony Stewart (car No. 20): If Joe Gibbs Racing can shake the funk gripping its teams, maybe this car will win a race. Last week: 7.

10. Rusty Wallace (car No. 2): Hanging on in his bid to go out with a flourish. He's had some good Michigan runs in the past. Last week: 8.

Offering insight into recent NASCAR actions

NASCAR writer David Poole answers some questions about Nextel Cup racing:

Question: Why did NASCAR reschedule the Nashville Busch Series race Sunday for the same time as the Nextel Cup race from Pocono? They had to delay the TV broadcasts from Nashville. Why not just wait and run the race there at 6 p.m.?



Answer: Because Nashville also had rain Saturday night. By rescheduling the start for early afternoon, NASCAR maximized its chances to

If it had been clear at noon and then raining at 6 p.m., something that happens a lot this time of the year, an opportunity would have been wasted

and Busch Series teams and officials would have had to spend two extra days in Nashville and not just one.

The other reason is the fans. If Monday had been a holiday, a Sunday night race would have been a better option. But track operators like to give fans an opportunity to see the race and get home in time to work on Monday.

That's why the Cup guys run Sunday night (or evening) races only on Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends.

Question: What do you make of the news that the Nextel Cup Series could be renamed the Sprint Cup Series next year?

Answer: Not much. I understand that if the merged Sprint-Nextel company is going to be called Sprint then the company wants its name on the series it's paying big bucks to

sponsor. But there's already something called Sprint cars, and that's what the U.S. Auto Club's cars have been called for years. Doesn't brand identity suffer when there's brand confusion?

With all of the changes, it's eventually going to wind up being called the Cup Series by everybody. And the trophy given to the champion each year should have already been renamed the Petty-Earnhardt Trophy.

Question: So with less than 10 laps to go in the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte, Joe Nemechek hits the wall and NASCAR puts out a caution flag and then a red flag, leaving Jimmie Johnson more laps to catch Bobby Labonte and win in the Lowe's car at Lowe's Motor Speedway. But Sunday at Pocono, Ryan Newman cut a tire and hit the wall and no red came out. The race went to a green-white-checked finish. Why?

Answer: There is no good