



Parades and more parades

*Year of fund-raising
about to pay off for
D.C.-bound FHS band*

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN — All the bake sales. All the car washes. All the hard work and effort.

All of that is now over. Now, it's time for the Forsan High School band to have some fun.

The band will represent Howard County — and Texas — Monday when they participate in the annual Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

The trip, which begins for the band Friday evening, is the culmination of a year-long odyssey that began with a phone call to Director Jim Rhodes' office in May 2004.

The call, from a representative of the National Independence Day Parade Committee, informed Rhodes that the FHS band had been selected to represent Texas at the event.

"To be honest, (the call) caught me so off-guard that I thought it might be

**Musicians
to represent
county, state**

By STEVE REAGAN

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FORSAN — Under a hot West Texas sky Wednesday morning, the Forsan High School Band marched through the streets of their home town, treating parents, residents and curious onlookers to an impromptu parade.

But if the band members thought that was special, just wait until Monday.

That's when the 118-

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a friend pulling a joke on me, because this sort of thing doesn't happen every day," Rhodes recalls. "But the more

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The Forsan High School band marches through Forsan Wednesday morning. The FHS band will represent Howard County and the state of Texas Monday when it participates in the annual Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

**Bill Fishback happy to serve
as Freedom's grand marshal**

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

COAHOMA — You'd be hard pressed to find a better representative for Coahoma and its annual Freedom Parade than Bill Fishback, a World War II veteran, husband of 56 years and former school principal.

He and his wife, Ella B., came here in 1953. They raised three sons, and along the way participated in a lot of the town's Independence Day parades.

"I've been in it many times before.

What: Coahoma Freedom Parade, sponsored by the Lion's Club.

Where: N. First Street from Bulldog Stadium to the I-20 north service road.

When: 10 a.m. Saturday.

Years back, veterans would ride on a big truck and we'd whoop and holler and throw candy," said the 84-year-old. "It's a nice little parade."

Saturday, Fishback will be at the front of the parade, serving as grand marshal.

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Fishback

**Highland folks get ready
for neighborhood parade**

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Highland Fourth of July Parade, a local tradition for three decades, will be held Saturday morning in the Highland South Addition.

Between 50 and 75 entries are expected for this year's parade, which will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the corner of Goliad Street and Stonehaven Drive.

The parade ends at the intersection of Highland Drive and Goliad, where refreshments will be served and a short program held, according to Shayla Seymore, one of the event's organizers.

Although the event traditionally fea-

What: Highland Fourth of July Parade.

Where: Goliad Street, from Stonehaven Drive to Highland Drive.

When: 10 a.m. Saturday.

tures children from the neighborhood. Seymore is quick to note that the parade is not limited to either children or Highland South residents.

"Anyone is welcome, from babies in strollers to military people home on leave," she said. "One thing we're trying to get out is that it's not just for people

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Farmer's Market begins Saturday at downtown park

□ A ribbon cutting has been set for 10 a.m. Saturday at Heart of the City Park.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

As the July Fourth holiday quickly approaches, fresh fruits and vegetables may not be the first thing on the Average Joe's mind.

Of course, Kelly Zant and the people coordinating the annual West Texas Producers and Farmers Market are anything but average.

The annual Farmers Market will get under way Saturday, taking every first through fourth Saturday and Tuesday of the month to help bring fresh fruits and vegetables to local residents.

"Of course, we'll have all

kinds of different farm fresh produce — even eggs. We'll also have buffalo jerky and sausage this year, as well as cracked wheat breads and items like that," said Zant. "We're also going to have crafts and lots of fun. The whole idea of a farmer's market is to have something centralized in the town so we can all get together and have a good time.

"In order to get people to

come out, because we have a lot more than just vegetables, we decided to plan stuff for the weekends. Bring your kids and find some fresh fruits and vegetables and enjoy whatever the theme of the weekend is."

Zant said this year's market promises to not only be a chance to share fresh produce with the public at the Heart of the City Park, but also a chance to have fun.

"We have a lot of events planned this year," said Zant. "Nearly every Saturday the market is open there will be something going on. Things like ice cream eating contests, which is planned for July 9. We also have a chamber of commerce ribbon cutting set for our opening day, which is July 2. We're chamber members

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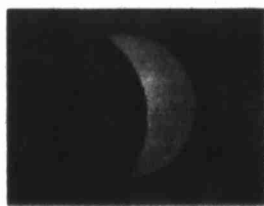
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SHE'S USING HER HEAD?

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — For \$10,000, Kari Smith had her forehead tattooed with the Web address of a gambling site. Smith, 30, who sold her unusual advertising space on eBay, said the money will give her 11-year-old son a private education, which she believes he needs.

"For the all the sacrifices everyone makes, this is a very small one," she said. "It's a small sacrifice to build a better future for my son," she said.

"To everyone else, it seems like a stupid thing to do. To me, \$10,000 is like \$1 million. I only live once, and I'm doing it for my son," she said.

COMING THIS WEEKEND

When young baseball players step onto the field in Williamsport, Pa., they are carrying on a tradition started 65 years ago by Carl E. Stotz. In 1938, Stotz gathered children together and devised the rules for his boys' baseball program. Today, Williamsport is home to the Little League Museum and Howard J. Lamade Stadium, where the finals of the Little League World Series have been played each year since 1959.



BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

The Texas RV Park will be spotlighted by the third Business After Hours event, hosted by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The RV park, located on 4100 S. Highway 87, will host the event from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. today.

Texas RV Park, aside from offering traditional recreational vehicle hookups for travelers, also offers what ValVerde described as a "non-traditional" bed and breakfast establishment housed in the hulls of World War II-era aircraft. Refreshments and dessert crepes will be served, and a tour of the park will be conducted.

Obituaries

Ruby Cora Hull Fritzer Gower



Ruby Cora Hull Fritzer Gower, 94, of Big Spring went to be with her Lord and Savior Monday, June 27, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 1, 2005, at Forest Oak Cemetery in Austin.

She was the third of eight children born to Charles and Nora Hull, at home north of Gage, Okla., Jan. 10, 1911. She attended school and graduated at Gage, Okla., in 1929.

She married William Fritzer July 15, 1929, in Shattuck, Okla. From this marriage, four children were born, William (Billy), Nora Dean, Robert (Bobby) and Teddy (Ted).

In 1952, she married Blain Gower in Wichita Falls. Ruby made drapes, both customized and commercial. Blain worked for Mead's Bakery and moved to several locations and retired in 1977 at Albuquerque, N.M.

In 1978, they moved to Carrollton to be near their son, Ted. With the passing of Blain in 1986 and Ted in 1992, she moved to Big Spring to be with her son, Robert. In 1999, due to ill health, she moved to Mountain View Lodge.

Ruby loved to knit, crocket and sew. She made many beautiful items for her home and family. She was a religious person and had many friends in church and social groups. She was a friendly person and always made friends wherever she worked and lived.

She is survived by one son, Robert Fritzer of Big Spring; three loving daughter-in-laws, June Sadoti of Conroe, Mary Jon Fritzer of Carrollton and Ann Fritzer of Big Spring; one brother, Clarence Hull of Gage, Okla.; 10 grandchildren, Melinda Peters of Conroe, Mike Fritzer of Austin, Max Fritzer of Houston, Mary Beth Bosworth of Tomball, Robert Fritzer of Dallas, David Fritzer of Big Spring, Connie Toland of Arlington, Ben Fritzer of Austin, Teddy Fritzer of Carrollton and Natalie Chattell of Reno, Nev.; 14 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands and parents, she was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters and three children, William, Nora Dean and Teddy.

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

Paid obituary

James Dewey Anderson

James Dewey Anderson, 69, of Big Spring died Monday, June 27, 2005, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, July 1, 2005, at Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso.

He was born July 21, 1935, in Orange.

He is survived by two brothers.

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

Julia Salgado Lerma

Julia Salgado Lerma, 69, of Big Spring died Thursday, June 30, 2005, at her residence. 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.

FRIDAY

• Alzheimers Support Group meets at noon the fourth Friday of each month at Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Lunch is provided. RSVP to Cindy Lopez at 213-4976.

• 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 p.m.

• 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.

Police blotter

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

• EDWARD DAREN LACKEY, 41, of 1808 S. Runnels, was arrested Wednesday on a Taylor County warrant.

• BONNIE KLAASSEN, 45, of Garden City, was arrested Wednesday and held for the HCSO.

• RICARDO OLIVA, 40, of 1300 S. Nolan, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• SELESTINO HERNANDEZ III, 19, of 1115 Lloyd, was arrested Thursday on charges of evading arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• THEFT was reported:

- in the 2100 block of Wasson.

- in the 1700 block of FM 700.

- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

• POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2000 block of Johnson.

Sheriff's report

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

• KYRENEA HULL WEBB, 43, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of theft and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• KYLE REECE HALE, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• ANGELA MARIE LEATON, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal mischief.

• MELODY LYNN GAY, 43, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

• EARL ALONZO WRIGHT, 28, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

• ENIDA LYNN KILLINGSWORTH, 32, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - more than four ounces, less than five pounds.

• BONNIE JANE KLAASSEN, 45, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

• GUY SCOTT HUDSON, 40, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - more than four ounces, less than five pounds.

• JAMES EVERETT, 36, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct - fighting.

• THEFT was reported in the 3900 block of Old Gail Highway.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2600 block of E. 25th Street.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 3300 block of Avenue Y.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 700 block of Westover Road. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. Service was refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1300 block of Utah. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

4-8-12-20-36. Bonus Ball: 35.

Estimated jackpot: \$15 million.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

9-18-32-36-37

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery:

8-7-6

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 100. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 100. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s.

Independence day...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

Monday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s.

Tuesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

Tuesday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s.

Wednesday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s.

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"I'm honored. It's a real honor," he said.

Fishback grew up on a farm and graduated high school at Cherokee, Texas. He then attended Daniel Baker College in Brownwood before World War II put his education on hold. He went into the service on July 8, 1942 and eventually fought in three major battles as a platoon sergeant in charge of four 105 howitzers. He was discharged from the Army in 1946 as a master sergeant.

"When I got out of the service, I did my senior year at Daniel Baker. I tell everyone it took me eight years to get my degree," Fishback said with a laugh. He later received his master's degree from Hardin-Simmons University.

Fishback begin his educational career in 1948 as a seventh grade teacher in Early. He also spent a couple of years in Gustine as an elementary principal before moving to Coahoma.

Arriving here in the early 1950s, he was principal over the first eight grades, which was in two buildings. Later, upon completion of a high school, he oversaw first grade through junior high in four buildings.

"Then I was junior high principal, then high school principal and then I was elementary principal again. Wherever they wanted me to work, that's where I worked," explained Fishback. He was also in charge of the library and cafeteria, and made sure bus routes were run. "I had plenty to keep me busy," said.

He and Ella B. were married in December of 1948 and have three sons, Billy Don Fishback, who is vice president for finance at Howard Payne University; Bobby Gene Fishback, computer technician at Forsan ISD; and Benny Ray, a security officer with the federal prison system in Beaumont.

The Coahoma Freedom Parade is sponsored by the Coahoma Lions Club and coordinated by the Freedom Parade Committee. It gets under way at 10 a.m. Saturday, traveling south on N. First Street from Bulldog Stadium to the Interstate 20 north service road.

Everyone is invited.

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because we want to help support Big Spring, because it has really done a great job of supporting us."

Zant said she's not going to be shy about the contests this year.

"We're also planning a watermelon eating contest. I kind of like the weekends when we're having eating contests," said Zant with a laugh. "I voted for those events! I think I'm going to enter the watermelon eating contest, too. I think I can eat some watermelon."

Another favorite for Zant is the agua fresca, a Mexican drink she said is a lot better than the name, which translates into fruit and water, implies.

"I know it sounds strange, but they are so good," said Zant. "I'm hooked on them now. I eat cantaloupe, but I thought, 'cantaloupe water?' In my mind it was just juice and water. But it is so good. They have watermelon, cantaloupe - pretty much every fruit you could imagine."

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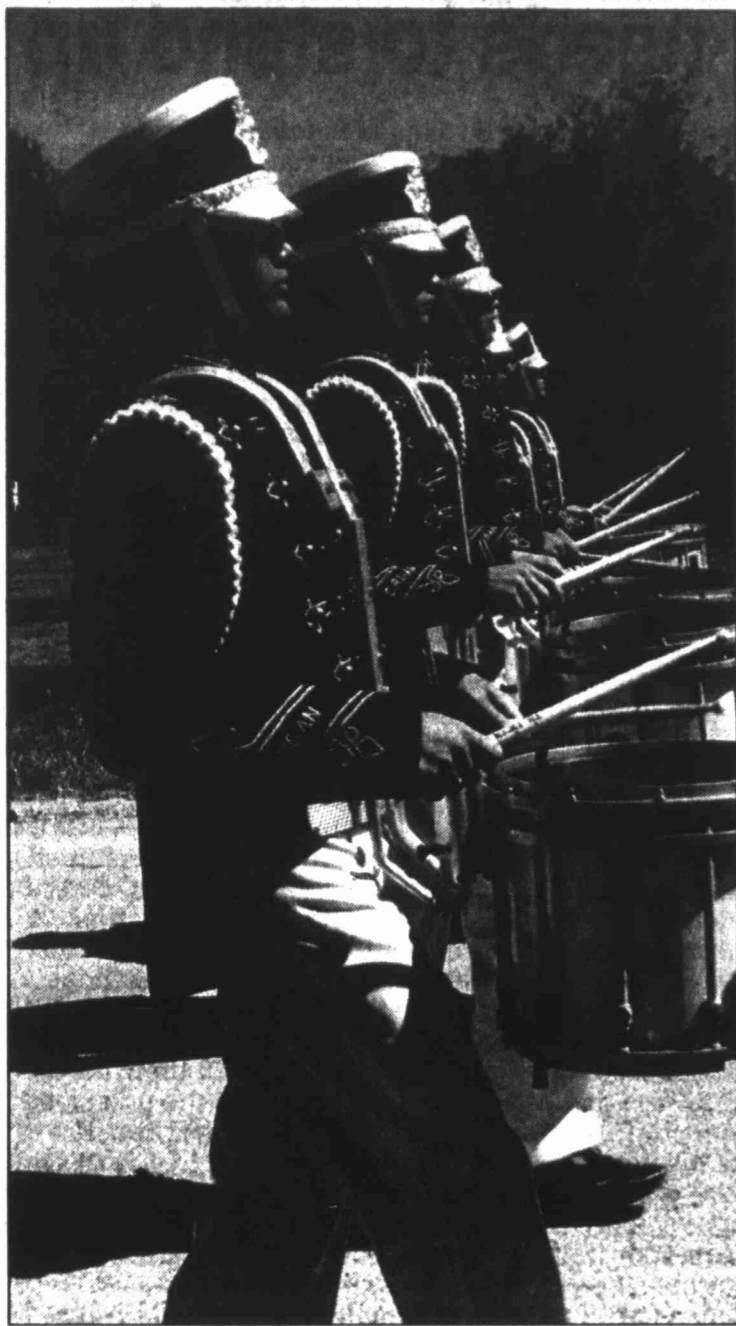
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Members of the Forsan High School band's drum line march through the streets of Forsan Wednesday morning. The band was holding a dress rehearsal before it leaves for Washington, D.C. to participate in the Independence Day Parade Monday. The band will represent Howard County and the state of Texas at the event.

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and more he talked to me, I finally realized, 'Hey, I think he's serious.'"

Unsurprisingly, Rhodes and everyone else connected with the band were overjoyed at the news.

But there was a catch — a \$145,000 catch.

That's the amount of money needed to pay the way for the band and sponsors to Washington. And that meant that Rhodes and the 118 students in the band — not to mention parents and other boosters — had to become quite adept at raising funds this past year.

They sold cookies, poinsettias, pastries and cakes.

They washed cars. They hosted benefit cook-offs.

They held silent and online auctions.

They even sold a pig. And then, they repeated the process.

"Anything we could think of, we did it," said saxophonist Shawn Lawson.

Almost everybody had a horror story to tell of their time in Fund-raising Purgatory.

"I never want to wash a car again," Rhodes said. "We made a nice amount of money, but it was taxing."

Flute player Emilee Trammell got straight to the point when asked her least-favorite fund-raising activity.

"The poinsettias — I hated the poinsettias," she said.

Despite the long hours, however, band members kept their eyes on the prize.

"All of it was stressful, but all of (the fund-raising) led to where we

wanted to go — Washington, D.C.," said drummer Brandon Tant.

"It was completely worth it," Trammell said. "It was hard getting all the money ... but it was incredible that people supported us like they did."

"Raising this kind of money was an effort," Rhodes said, "and it would have been nearly impossible without so many people coming to our rescue."

Financial help came from different quarters. The Coahoma High School band boosters donated money, as did individuals from throughout West Texas, Rhodes said.

And finally, the Forsan school district provided the final touch, pitching in the final few dollars the band needed to secure their spot in the parade. "Without all that help, we wouldn't have reached our goal," Rhodes said.

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Hildred Mandrell White, 85, died Sunday. Private services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Dallas/Ft. Worth National Cemetery in Dallas.

Ruby Cora Hull Fritzer Gower, 94, died Monday. Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Forest Oak Cemetery in Austin.

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member strong Marching Buffalo Band will represent not just Howard County, but the state of Texas, when it participates in the annual Independence Day Parade down Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C.

The band learned of the honor last May when Director Jim Rhodes was contacted by a member of the National Independence Day Parade Committee.

"We didn't go looking for this," Rhodes said. "Talk about something filling you with pride —



Rhodes

in and told us we were going to Washington, it was just awesome."

A year of frantic fund-raising secured the money necessary for the trip.

Now, the band and assorted parents and boosters can look forward to a few days of fun in the nation's capital.

The band departs

this is a major thing, both for me professionally and our school."

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Forsan at 9 p.m. Friday for a trip to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. There, the 232-person contingent will board four separate flights for Reagan International Airport, arriving at about 4 p.m. Saturday.

"It's going to be all worth it," saxophonist Shawn Lawson said. "I'm not a big political person, but visiting Washington is going to be a lot of fun."

Although Monday's parade will be the main event on the band's itinerary, students also plan a lot of sight-seeing. Rhodes said the schedule includes visits to the National Archives, Ford's Theater and the World War II, Jefferson,

Franklin Roosevelt and Iwo Jima memorials.

Also, band members will participate in a wreath-laying at Arlington National Cemetery.

And when they return home, they'll have memories of a very special trip. "I've never been to Washington," said drummer Brandon Tant.

"I just want to soak it in and never forget it. When I'm old, I can tell my kids that I represented the state of Texas and Forsan in Washington, D.C.," Tant added.

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who live in Highland South. Anyone can join in."

As in past years, parade entrants will be judged in the following categories: Stroller, bicycle, golf cart, wagon, horse, scooter, roller blades, walker, bat-

tery operated children's vehicle and four-wheeler, Seymore said.

Seymore said the event is a good way to bring area residents together.

"There's just a strong sense of community (at the event)," she said. "All the neighbors come out and sit in front of their houses to watch the parade and wave at the

kids ... It's just a good time for us to come together and help celebrate the Fourth with the kids."

Entries will be welcome right up to until 9:15 a.m. Friday. For more information, contact Seymore at 267-4854 or Linda Kay at 267-8427.

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OUR VIEWS

We'll see you 'After Hours' this evening

Business After Hours is a chamber-sponsored program that brings together local merchants several times a year. We think it is a worthwhile activity that allows the business community to meet, get to know each other and share ideas.

The general public is invited as well, and for them, it's an opportunity to get to know more about a local business.

Today's Business After Hours will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Texas RV Park located at 4100 South U.S. Highway 87.

Business After Hours is an informal, come-and-go event. There are no programs; it is simply a time to get acquainted, so come by and have refreshments with us. You might even walk away with one of the door prizes that will be given away.

We encourage you to drop by the Texas RV Park today. Sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, it's a good opportunity get to know other merchants and learn more about the businesses themselves.

OTHER VIEWS

Flag-burning ammendment crass political use of the flag

Are you a tried and true patriot? Then surely you support an 18th ammendment to the U.S. Constitution: "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

... There's a reason why the standards for passage by Congress and the states are set so high. Amending the Constitution should never be taken lightly.

The House approved the flag-burning ammendment Wednesday for the sixth time since 1995. Now the measure goes to the Senate where it faces a better chance of approval than in the past, simply because there are changes in the Senate's membership, including John Thune of South Dakota who beat Democratic leader Tom Daschle and Richard Burr of North Carolina who succeeded John Edwards after he ran for president. ...

Flag-burning is a highly emotional issue, particularly for veterans. That's understandable. Rep. (Jerrold) Nadler, however, is very perceptive: "Quite frankly, the crass political use of the flag to question the patriotism of those who value our fundamental freedoms is a greater insult to those who died in the service of our nation than is the burning of the flag."

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The White House rat needs to stand up

Two honorable reporters are now facing jail for up to 18 months to protect the sources who revealed the name of a CIA operative in an obvious effort to discredit her husband, who had written an op-ed piece critical of President Bush.

The rat or rats insisted on anonymity, and the reporters granted it. Fair enough. But outing a covert CIA operative — which could cost that person her life and, in any event, ends her career — is a felony, not a political hit. A special prosecutor was appointed. The two reporters were called to testify before the grand jury, refused to identify the rat or rats and, after losing their final appeal yesterday to the United States Supreme Court, are now facing prison.

That stinks. What makes this tale particularly tawdry is that the columnist who actually revealed the identity of CIA operative Valerie Plame was conservative Robert Novak, who hasn't said whether he testified before the grand jury or revealed his source, but isn't facing a term in jail.

To his credit, the vice president's chief of staff, one of those rumored as a possible source, publicly released anyone he had talked to (possibly Novak) from any obligation to protect him. Miller and Cooper's sources have done them no such favor.

Matt Cooper and Judith Miller



SUSAN ESTRICH

are two of the best and hardest working reporters around. I have known them both for years. For them, this is a matter of principle. Judy never even wrote a story about Plame, she just did research; Matt wrote his story only after Novak did his.

After the furor at Newsweek about the Koran story (which, as it turns out, wasn't entirely wrong after all), news organizations all over the country have been making lots of noises about limiting their use of anonymous sources. Ed Klein's recent book on Hillary Clinton leaves no doubt about the kind of trash you can get from anonymous sources. Patrick Grey's troubled reaction to the disclosure that his No. 2 man at the FBI was "Deep Throat" leaves no doubt that there are circumstances where the Constitution may itself depend on the ability of honorable reporters and editors to rely on trustworthy anonymous sources.

But even drawing lines doesn't necessarily save Matt and Judy from their jail terms. A line based on whether the underlying act constitutes a crime finds them on the wrong side. In this case, it was — and the motivation, political revenge, only makes it worse. A reporter is not a lawyer. You can tell your lawyer you've committed a crime and expect confidentiality, but not a reporter in the hopes they will then tar your target.

There was no great public interest in knowing Plame's identity. At best, it was part of a long explanation as to why her husband had been chosen for an assignment that, in the eyes of the Bush administration, ended poor-

ly. This is not the Pentagon Papers, not even by a stretch.

The reason Judith and Matt aren't talking is not because of national security or anything like that, but because they are among the most professional reporters in the business, and they don't want to be the ones to set the precedent and put themselves in the business of drawing lines, when self-interest would inevitably be seen as coloring their judgment.

Judith has already taken far more heat than she personally deserves for stories about WMDs in which the whole newspaper clearly played a role in accepting the administration's accounts — just what she doesn't need is another hit.

But the very idea that these two are facing prison while the rat is eating lunch in the White House mess should anger any decent person, starting with the rat's boss, George W. Bush. It's up to the president now to demand that the rat(s) come clean, and that they release the reporters from the pledge of anonymity and remove the threat of jail from their heads.

After all, why does the president want rats like these working for him in the first place?

You'd think he'd be happy to get rid of them — unless, that is, they've got a whole colony of them in the West Wing.

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A flag, a poem and a lesson in freedom

As Congress considers a constitutional ammendment to ban flag desecration, my mind flashes back to the day when my mother taught me how to draw an American flag.

"It's the ultimate symbol of freedom," she said proudly. And then she banned me from displaying it.

It was back in communist Cuba, some 45 years ago. But I remember how worried my mother became when she realized she had made a mistake.

After all, she had taught a 10-year-old boy how to create the symbol of a country my teachers had described as the enemy.

If I went around displaying my American flag, it could jeopardize our family plans to flee from Cuba, I was warned.

If I kept drawing the symbol of "Yankee imperialism," the Fidel Castro regime could throw my father in prison and forbid us from moving to the United States.

I can still picture the moment when my mother made me take a vow of silence.

Perhaps the moment remains so vivid because it felt so awkward. Shortly after being taught to appreciate the aesthetic and symbolic beauty of the American flag, I was taking an oath to renounce it in public. And ironically, and quite hypocritically, I was to do this so that we could migrate to the United States.

For me, it was a harsh way to learn the difference between repression and freedom, and the price one has to pay to be free.

And so now that the House of Representatives has voted to ban the desecration of the American flag, now that a similar measure has a good chance of passing in the Senate, I keep thinking about my mother's flag-drawing lesson, and about the dilemma she faced when I drew my first flag.



MIGUEL PEREZ

You see, my mother, Lilia Perez Martinez, who died in 1998, was a teacher. And she had taught me that flags could not be destroyed. Once we created my first American flag, we had to keep it — and hide it.

A very patriotic woman, my mother taught me that flag desecration was not only immoral and illegal in many Latin American countries. In her opinion, it was downright repulsive.

My mother loved this country — its freedom, its democracy, its Constitution. That's the reason she brought me here when we fled from Cuba in 1962, the reason why she was so proud when I became an American citizen and when I became a journalist in a free society.

Of course, she believed in the free-speech protections guaranteed by the First Ammendment. But desecrating the flag that so many patriots have died defending, that's where we should make an exception, she said.

She had zero tolerance for those who argued that, in the name of freedom, we should be able to destroy even the symbol of freedom.

Yet that's what the Supreme Court ruled in 1989, when it decided by a five-to-four margin that flag burning was a protected free-speech right. That ruling threw out a 1968 federal statute and flag-protection laws in 48 states, mostly enacted to stop flag burnings at peace protests during the Vietnam War.

That ruling made it clear that, to protect the flag, much more drastic action — a constitutional ammendment — was necessary.

However, since such an ammendment requires a two-thirds majority in both the House and Senate, a minority of liberal senators have been able to keep the flags burning.

While the House has consistently approved the ammendment by a sufficient margin, in the last decade the Senate has twice fallen four votes shy of the 67 needed to pass the ammendment.

Yet last week, by a 286-to-130 vote — eight more than needed — the House approved the ammendment again. And in the Senate, observers say the measure has the best chance in years — especially since the flag enjoyed a huge surge in popularity after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and since Republicans picked up four Senate seats in last year's elections.

If the ammendment gets the two-thirds majority in the Senate, it would then require ratification by three-fourths — 38 — of the state legislatures within seven years. It won't be easy, but it should be done.

For those of us who come from countries where the flag is considered a sacred symbol, where desecration is met with severe penalties, all the fuss about free speech is difficult to understand.

I find it amazing, frankly, that there is even hesitation about banning such a hideous act — regardless of how many ammendments it takes — if only as a sign of respect for those who died fighting to defend our American banner.

Long before my mother taught me how to draw the American flag, she had also taught me how to recite a poem in Spanish about our own Cuban flag. It's called "Mi Bandera," (My Flag), and roughly translated it says that even if the flag is torn to pieces, and there is no one left to fight for it, our dead would find a way to defend it by raising their arms from their graves.

The image that poem painted in my mind still comes rushing back every time someone suggests we should tolerate flag-burning for the sake of freedom.

"If you speak Spanish," I tell them, "I have a poem you should hear."

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Audi A3 hatchback a welcome surprise

By MATT NAUMAN
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Think of the new Audi A3 hatchback as a gift.

Well, a gift that you have to pay about \$25,000 to \$30,000 for, but a welcome surprise nonetheless. That's because it's the kind of car that we seldom see here in America. Elsewhere, the world is full of small cars that seat four, but here in the States, despite the success of the Mini Cooper and Toyota's Scion brand, the world's automakers remain unconvinced that we like small cars.

So Mercedes-Benz dithers back and forth about bringing its B-Class and its smile-inducing Smart car here. And BMW isn't so sure that we'd like its 1-Series models.

But Audi decided to replace hand-wringing with sheet metal.

And that's why we have the Audi A3, a four-door hatchback with a turbocharged four-cylinder engine that went on sale in May. It's only 168.7 inches long, more than half a foot shorter than near rivals such as the Saab 9-2x and the Volvo V50 hatch-wagons. And it's a full foot shorter than Audi's own A4 wagon.

Design-wise, the look of the A3 is subtle, even understated. Audi's new single-frame grille is smaller and less distracting. The side view is very plain, but the car's rear profile is nicely proportioned.

All in all, the look of this hatch neither breaks new ground nor offends. The cabin is typical Audi, stylish without

overdoing it. There's enough shiny metal to accent the trendy black background here. Gauges are easy to read, and controls are within reach and properly placed.

Despite a price point that starts below \$25,000, the look and feel of the A3's interior is excellent.

Seats are firm, but comfortable. The backseat space isn't huge, but it actually feels a bit bigger than the more expensive A4 wagon. Audi says this compact seats five, but four adults would be much more comfortable.

The cargo area, at 13.1 cubic feet, is of useful size and shape. The rear seats split (60/40) and fold down, so carrying more stuff and fewer folks is an easy option.

The joy here is in the driving.

The engine is the first production unit, Audi says, to combine gasoline direct-injection technology, which Audi calls FSI (fuel straight injection), with a turbocharger. The result is strong performance and decent fuel economy, the German automaker says.

Ward's Auto World named Audi's FSI engine one of the 10 best for 2005, saying it allows engineers to "impart some of the best attributes of diesels — higher efficiency, better torque output — to gasoline engines." Using FSI — where fuel is injected directly into the cylinder at high pressure — results in gains in power, torque and fuel economy.

Our test A3, with the optional Direct Shift Gearbox (DSG), an automatic transmission that



provides crisp shifts with steering-wheel shifters, was ready to run. Acceleration was very, very quick. In fact, I started stopping for yellow lights just so I could be the first away when the traffic signal turned green. It's the kind of performance that rewards an enthusiast.

In fact, Audi says, the DSG-equipped A3 goes from 0 to 60 mph in 6.7 seconds, or 0.2 seconds faster than the manual-transmission model.

The 2.0-liter four-cylinder makes 200 horsepower and delivers 207 pound-feet of torque. Fuel economy is 25 miles per gallon (city) and 31 mpg (highway) with the automatic.

The A3 enters the showroom as the cheapest Audi, but it remains a member of a luxury family — so things like dual-zone automatic air conditioning, 17-inch alloy wheels and a 10-speaker, 140-watt stereo are standard. So are safety items like dual front, side and side-curtain air bags, anti-lock brakes with electronic brake distribution, and electronic stability control.

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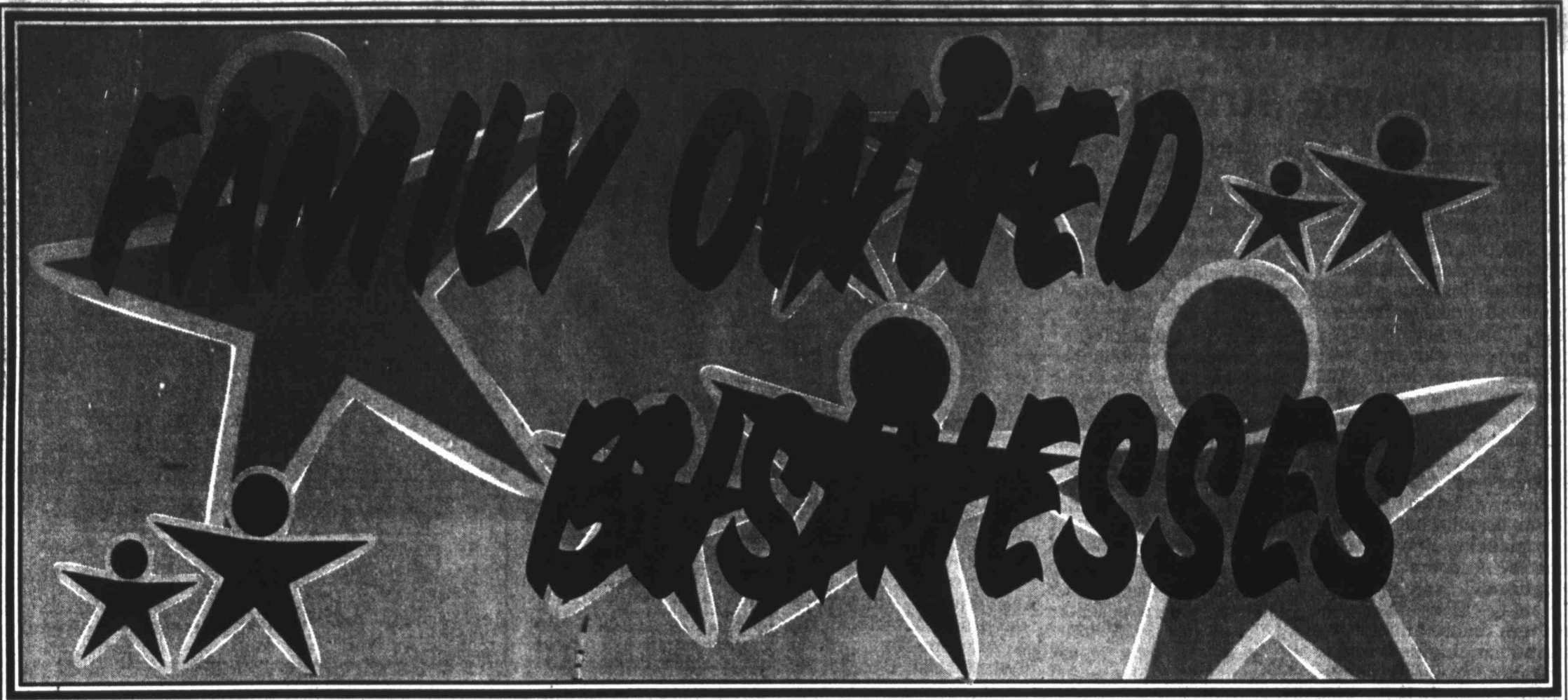
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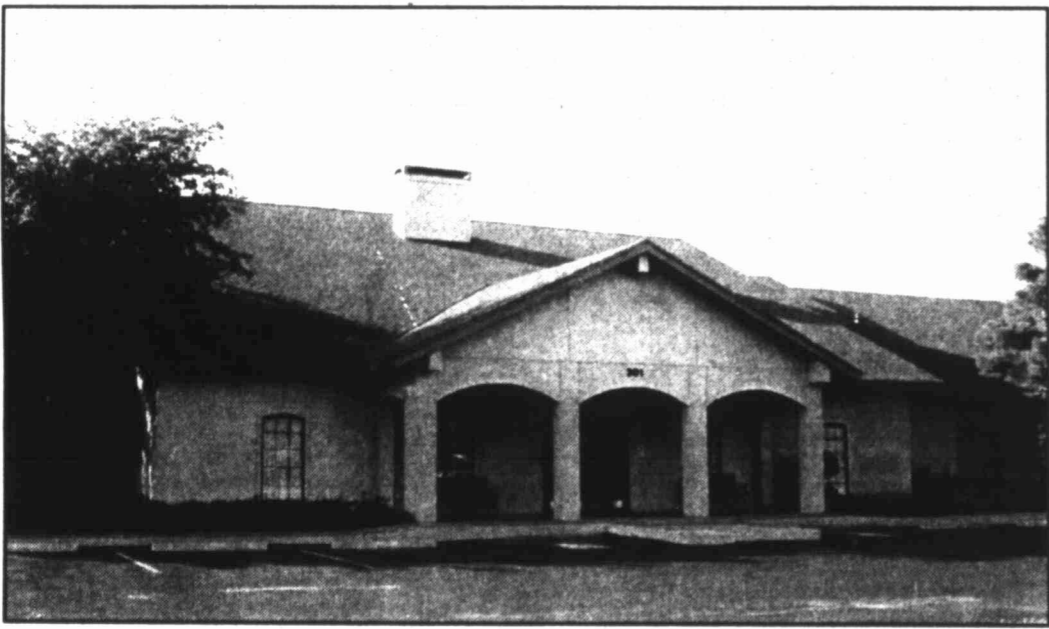
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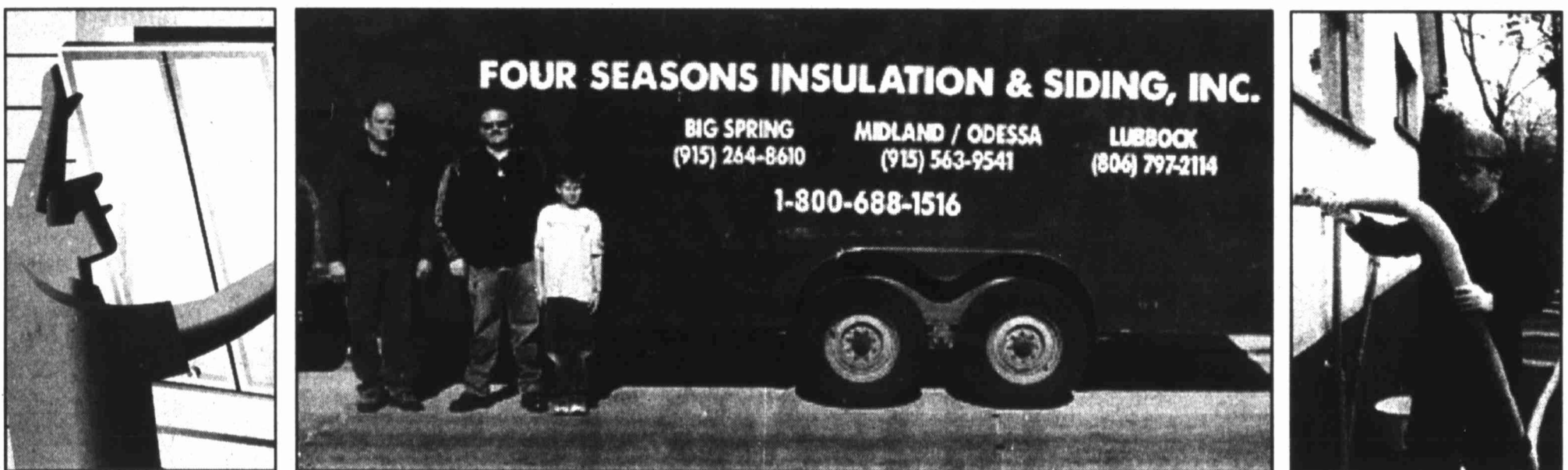
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Country Club
The Big Spring Country Club has set up a summer junior clinic and an advanced summer junior clinic.

The clinics run through August. Both clinics will be on 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.

Howard announces men's basketball camps in mid-July

The Howard College men's basketball staff will host two week-long camps in the month of July.

The first camp will take place July 19-24, while the second camp starts July 24 and ends July 29. Both camps will cost \$250 per player who wants room and board and \$175 for a commuter. Both camps will take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawk camp format consists of morning and afternoon sessions. All sessions include specialized clinics on both the offensive and defensive phases of the game.

For more info, contact Mark Adams at 816-6957 or Jason Sautter at 816-3200.

Big Spring sets first Quarterback meeting

The Big Spring football booster club has set its first quarterback club meeting of the year Monday, July 5, at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Athletic Training Center.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 818-1134.

Howard women's basketball sets three camp dates

The Howard College women's basketball program will be hosting two more camps this summer.

The camps will both take place July 18-21. The first camp is open for kindergarten through third grade boys and girls. Registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. July 18. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and costs \$50 per person.

The second camp is for fourth through sixth grade girls. Registration for this camp will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. July 18. The camp runs from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and costs \$60 per person.

For more information, call head coach Paul Diddle at 263-5354 or assistant coach Eric Rodaswald at 818-4327.



The Ablene Blue Sox, a 14-and-under ASA softball team, took second place in the Class A State Tournament recently. Big Spring's Shelbi Stewart (back row, second from left) is the only local girl on the team, but played an integral part in the team's success. The Blue Sox played six games in two days and their only loss came in the championship game as they were defeated by the College Station Avengers, 2-1. Stewart started four games for the Blue Sox and went 3-1. However, she gave up two hits in the game which she lost and had a one hit shutout against Denton in the semifinals. Stewart led her team to a win in the first game as her three-run home run in the seventh inning capped off a 4-3 victory. Five out of the six games played by the Blue Sox were decided by one run.

Wimbledon semis set as big names try to claim title

By STEVEN WINE

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Wimbledon came up with quite a cast for the men's semifinals: top-ranked Roger Federer, No. 2 Lleyton Hewitt, No. 3 Andy Roddick and ... Thomas Johansson?

The oldest player still in the tournament, Johansson also is the most obscure. Sidelined for all of 2003 by a serious knee injury, the 30-year-old Swede has revived his career and crashed the final-four party at the All England Club.

Playing in his second Grand Slam semifinal, 2002 Australian Open champion Johansson will face Roddick on Friday.

Grass-court opposition doesn't come any bigger than Federer, Hewitt and Roddick.

It's the first time the three highest-seeded men have reached the semifinals since 1995.

For the first time since 1993, all four semifinalists have won major titles. And Federer's match against Hewitt will be the first time the two top-ranked men have met in the semis since 1989.

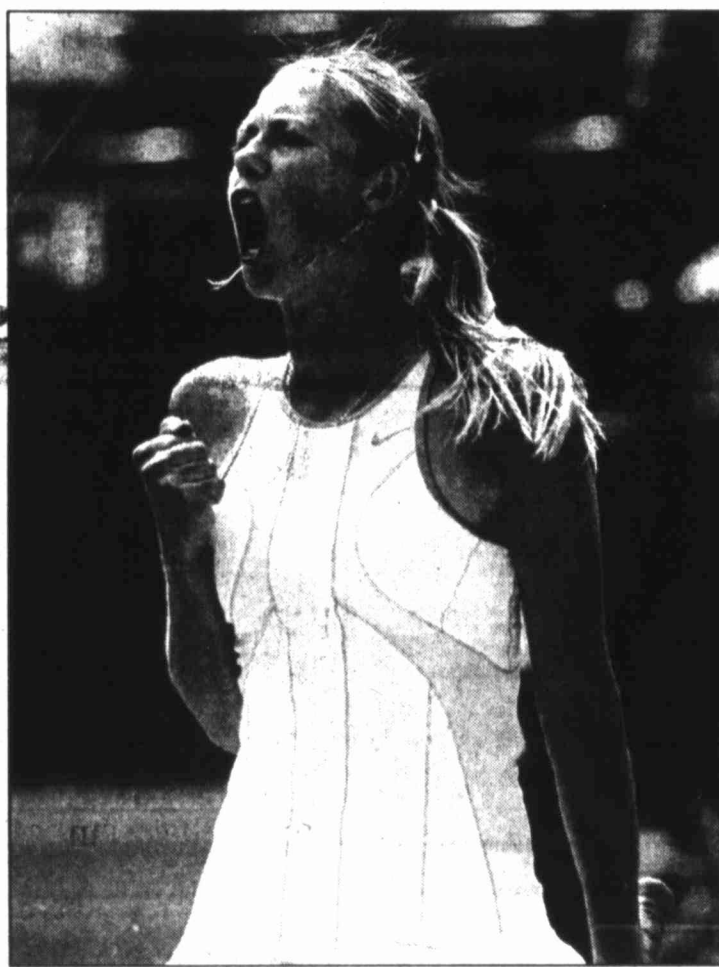
"It's like a final for me," said Hewitt, who advanced by beating Feliciano Lopez.

The start of the women's semifinals Thursday was delayed by rain. Top-ranked Lindsay Davenport was to face Amelie Mauresmo in the first match, followed by defending champion Maria Sharapova against two-time champion Venus Williams.

Hewitt won the men's title in 2002. His successor as champion was Federer, who also won last year, beating Roddick in the final.

And then there's Johansson, considered an improbable champion when he won his only major title 3 1/2 years ago. He struggled the rest of that year, then underwent left knee surgery in February 2003.

He was among them,



Russia's Maria Sharapova defeats Russia's Nadia Petrova 7-6 (6), 6-3, Wednesday at Wimbledon 2005 quarterfinals. The semifinals were rained out Thursday in England.

doubting his future when he returned to the courts in early 2004 and failed to win a single set in nearly a week of practice matches.

He persevered, rediscovered his strokes and finished last year ranked No. 30. Still just 22nd in the rankings, but seeded 12th because of his past success on grass, Johansson beat No. 18 David Nalbandian 7-6 (5), 6-2, 6-2 in the quarterfinals.

Nalbandian is the only seeded opponent Johansson has faced. With the help of the favorable draw, he's the first Swede to reach the Wimbledon semifinals since two-time champion Stefan Edberg in 1993.

Johansson has won his past three matches in straight sets to make the final four.

Roddick's on a roll, too, and into the semifinals for the third year in a row. On Wednesday, he outlasted frequent practice partner Sebastien Grosjean 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

Roddick came into the tournament following a disappointing clay-court season and had lost his past five five-set matches. He has won two during the last two weeks.

Coahoma secures two new coaches, one familiar name

• Area coach changes schools, stays local

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
Coahoma's athletic department is not going through the same kind of overhaul Big Spring is, but a few changes were made recently.

Former Big Spring girl's track coach Jay Kennedy, who also served as the defensive coordinator on the football team, will now drive down I-20 to get to work everyday as he accepted a position at Coahoma. He will be the defensive coordinator for the Bulldogs football team.

"Coach Holt at Big Spring asked me to stay on, but I felt it was in my best interest to find something different," said Kennedy. "I wanted the head job and then didn't get it. I just felt like this was the best decision."

Chris Sumrall was also hired recently. He will take over coaching duties for the cross country, girl's track and girl's basketball programs vacated by Sandy Logan, who resigned just before the end of this past school year.

"We visited with coaches he played against and they said his teams were solid and they competed hard," said Coahoma Athletic Director Kim Nichols. "We're very excited to have him."

Kennedy is no stranger to the area as he served on Big Spring's coaching staff for 16 years.

He was the head girl's track coach for all 16 years as he and his Lady Steers captured 11 district titles (three straight) and two regional championships. He spent two years on the football staff as the secondary coach before becoming the defensive coordinator the remaining 14 years under former Big Spring head football coach and Athletic Director Dwight



Butler.
The toughest decision for Kennedy dealt with leaving the athletes

KENNEDY which he coached for years.

"The hardest thing in this whole situation is leaving the kids at Big Spring — the boys in football and the girls in track," said Kennedy, who had more than 235 regional track qualifiers and 55 state qualifiers. "You're in the business for the kids and that is going to be the hardest thing to deal with."

Aside from being defensive coordinator on the football team, Kennedy will also assist both varsity track programs at Coahoma and coach basketball at some level.

"I needed a change," said Kennedy. "I have known Coach Nichols for years and he is great and the opportunity is great. I wanted to move on, but I didn't want to leave the area."

Nichols added, "Coach Kennedy is a quality person and a quality coach and we are very happy to have him at Coahoma."

Sumrall was one of about 30 applicants to apply for the three-sport coaching position and he came highly recommended, according to Nichols.

He served the past four years as head girl's basketball coach at Idalou and also coached high school basketball at Groom and Electra, while coaching in college as an assistant at Howard Payne University from 1995-97. Sumrall's overall coaching record is 127-99.

Sumrall graduated high school from Lubbock Monterey and played college basketball at Clarendon JC and Hardin Simmons University.

He brings with him his wife, Rachelle, and two young daughters.

First a cooler, now cameramen

• Rangers ace Rogers continues angry tirade with media

ARLINGTON (AP) — Kenny Rogers' angry close-up with a couple of television cameramen put one of them in the hospital and could result in a suspension for the Texas Rangers' ace.

Rogers shoved two cameramen before the Rangers' game against Los Angeles Wednesday in a videotaped tirade that included throwing a camera to the ground and threatening to break more.

"Kenny is having anger issues right now," Rangers general manager John Hart said. "I don't know what's going on inside. We're responding to something that's very unusual."

Rogers (9-3), who missed his last start with a broken pinkie he sustained during an outburst earlier this month, lashed out at the cameramen as they filmed him walking to the field for pregame stretching. He wasn't scheduled to pitch and was sent home by the club follow-

ing the incidents.

The Rangers held a clubhouse meeting before the game to address the situation. After the game, a 7-6 victory over the Angels in 11 innings, they lent their support to Rogers.

Hart said late Wednesday that the team contacted Major League Baseball, and wouldn't say whether the team would suspend Rogers.

Hart said he had talked to Rogers and "Kenny obviously realizes his actions were incorrect."

"His comment to me was, 'I didn't handle this right. I'm frustrated. My integrity and toughness is being called into question,'" Hart said.

The 40-year-old left-hander first shoved Fox Sports Net Southwest spokesman Ramon Alvarez said Mammeli wasn't injured.

Footage shot by Dallas-Fort Worth station KTVT shows Rogers pushing Rodriguez's camera, which goes over the photographer's head and falls to the ground. As Rodriguez puts the camera back on his shoulder, Rogers approaches again, pushing the lens away and having words with the photographer.

Arlington police spokeswoman Christy Gilfour said the department was investigating.

No charges had been filed, she said.

"Kenny has had a short fuse dealing with the media," Hicks said.

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The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals until 4:00 P.M., July 27, 2005, on the following:

- Boys Baseball Supplies & Equipment
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- Girls Track Supplies & Equipment

Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office located at 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432)264-3620. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on August 11, 2005, at 5:15 P.M. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
#4605 June 30 & July 7, 2005

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Norma Fay Morrow, Deceased, were issued on June 14, 2005, in Cause No. P-13294, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: **VICKI C. MORROW**. 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: **VICKI C. MORROW** 5017 60th Street Lubbock, Texas 79414 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 #4605 June 30, 2005

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
Midland Oil and Gas, Inc., 800 N. Marienfeld, Ste. 101; Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Lower Wolfcamp Formation. Do Right Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 1.5 Miles SSE of Vincent, TX in the Vincent, SW. (Wolfcamp) Field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injection into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6394 to 6504 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #4607 June 30, 2005.

DEAR PRUDENCE

Dear Prudie: My best friend (I will call her "Anna") and I are 39. We have been through absolutely everything together, from our unfaithful husbands, subsequent divorces, my second divorce and my pregnancies.

Anna, after many disastrous relationships (mostly because she displayed her desperation to get married and have a baby), has married a man our age who is equally desperate to have a baby. Three days ago, she found out that her eggs are too old and she will be unable to conceive but is eligible for IVF with a donor egg.

Anna was previously on anti-depressants, but no longer is, as she was trying to get pregnant. She has spent three days locked up in her house, calling in sick to work and not communicating with her husband. When we "talk," I simply listen and keep asking what her husband feels about what she is saying, because this is a crucial time for them as a couple.

I love her so much and can see and hear the pain, but I cannot empathize as I had my two children in the last six years and feel happy, even though their father traded me in for his second "fling."

I need some resources or canned answers to gently show her that she is fortunate enough to be able to carry a baby if she chooses (a few of our other friends can't) and that her husband would accept adoption -- though Anna hasn't decided about adoption. She isn't getting any younger. Her 40th birthday is next week and I fear her depression will peak on that day. Help! -- Stuck in a Cluster of Infertile Friends

Dear Stuck: Prudie has a hunch that you, as a close friend, feel her disappointment, sadness and anxiety while you as a "citizen of the world" understand that there are many unwanted babies that could use good parents, and that one's own genes aren't a guarantee of perfection. As a rule, most women who cannot conceive get over the narcissistic injury and go on to make good decisions. Infertility technology is a major growth industry for a reason. All you can do is keep trying to get your friend to include her husband and agree on a solution; also remind her of the possibilities. If she absolutely wants the experience of pregnancy, she could use another woman's eggs (fertilized by Anna's husband) implanted in her womb. And do remember that there is only so much a girl can do. -- Prudie encouragingly

Dear Prudence: How does one encourage safe sex without promoting promiscuity? I have a younger sister in her late teens who I suspect is sexually active. I have come to the conclusion that the only person in our immediate family she is going to get straight facts from is me.

From experience, I know that any such talk from my parents, if any, would be of the Bible-thumping variety and extremely judgmental. How do I convey a message of safe sexual practices without coming across as first, a busybody, and second, encouraging what some might term a "liberal sexual agenda"? -- Older Brother

Dear Old: Given that your parents would not be a fount of purely disinterested medical information, you are exactly the right one to have a talk with your sister about the birds and bees who, unfortunately, these days, bring with them many sexually transmitted diseases. Correct information can in no way be construed as "encouraging" sex.

It is neither liberal nor conservative to wish to avoid AIDS, herpes, genital warts, numerous other venereal diseases... or an unwanted baby. Because you have a hunch your younger sister is already sexually active, you would be doing her a great favor by allowing her to be comprehensively informed. -- Prudie, proactively

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Legals

SALE OF VEHICLE

The Howard County Appraisal District, 315 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas will accept sealed bid proposals for the sale of one (1) 1997 Ford Ranger 4x4 Extended Cab Pickup for a minimum bid of \$3,500. The odometer mileage reads 70,667. Sealed bids will be accepted until 5 P.M. Tuesday, August 9, 2005. Sealed bids will be opened at the Howard County Appraisal District Board of Directors regular meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2005. The vehicle will be sold "as is" without any warranty. The vehicle can be seen at 315 Main Street weekdays between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. If you desire to bid on this vehicle, please send a sealed bid with then envelope clearly marked "BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLE". Any bid received without being clearly marked will be rejected. Address your bid to: Howard County Appraisal District Board of Directors P.O. Drawer 1151 Big Spring, TX 79721-1151 Or bring it by 315 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas. THE HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS #4611 June 30 & July 3, 2005.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, AAA Mini Storage which is located at 3301 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 7:00 o'clock A.M. on July 1, 2005, at 3301 East FM 700, Big Spring, TX 79720. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space may be sold item-by-item, in batches, or by the space. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants: Tom Constanzo Unit# 177 #4613 June 30, 2005.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Taurus moon forms an angle with Mercury and Venus, suggesting that there will be several steps taken toward finishing a project that's near and dear to the heart. Whether or not those steps are in a good direction depends on your ability to detach and be objective. Ask for outside opinions from friends as well as perfect strangers.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Personal success is rivaled only by the success of a family member. You'll have plenty of reasons to celebrate on both fronts as you and a relative complete what you thought was impossible. Talent runs in the family.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When the going gets tough, the tough call Mom. A dependable relative not only offers a

favorably biased ear, but is also a champion for your cause. It is a good idea to heed their advice on your latest dilemma.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Unrealistic financial plans include: 1) scratch off a winning lottery ticket, 2) wait for a rich relative to die, 3) catch a leprechaun for his pot of gold. A Virgo can be of assistance in helping you develop a realistic plan.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Commitments made when you were feeling more generous with your time come back to haunt you. Friends will understand your busy schedule and allow you to bow out without any hard feelings - but just this once!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As the star of the show, you feel tons of pressure to perform. With energy levels low, you do well to call in your understudy to provide the entertainment. Sharing the spotlight gives you time to rejuvenate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A friend is being drawn to the dark side of a relationship. Be this

one's personal Yoda. You know happiness is not found through vindictiveness and anger. Help someone else let go, and you'll be able to do the same.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Friends are the family you choose for yourself, but occasionally, your judgment is a little off. Distance yourself from a person who drains your energy with their constant complaints. You don't need to carry their emotional baggage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're feeling mysterious and exciting. A chance encounter is like the song "Strangers in the Night." You're the expert at creating an aura of secrecy around yourself to attract a romantic interest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Different friends serve different purposes. Some keep you grounded while others encourage you to explore your crazy side. Opt for the latter of the two today when you want to bounce your wild ideas off a receptive ear.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love is in the

air - literally. A scent brings back memories of a past affair that you still think of fondly. The resulting mood sets the tone for the evening. Seek romance in a nostalgic locale.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The stars align to give you dream the push it needed to come to fruition. While the cosmos had a role in making this happen, the primary cause was your hard work. Enjoy your well-deserved reward.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The stars smile on decisiveness. While it is always wise to take a moment and weigh the consequences of your choices, the time is ripe for action. You will take great strides forward with all those decisions out of the way.

Cancer, you're a natural fit with your own sign, which includes hotties such as Josh Hartnett, 50 Cent, Tom Hanks and Will Ferrell. Cancer beauties are Jessica Simpson, Michelle Branch, Lindsay Lohan and the regal Anjelica Huston. Cancer is also a natural match with fellow water sign Pisces, who shares Cancer's sensitivity. Among the celebrity Pisces are Kelsey Grammer, Shaquille O'Neal, Jon Bon Jovi, Rob Lowe and Prince Edward. Female Pisces stars are Cindy Crawford, Drew Barrymore, Sharon Stone and Chelsea Clinton. Moonchildren are pulled like the tide to their zodiac opposite, Capricorn. Cool Capricorn men include Denzel Washington, Jude Law, Jim Carrey and Mel Gibson. Captivating Capricorn women include Amanda Peet, Kirstie Alley, Tracey Ullman and Mary J. Blige. Virgo and Cancer fit like two peas in a pod. Can you imagine setting up house with Virgos like Shania

Twain, Beyonce Knowles, LeAnn Rimes or Nicole Richie? Virile Virgo men include Ludacris, Moby, Hugh Grant and Prince Harry.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: America's third idol Fantasia Barrino is establishing herself as a first-class woman of soul. Cancer people know all about the soul, as they spend a good deal of their time trying to heal it, grow it, celebrate it or search through it. Barrino will collaborate with a hot songwriting team next year in order to break her own CD sales records.

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Annie's Mailbox® : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Several years ago, I received a job promotion that was publicized in the local newspaper. Soon after, a woman who dumped me 30 years ago called to congratulate me. "Linda" also expressed misgivings about choosing her now-divorced mate. She continued to e-mail and send me notes at work, and eventually took a job next door to my office. I was amused and flattered. She kept inviting me over to her apartment, and I finally went "just to have a few beers," and, well, you know the rest.

I have been married to my wife for over 20 years, and I love her deeply. I have never told anyone about the affair. I tried to end it several times without success. Linda considers me her "life's love." We are both in our late 50s and too old for this sort of thing. I do not have feelings for Linda. I've seen her maybe six times, and we ended up in the sack twice. She wants to stay friends and continue e-mailing.

I do not want to tell my wife. She doesn't need the hurt, and I don't want to risk our marriage. My plan is to stop seeing Linda and slowly limit her e-mails and hope this ends on its own. Linda tells me another man is interested in her, and I am encouraging her to latch on to him, but she says she prefers me. Any suggestions? - Dazed in Michigan

Dear Dazed: Linda gave you the full-court press, with a little stalking added in, and you found it flattering. We find it disturbing. If you love your wife, you will tell Linda it's OVER. Block her e-mails entirely. Do not contact her for any reason.

If you allow yourself to get sucked back into this affair, you have a screw loose and ought to see a therapist. Get out while you still can.

Dear Annie: I'm responding to the letter from "Lynetta Rainbow Couchpotato." I was disappointed that you did not address her comment that she "isn't a perfect size 3." Our society tends to set unfair standards for young girls. She should not even try to be a size 3. Marilyn Monroe wore a size 14 and was beautiful. For one reason, she accepted her body and felt beautiful in it.

I agree Lynetta should

eat healthy and set goals for herself, however, neither she nor anyone else should try to live up to somebody else's unfair standard of beauty. - Louisville, Ky.

Dear Louisville, Lynetta said she ate a lot of junk food and didn't exercise, so that is what we addressed, but of course, you are right that there is an unrealistic expectation of what girls (and women) should look like. Here's more.

From Washington: I'm 14 years old, and I always read your column. "Lynetta Rainbow Couchpotato" is currently in the same situation I was in. I was extremely overweight in elementary school. At age 10, I weighed 120 pounds. I felt the pressure and the pain, so I created an exercise routine for myself that I still follow to this day. I'm proud to say it has worked. I'm still 120, but taller and older, and I look great. My advice for Lynetta is: Work at it. If you set your mind to it, you can do it. I wish you the best. I've been in your shoes.

Midwest: Here's another suggestion for Lynetta Rainbow Couchpotato. Is there a bowling alley in her town? She can join a youth league. Bowling burns roughly 240 calories an hour, strengthens your arms and shoulders, chest and leg muscles, improves heart and respiratory fitness and increases endurance while maintaining bone density. The social aspect helps improve your mental outlook. It also is one of the few sports that allows you to compete at a high level at an older age and provides an exercise option for those with physical limitations.

Dear Annie: My husband has two sons, ages 15 and 13, who live with their mother, several states away.

My husband has made every effort to be an involved father. The boys come for the entire summer. He calls often to discuss their lives and their grades, and he happily pays child support, on time. Sadly, his children utterly ignore him. Despite years of repeated requests, we still do not get copies of report cards or school photos.

His children do not call on his birthday, Father's Day or Christmas. And

we NEVER received a thank-you note.

We have spoken to them about the importance of remembering these things, to no avail. It takes the joy out of every holiday for my husband. I am so

frustrated by their lack of decency toward this man. I can't bear to watch him look for cards in the mailbox and wait for calls that do not come. And I am tired of hearing everyone say, "It's their mother's fault." When they were younger, we excused their behavior. Now, I believe it is their responsibility.

I want to really scale back for his boys this year, for birthdays and Christmas. Instead of wrapped presents sent with love and care, I think we should send a modest gift card. What do you say? - Wife of a Sad Dad in Colorado

Dear Wife: We think you are expecting too much from teenage boys. They often don't remember special occasions, and usually are too busy with their school and social activities to call Dad. Try e-mail. As for sending copies of report cards and school photos, get real. If Mom won't handle this, your husband should call the school and ask for copies of these items. And if Mom didn't teach the boys to send thank-you notes when they were younger, it certainly isn't something that occurs to them now.

It's perfectly OK if you prefer to send gift cards, but if you want to teach those children to be thoughtful and considerate, you must take the time to explain why these gestures are important and give them frequent, gentle reminders. This is how children learn, and the instructions don't end when the kids turn 13.

Dear Annie: My dad is 61 years old, and he has high blood pressure, diabetes, a heart murmur and more. He is currently taking 18 prescriptions a day. For the last several months, all Dad does is sleep, sometimes 20 hours



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

a day. Is there somewhere we can have his medications checked to see if they are interfering with one another? His current doctor just tells him to take the pills or he will die.

Concerned

Daughter

Dear Daughter: Has anyone informed the current doctor that Dad is sleeping 20 hours a day? This is not normal. Also, we recommend taking all of Dad's medications to his pharmacist. Explain the problem, and ask about interactions. The pharmacist should be able to help you.

Dear Annie: Having survived cancer recently, I wanted to get this off my chest. When a friend or family member tells you they have cancer:

DON'T talk about all the people you know who have died from it. We don't need to hear any horror stories right now.

DON'T think that you know more than the doctors do.

DON'T insinuate that the person's lifestyle was the cause of the cancer, even if it is true.

DON'T tell everyone you know about your friend's illness. It is a private matter unless they tell you otherwise.

DON'T quiz the person about the specifics. If they want to share this information, it will be volunteered.

DO offer encouragement and optimism. Help your friend keep a sense of humor and the ability to see the good in all situations. - Been There in North Carolina

Dear N.C.: Thank you for the wise counsel. Your list is excellent.

Dear Annie: I have a cousin who comes to visit frequently. Since she lives in a different town, she spends the night with my husband and me. We enjoy having her, except for one thing. She eats just about everything in sight.

"Mabel" goes into my kitchen and helps herself to whatever she sees. She also eats rather loudly, especially things like potato chips. Once I found her eating

something that we were going to take to a party. I very nicely said, "Oh, I wish you hadn't eaten that. We were going to take it to a get-together tomorrow night." Mabel became quite offended and replied, "Well, then you shouldn't have left it out."

It seems to me that since she is a guest in my home, she should ask before taking food from our kitchen. I am tired of having to hide things so she won't get into them. Shouldn't I be able to leave an unopened bag of chips out on the counter and expect them to be left alone?

I am at my wits' end. I don't want a confrontation, but it's reached the point where I don't want Mabel to visit again. Any suggestions? - Ruffled in Missouri

Dear Ruffled: An unopened bag of chips on the counter is just begging to be eaten. That's not the same as a casserole in the refrigerator. Yes, Mabel should ask first, but she obviously feels like a member of your family and acts accordingly. So, label those items that you are saving. Put a Post-It on the tuna salad or tape a scrap of paper on the pretzels saying, "For Tuesday night. Do not eat." You also might be a good hostess and buy some extra bags of Mabel's favorite chips to have on hand for those nights when she stays over. The woman obviously likes to nosh.

Dear Annie: I am writing about colon cancer. Everything you read tells you to get tested once you turn 50. However, this cancer can strike people under 50. I know because it happened to me. I was diagnosed last August at age 42.

I didn't know the symptoms of colon cancer. Also, my mother had polyps, and her doctor never mentioned that my sisters and I should get tested. My cancer spread from my colon to my lymph nodes to my lungs. I am now taking chemo.

We need to be more educated about this type of cancer. If you have information that you can share with your readers, that would be great. - Cancer Survivor

Dear Survivor: Because colon cancer can develop without noticeable

symptoms, regular screening is recommended. If there is a history of colon cancer in the family, screening should begin at age 40 or earlier. Otherwise, the risk for colon cancer increases starting at age 50. Some symptoms are:

1. Unexplained change in bowel habits, such as chronic diarrhea or constipation
2. Blood in the stool or rectal bleeding
3. Persistent abdominal pain or cramping
4. Unexpected or sudden weight loss
5. Chronic tiredness, weakness or unexplained fatigue

Any of these symptoms should send you straight to the doctor. For more information, contact the American Cancer Society (cancer.org).

Dear Annie: You recently ran a letter from a "Dedicated Reader and Cyclist" who made the point that "cyclists have the right of way, just like pedestrians, at intersections."

On the contrary, it is my understanding that cyclists are to obey the same traffic laws as motor vehicles, obeying traffic control signals, lane usage, signaling turns, etc. If cyclists want the benefits of pedestrians, they need to get off the bike and walk. - J.W. in Phoenix

Dear J.W.: Having the right of way does not mean that cyclists are not subject to traffic laws. They are, and so are pedestrians. In those states where bicycles have the right of way at intersections, it simply means you allow the cyclist to cross the street before you enter the intersection and plow into him.

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8:30	PrimeTime Live	PrimeTime Live	Aqui y Ahora	70s Show	70s Show	CBS Crime Scene Investig.	Decisions	ER (CC)	Movie: The Fifth Element (CC)	Soundstage (CC)	Greatest American	Movie: Easy Rider	Lance Knoll Lance Knoll	Wildest Police Videos	Nightly News 106 & Park	That's Raven That's Raven	Battle of the Gridiron Stars	Baseball Tonight (CC)	Movie: Tremors
9:30	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ.	70s Show	Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	News Late Show	Noticias Titulares y Mas	News Wimbledon	The Hour of Healing	Escapes From Alcatraz	Movie: Easy Rider	Wildest Police Videos	BET's Top 10 Live	Sister, Sister Kim Possible	Lizzie McGuire Proud Family	Billards: Semifinal	SportsCenter (CC)	Twilight Zone
10:30	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	La Hora Deberz	Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Becker (CC)	Letterman Late Late	Al Rojo Vivo	Maria Celeste Programa	Late Night-Conan O'Brien	Striking Distance	Update/Israel Faye Hardin	Movie: Get Carter (DVB)	Soul Food (CC)	Movie: Get Carter (DVB)	Soul Food (CC)	Movie: Get Carter (DVB)	Soul Food (CC)	Movie: Get Carter (DVB)
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"Boy, it had to be really boring around here before I came along."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Jeffy's saying his prayers sitting. Is that legal?"

HAGAR



WHAT'S THAT GUY DOING WAY OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT? THE SIGN SAYS "TAX COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT"

BLONDIE



IT WAS SO NICE OF BLONDIE TO SPONSOR OUR BOWLING TEAM I'M NOT SURE IT WAS A GOOD IDEA A ??! DON'T LET US DOWN AGAIN!! HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO GET TO THE CHAMPIONSHIPS LIKE THAT?? I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN

BC



FRUITCAKE THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

WIZARD OF ID



SEE YOU TOMORROW EMPLOYEES MUST WASH HANDS BEFORE LEAVING WORK

AGNES



WHEN DO YOU GET TO GO HOME, AGNES? ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GO TO THE BATHROOM ONCE. NOW... HOSPITAL IS WAY EASIER THAN SCHOOL! YEP! AND I'D TAKE A SPONGE BATH OVER HISTORY ANY DAY!

HI AND LOIS



THE COOKIE JAR IS EMPTY... NOTHING BUT CRUMBS. WHAT DID YOU JUST SPRINKLE ON YOUR BROCCOLI?

THE OTHER COAST



PHEEUW! WHAT A STINK! KOKO, YOU ROLLED IN THAT DEAD SEAL CARCASS! IS IT THAT OBVIOUS? I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE ATTRACTED TO SUCH VILE THINGS. I COULD ASK YOU THE SAME THING. IF YOU DRINK BEER UNDER WATER, YOUR BUTT SWELLS UP!

SNUFFY SMITH



IT PAYS TO READ THE LABELS ON CANDY BARS, JAMEY-- I'M PUTTIN' THIS ONE BACK AN' BUYIN' THIS ONE INSTEAD!! 'CUZ IT'S BETTER FER YA? 'CUZ IT'S GOT TWICE AS MUCH SUGAR!!

BEEBLE BAILEY



I WAS LOOKING FOR A PAPERCLIP IN YOUR DESK... AND I FOUND A WHOLE DRAWER FULL OF CANDY! I WAS GETTING AN EARLY JUMP ON HALLOWEEN...

This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, June 30, the 181st day of 2005. There are 184 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 30, 1963, Pope Paul VI was crowned the 262nd head of the Roman Catholic Church.

On this date:

In 1859, French acrobat Blondin (born Jean Francois Gravelet) crossed Niagara Falls on a tightrope as 5,000 spectators watched.

In 1934, Adolf Hitler began his "blood purge" of political and military leaders in Germany.

In 1936, the novel "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell was published in New York.

In 1952, "The Guiding Light," a popular radio program, made its TV debut on CBS.

In 1971, a Soviet space mission ended in tragedy when three cosmonauts

aboard Soyuz 11 were found dead inside their spacecraft after it had returned to Earth.

In 1971, the 26th Amendment to the Constitution, lowering the minimum voting age to 18, was ratified as Ohio became the 38th state to approve it.

In 1984, John Turner was sworn in as Canada's 17th prime minister, succeeding Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

In 1985, 39 American hostages from a hijacked TWA jetliner were freed in Beirut after being held 17 days.

Ten years ago: In a stunning Kremlin purge, Russian President Boris Yeltsin fired three top security ministers for the botched handling of a bloody hostage-taking by Chechen rebels in southern Russia.

Five years ago: An Arkansas Supreme Court committee sued President Clinton to strip him of his law license. (Clinton later agreed to pay a fine and give up his law license for five years.)

One year ago: The Iraqis took legal custody of Saddam Hussein and 11 of

his top lieutenants, a first step toward the ousted dictator's expected trial for crimes against humanity.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Lena Horne is 88. Singer Glenn Shorrock is 61. Jazz musician Stanley Clarke is 54. Rock musician Hal Lindes (Dire Straits) is 52. Actor Vincent D'Onofrio is 46. Actor Rupert Graves is 42. Boxer Mike Tyson is 39. Actor Brian Bloom is 35. Actress Monica Potter is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Fantasia ("American Idol") is 21.

Thought for Today: "Those who love deeply never grow old; they may die of old age, but they die young." Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, English dramatist (1855-1934).

Answer to previous puzzle

BOG	PRAYS	HOWDY
EMU	SARAH	ABHOR
FAIRSHAKE	MOANS	
INLET	INSET	
TIES	PABLO	SACS
PROGRAMS	JAW	
STLEEKER	ARENA	
STILTLED	LIBERTY	
KUKLA	BEDECKS	
ABE	REFINERY	
TSAR	SOLOS	CRIB
RIDER	LLAMA	
GOOFY	COOKIE	JAR
UNCLE	EARLS	AGO
YOKED	DRAMA	HEN

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ACROSS

1 Upset with

6 Layered mineral

10 Ship pole

14 Came up

15 Saudi Arabia neighbor

16 In excess of

17 The Wizard of Oz lyricist

19 Take chances

20 One of Keats' feats

21 Poker play

22 Simulate

23 Hard labor

24 Tanager's tone

26 Have a painful encounter with an end table

30 Universal principle

31 Top off, as a room

32 "___ better to have loved..."

35 They taxi on the tarmac

36 Festoon

38 Sulky race pace

39 Tavern tankardful

40 Commotion

41 Bartlett's entry

42 "Aw, clam up!"

45 Museum display

48 Composer Hovhaness

49 Open a leather jacket

50 Oarsman

52 Barnyard bleater

55 Pigeon sounds

56 Trap

58 Stuart queen

DOWN

1 BLT spread

2 Like the Atacama

3 Ninny

4 Barbecue residue

5 Souchong shop

6 Calder creation

7 Radio host Don

8 Affectionate one

9 Director Lee

10 Dance style

11 Be of help

12 Suit fabric

13 Senator Lott

18 Cloud seeder's product

22 Go out of business

23 Bout enders

25 Do pull-ups

26 California peninsula

27 Lipinski leap

28 Solemn ceremony

29 Cross the goal line

32 Priam's realm

33 I, as in Ithaca?

34 Stool or sister starter

36 Molecule part

37 Lack of order

38 Go right

40 Sharp rebuke

41 Video-game coin

42 Emergency situations

43 Betrayed boredom

44 Clothier

45 Cassini

45 Ticket, slangily

46 Hole- (course coup)

47 Atmospheric layer

51 Seine tributary

52 Israeli diplomat Abba

53 Light-bulb unit

54 Peepers

56 Berth or bunk

57 Hermando's "Hooray!"

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"I'm getting to the point where I don't care about points. All I care about is getting our stuff going and getting ourselves to be in races where we can put ourselves in contention to win."

— Jeff Gordon, after mechanical problems led to a 33rd place finish in last week's Dodge/Save Mart 350.



Readers' choice

Fans vote for first class of NASCAR's Hall of Fame

By DAVID POOLE
Knight Ridder Newspapers

If it were up to fans, drivers would dominate the first class of inductees into NASCAR's proposed Hall of Fame.

More than 250 fans sent e-mails when asked who they'd put in a 10-person inaugural class for the Hall of Fame.

Nine of the top 10 in the fans' voting are legendary drivers, with a pair of seven-time Cup champions — not surprisingly — leading the way.

Richard Petty was the No. 1 vote-getter and Dale Earnhardt was a close second, with both getting more than 225 votes. Junior Johnson, who had brilliant careers both as a driver and as a car owner, was third in the voting, with three-time champion Cale Yarborough fourth.

The only nondriver to make the fans' cut was William H.G. France Sr., NASCAR's founder.

David Pearson, Bobby Allison, Lee Petty, Darrell Waltrip and Ned Jarrett, all of whom won at least one championship and at least 50 Cup races, also made the fans' inaugural class.

Many fans clearly stated they believe most of the inaugural class should be drivers, since they've helped build the sport's popularity.

At the same time, however, the inaugural class would need to acknowledge contributions of men such as France, whose work helped give those drivers a place to display their skills.

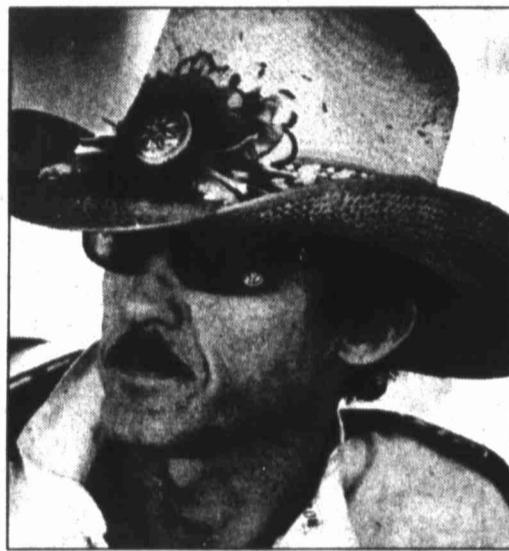
NASCAR hasn't said the first class would be limited to 10. In fact, one NASCAR official who has a role in planning the new hall and who also voted in this survey said "10 is not enough."

But 10 is the number fans were asked to vote for in the informal poll.

FANS HAVE SPOKEN

Here are the top-10 vote-getters readers selected in the Hall of Fame poll:

1. Richard Petty
2. Dale Earnhardt
3. Junior Johnson



Richard Petty was readers' top choice to be inducted into NASCAR's Hall of Fame.

4. Cale Yarborough
5. William H.G. France Sr.
6. David Pearson
7. Bobby Allison
8. Lee Petty
9. Darrell Waltrip
10. Ned Jarrett

DAVID POOLE'S VOTE

My class of 10 in the order I would vote for them:

1. William H.G. France Sr.: So much of NASCAR's success today stems from the strong foundation built by this visionary. It all goes back to "Big Bill."
2. Richard Petty: "The King" won 200 races and seven championships. Perhaps as importantly, he has served as a great ambassador for the sport as its public face throughout such a large portion of NASCAR's history.
3. Dale Earnhardt: Fittingly, he's No. 3 on my list. The seven-time champion made that number synonymous with success and competitiveness in stock-car racing. There were fans

who hated him as passionately as the ones who backed him loved him. Ultimately, that's the highest compliment a NASCAR driver can be paid.

4. William France Jr.: Maybe some fans didn't think they should vote for Bill France Jr. because he's still got a role in the sport. He only ceded control of NASCAR to his son, Brian, two years ago. But his leadership in the years in which the sport enjoyed remarkable growth puts him high on my list.

5. David Pearson: Won 105 races in 574 career starts. Petty's 200 wins came in 1,184 races. Here's a great statistic for you. Petty and Pearson were both in 550 races in their careers. Petty won 107 of them and Pearson 97. In those 550 races, Petty finished in the top five 291 times and Pearson 289 times.

6. Junior Johnson: He won 50 races as a driver and 139 races and six championships as a car owner. The NBA has a likeness of Jerry West in its logo. If there were a person in the NASCAR logo, it'd be Junior Johnson.

7. Bobby Allison and 8. Darrell Waltrip: I put these two guys together here because their rivalry is one of the great ones in the sport's history, just like Petty and Pearson. Officially, NASCAR says they both had 84 career Cup victories, but Allison's fans insist he should be credited with 85. No matter. They both are Hall of Famers.

9. Ralph Seagraves: Some younger fans might not know this name, but Seagraves gets a vote from me for what R.J. Reynolds' Tobacco Company's sponsorship meant to what was, for more than 30 years, Winston Cup racing. Seagraves was the man who directed RJR's earliest involvement in the sport.

10. Curtis Turner: Maybe it's because of Robert Edelman's excellent recent biography of Turner, or because for years Lowe's Motor Speedway president H.A. "Humpy" Wheeler has said Turner is the greatest driver he ever saw. But I just can't leave Turner out of my top 10, even though it does mean Yarborough doesn't make it — until the second year.

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Junior Johnson, above left, pushes Darrell Waltrip's car off of pit road during a 1996 race at Bristol Motor Speedway.

RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Greg Biffle (car No. 16): Points now confirm what we've said for weeks — this is the sport's top team today. Last week: 1.

2. Tony Stewart (car No. 20): Could Saturday be the night he finally gets his first restrictor-plate points

victory? Last week: 6.

3. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): Michigan wasn't good and Sonoma was a disaster. Hope it doesn't become a habit. Last week: 2.

4. Elliott Sadler (car No. 38): Finishing sixth at Sonoma was probably better than this team dared to hope for. Last week: 5.

5. Mark Martin (car No. 6): Pit road speeding penalty cost him dearly at Sonoma. Just wants to endure

Daytona. Last week: 3.

6. Rusty Wallace (car No. 2): Someone has to draw the line and we will — no more rocking chairs for him or Martin. Last week: 8.

7. Ryan Newman (car No. 12): Quietly snuck a top-10 finish out of the Sonoma road course. Just humming along. Last week: 7.

8. Kurt Busch (car No. 97): Third last week could start momentum for Busch. He could easily win at

Daytona. Last week: 12.

9. Carl Edwards (car No. 99): If he makes the Chase this whole Cup-Busch double-dip has to be rethought. Last week: 4.

10. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): Goes to show you can't take anything, not even Gordon on a road course, for granted. Last week: 9.

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

Duncan opts for patience in goal of reaching Cup

One week after Allison Duncan got her first late model victory at Stockton 99 Speedway in Stockton, Calif., something broke in her car and she wrecked on the first lap of a 50-lap feature her next time out.

That, as they say, is racing.

For Duncan, however, the overall trend is upward.

Before the June 11 victory, the first late-model feature win for a female driver where cars have raced since 1947, Duncan had finished second three times to fight her way into contention for the track title. She's now third in the standings at Stockton.

"I felt like I was overdue."

Duncan, 26, said of the win.

"Winning is what it's going to take. I

think any female driver who makes it in NASCAR is going to have to win at every level along the way. Nobody makes it to the Nextel Cup level without winning lots of races along the way. Why should a female driver be any different?"

Things are different these days, however, for women trying to make it in motorsports.

It's the Danica Patrick factor. Patrick and Duncan have a lot more in common than gender. Both are trying to learn their craft, albeit Patrick, who finished fourth in the Indianapolis 500 last month, is doing it in the spotlight's white glare at the top level of her chosen discipline.

Stockton 99 Speedway isn't Indianapolis Motor Speedway, but it's a place for Duncan to continue her education.

"You've got Nextel Cup drivers



Allison Duncan's career ambition is to race in the Nextel Cup series.

who are running Busch races this year just to get seat time," Duncan said. "That shows how important it is. It's huge for me to be in a race car every single weekend, getting that experience in competitive cars."

Duncan's trying to be patient, knowing every race she runs is another shot of experience.

"It is tough," she said. "You feel like, 'OK, I've won now. We're running well every week. Let me move up.' But you also see that if I went

out and just ran around in the back, people immediately would discredit me and say I am not the real deal."

Ray Evernham protégée Erin Crocker, another up-and-coming female racer, has run in Automobile Racing Club of America races this year, and Evernham plans to have her run Busch Series races as soon as this year. Duncan's timetable isn't as accelerated.

"We kind of all want to be the first to make it," she said, "but just because one of us makes it, that doesn't mean we all won't. There's room for more than one female driver in NASCAR and in Nextel Cup or the Busch Series. If (another woman driver) runs a Busch race before I do, that doesn't mean I won't."

"At that same time, I don't want to wait a couple of more years and have people say I am too old."

"It's hard to be patient, but I also know I have to be or I could ruin everything that I have worked for."

THIS WEEK'S RACE

PEPSI 400

Where: Daytona International Speedway, a 2.5-mile-high banked paved tri-oval located in Daytona Beach, Fla.

When: Saturday at 8 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 4:40 p.m. Friday.

TV: NBC.

Radio: Motor Racing Network.

Purse: \$5,972,320.

Last year's winner: Jeff Gordon.

Worth mentioning: Jeff Gordon has six wins at Daytona, two more than any other active driver.

Jimmie Johnson has a 9.3 starting average and an 8.0 average finish in seven races at Daytona, best among all drivers with more than one start.

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

In his midseason assessment, NASCAR CEO Brian France says he is pleased with the way things are going for NASCAR. What do you think?

Cast your vote at:

www.thatstracin.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Which of the drivers who would be out of the Chase for the Cup if it started today will fight his way back after 26 races?

Number of votes: 8,230

Driver	No. of votes	Percent
Jeff Gordon	5,810	71%
Someone else	1,305	16%
Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1,115	13%

STOP 'N GO

WHO'S HOT

- Tony Stewart has finished second and first in his past two races and earned his first win of the season last weekend at Sonoma, Calif.
- Rusty Wallace has finished 11th or better in his last five races and moved from 11th to sixth in points. He is 19 points ahead of Penske Racing South teammate Ryan Newman.
- Jamie McMurray has just three finishes lower than 13th in his past 10 races.
- Matt Kenseth has moved from 28th to 20th in points over the past nine races.

WHO'S NOT

- Jeff Gordon has finished 30th or worse in five of his past six races and has dipped to 14th in points, and is currently out of the Chase for the Nextel Cup.
- After 16 races, there are eight drivers who won in 2004 that have not won in 2005: Dale Earnhardt Jr., Mark Martin, Ryan Newman, Matt Kenseth, Elliott Sadler, Jeremy Mayfield, Rusty Wallace and Joe Nemechek.
- Brian Vickers has finished 34th or lower in his past two races.

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of June 26:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Greg Biffle	2250	21. Kasey Kahne	1640
2. Jimmie Johnson	2228	22. Scott Riggs	1547
3. Elliott Sadler	2073	23. Brian Vickers	1545
4. Tony Stewart	2052	24. Sterling Marlin	1524
5. Mark Martin	2022	25. Casey Mears	1511
6. Rusty Wallace	2013	26. Bobby Labonte	1507
7. Ryan Newman	1994	27. Dave Blaney	1466
8. Kurt Busch	1978	28. Ken Schrader	1420
9. Carl Edwards	1963	29. Travis Kvapil	1413
10. Jamie McMurray	1923	30. Ricky Rudd	1410
11. Jeremy Mayfield	1902	31. Jeff Green	1409
12. Dale Jarrett	1870	32. Kyle Petty	1401
13. Kevin Harvick	1855	33. Mike Bliss	1393
14. Jeff Gordon	1836	34. Scott Wimmer	1292
15. Michael Waltrip	1827	35. Mike Wallace	1156
16. Jeff Burton	1761	36. Jason Leffler	1070
17. Joe Nemechek	1722	37. Bobby Hamilton Jr.	968
18. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1707	38. Robby Gordon	822
19. Kyle Busch	1695	39. Kevin Lapage	803
20. Matt Kenseth	1652	40. Terry Labonte	520

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of June 25:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Martin Truex Jr.	2320	11. Greg Biffle	1764
2. Reed Sorenson	2313	12. Paul Menard	1678
3. Clint Bowyer	2279	13. J.J. Yeley	1676
4. Carl Edwards	2241	14. Randy LaJoie	1660
5. Kenny Wallace	2133	15. Jon Wood	1656
6. Danny Hamilton	2032	16. Johnny Sauter	1633
7. Ashton Lewis	1983	17. Justin Labonte	1604
8. David Stremme	1964	18. Stacy Compton	1576
9. Jason Keller	1877	19. Stanton Barrett	1556
10. David Green	1839	20. Kevin Harvick	1497

NEXT RACE: Friday, Winn-Dixie 250, Daytona Beach, Fla.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of June 24:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Dennis Setzer	1614	6. Jimmy Spencer	1437
2. Bobby Hamilton	1578	7. Jack Sprague	1428
3. Tad Murgrave	1570	8. Terry Cook	1416
4. Ron Hornaday	1480	9. Matt Craton	1394
5. Ricky Craven	1473	10. David Starr	1372

NEXT RACE: Saturday, O'Reilly Auto Parts 250, Kansas City, Mo.