

Court unlikely to throw out entire Texas map

By GINA HOLLAND

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON — A key justice questioned the effects on Hispanics of redrawing Texas congressional districts, but the full Supreme Court showed little inclination to throw out the entire map promoted by former House Majority Leader

Tom DeLay.

The Texas map was redrawn in 2003 to help Republicans win six more seats — a move criticized by Democrats as a raw grab for power.

Wednesday, Justice Anthony Kennedy said the redistricting may have harmed the rights of Hispanics, but others on the court were skeptical

"The only reason it was considered, let alone passed, was to help one political party get more seats than another."

—Paul M. Smith,

lawyer representing groups challenging the plan

that redistricting could be separated from politics. "It is impossible and undesirable to take the partisanship out of the process," said Justice

David Souter.

Justices also did not seem ready to bar states from drawing their boundaries more than once a decade.

The court took up four appeals that raised complicated questions about voter rights both under the Constitution and federal election law.

The practical impact of

the ruling, expected before July, is significant.

"The fate of who controls the House of Representatives could lie with this decision," said Nathaniel Persily, a law professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

Texas Republicans in

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This show rocks!

Prospector's Club set for annual event this weekend

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

This weekend will be Rockhound Heaven in Big Spring.

The Big Spring Prospector's Club will present the 37th Annual Gem and Mineral Show Saturday and Sunday at the Howard County Fairbarns, and promoters say it will offer a little bit of everything for enthusiasts.

Well, maybe "enthusiasts" is too flowery a term.

"We're just plain, old rockhounds," said Lola Lamb, one of the event's organizers. "Some people would say, 'It's just a dumb ol' rock.' But others see the beauty in it."

Lamb said the theme for this year's show is "Gemstones: Earth's Hidden Treasures." That theme, she said, fits nicely with a rockhound's mission — to take a "dumb ol' rock" and turn it into something beautiful.

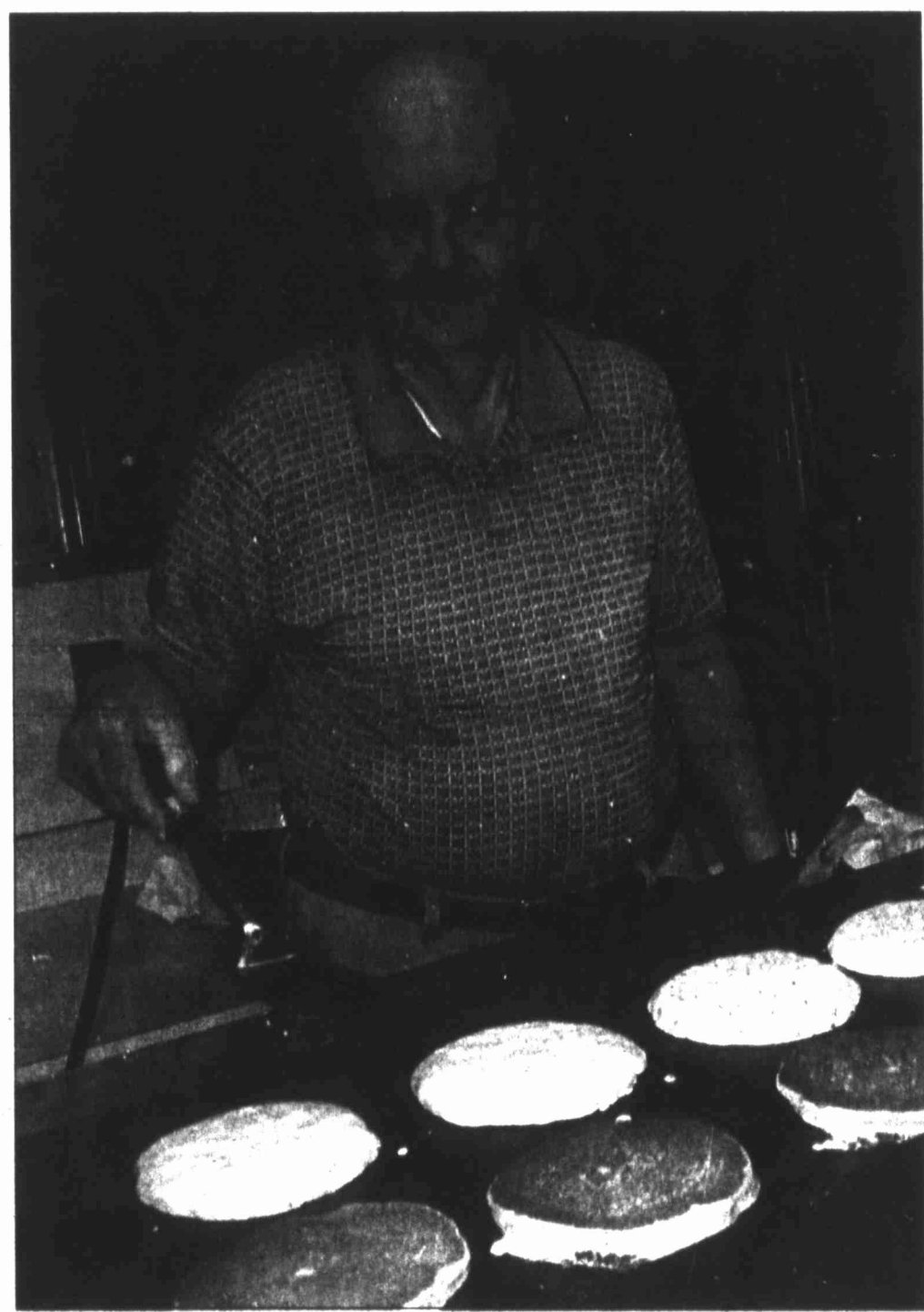
"All these beautiful things we create out of rock are hidden until we discover them and bring their beauty out," she said.

Twelve dealers from across the country are expected at this year's show, offering jewelry, gemstones and other decorative items.

In addition, local club members will present a series of demonstrations.

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BATCH OF FLAPJACKS



Ed Kerley, a parishioner of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, whips up a batch of pancakes for the parish's annual Shrove Tuesday or "Fat Tuesday" pancake supper. Lent began Wednesday with many area churches holding Ash Wednesday services.

Local woman's resolve inspires YMCA program

Special to the Herald

While watching a news report in October 2004 on the death of a 34-year-old mother of three who died of a sudden heart attack, Linda Garza was so moved that she decided to make some changes in her life.

Also a mother in her early 30s and overweight, Linda believed she could not lose weight and keep it off. However, she did not want to continue on the same path, so at that moment the Big Spring mom decided to begin exercising and eat healthier in order to lose weight, take control of her life and regain her health.

She began eating healthier and exercising regularly at the YMCA. She eliminated junk food from her daily diet and replaced them with lean meats and vegetables, attended several weekly fitness classes, sometimes two a day. The rest is history. In the past 15 months Linda has lost 124 pounds.

Linda recalls that as she began she barely had the energy to walk around her block. After 15 months she has enough energy to work as a substitute teacher, exercise daily, maintain the house

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Garza

and play with her children.

"I hope a lot of people will do this. It does, however, take time and dedication," said Linda.

Inspired by her success, the YMCA has developed a Total Makeover Program so that others may experience the same success.

The Total Makeover Program includes a three-month YMCA fitness center membership for non-members, a personalized diet, exercise sessions and motivational encouragements when short term goals are met, including a new hairstyle, the purchase of a new wardrobe item and a facial, massage or manicure.

The program is tailored to participants because everyone is different. A general pattern of diet and exercise is followed

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Weekend activities to benefit Pow Wow

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features Editor

The second annual Big Spring Pow Wow, set for March 25-26 in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, begins with several fund-raisers this weekend geared to benefit the event.

"These fund-raisers are to raise money to cover a variety of expenses associated with producing a Pow Wow, such as motel rooms, meals, advertising and printing," said Randy McKinney, treasurer for the local committee.

He added that the arena director,

the drum dancers and head dancers are all paid for their performances.

"We are also looking for sponsors for the contest dances this year. We will be awarding cash prizes for first, second and third place winners," he said.

A sponsor fee of \$500 provides recognition for the business or individual sponsoring the contest. There are at least a dozen different dancing contests the Native Americans will perform, including Tiny Tot dancing for children, Northern Traditional (the war

dance), Fancy Dress, Buckskin, Hoop Dancer and several categories separated into men and women.

The fund-raisers include a bake sale and garage sale Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church annex building, 810 Scurry. Garage sale items available include clothes, coffee pots, vacuum cleaners, dishes, furnishings and other household items.

The bake sale will offer cakes.

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SMART CAR, STUPID MAN

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) — A man showing off his Cadillac Escalade's OnStar system found out the feature worked too well.

Ralph A. Gomez was demonstrating the system to his girlfriend, but the volume was too low for him to hear the OnStar operator. OnStars allows customers to seek directions or help in an emergency and will call police if there's no response.

When officers located Gomez's car, they determined there was no problem with the car. But cocaine was clearly visible on the console, police spokesman Tom Clements said. Gomez, 38, was being held in jail Wednesday on \$15,000 bond.

PRUNING WORKSHOP SET

Howard County Master Gardners will hold a pruning workshop from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, across from Hallmark in the Big Spring Mall.

Presenting the workshop will be Eric Copeland with the Texas Forest Service. The workshop will teach those who attend the art and importance of healthy tree and shrub trimming.

Cost is \$10 to the general public and no cost to Master Gardners, who may apply the workshop to recertification.

Refreshments will be provided. Bring gloves and pruning tools if you have them. For information, call the mall at 267-3853 or the extension office, 264-2236.

WEATHER SPOTTING CLASS

The National Weather Service will hold a weather spotting class from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. tonight at the Big Spring City Council Chambers.

The class is free to the public and no prior experience is required. The purpose is to train citizens how to assess clouds and weather conditions.

Those who attend will receive certification from the National Weather Service. Law enforcement and emergency services personnel will receive continuing education type credit for the class.

The class will be taught by Pat Vespers, meteorologist for the National Weather Service office for Midland-Odessa.

Obituaries

Josie Nunez Padron



Josie Nunez Padron, 58, of Odessa passed away Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at the Hospice House. She was born March 19, 1947, in Big Spring to Ramon and Andrea Nunez. She married Antonio Padron Oct. 2, 1965, in Big Spring.

She worked for Big Spring Independent School District from 1975 to 1981 and Town & Country from 1982 to 1984. She moved to Odessa in 1986 from Crane. She was a member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Antonio Padron of Odessa; daughters, Michelle Ybarra and Anna Hernandez, both of Odessa and Angela Wolf of Midland; son, Michael Padron of Odessa; brother, Ramon Nunez of Big Spring; sister, Rosa Fuentes of Odessa; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. today, March 2, 2006, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, March 3, 2006, at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church with the Rev. Frank Chavez officiating. Interment will follow at Rosehill Cemetery.

We would like to send a thank you to all those who kept "Guela" in their prayers and never forgot to ask about her, especially the last few months.

She always said she could feel the prayers and it kept her going. We'd also like to send an extra thank you to the nursing staff of Best Home Health Care for their care and support. Also, to Dr. Voesack for his great care along with the Lord's Blessing; we were blessed with more time.

Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.
Paid obituary

Patricia W. Flowers



Patricia W. Flowers, 87, of Big Spring died Feb. 24, 2006, in her daughter's home.

Memorial services are planned for a later date.

She was born Aug. 14, 1919, to Lois Lester Hodgdon and Warner Hodgdon in Los Angeles, Calif. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert O.C. Flowers and her mother, Lois I. Schwartz.

She is survived by a daughter, Sandra Teply of Riverside, Calif.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas Midland.

Martha Carver Miller



Martha Carver Miller, 84, of Big Spring died Wednesday, March 1, 2006, at her residence. Funeral services are 10 a.m. Friday, March 3, 2006, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Dee Threatt and the Rev. Bill Ballard officiating. Graveside services are 3 p.m. at Rosehill Cemetery in Merkel.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

She was born July 30, 1921, in Godebo, Okla., to Gracie and William Waggoner. She married William Henry Carver June 30, 1939. He preceded her in death in 1961. She married Troy C. Miller in 1973. He preceded her in death in 1975. She moved to Howard County in 1950 from Knox City and returned to Howard County in 1975 from Merkel. She was a member of Central Baptist Church at Elbow.

She is survived by three daughters, Becky Huitt and Wanda Anderson, both of Big Spring, and Betty Czerwinski of Brownsville; one son, William R. Carver of Las Cruces, N.M.; one sister, Betty Jo LaDuke of Odessa; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Billy Carver, two sisters, Willie Mae McDonald and Lucy Alexander and one brother, Henry Waggoner.

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

Police blotter

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

- HOWARD MCCORMICK, 26, of 904 E. 14th Street, was arrested Wednesday on three local citations and a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.
- MELANIE HENERSON, 23, of 207 Moss Lake Road, was arrested Wednesday on Howard and Williamson county warrants.
- CELESTINO HERNANDEZ, 20, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 248, was arrested Wednesday on charges of failure to identify and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- JOHN BERTON STILWELL, 42, of 2500 Ent, was arrested Wednesday on a Howard County warrant for theft.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 3000 block of Highway 80.
- POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1600 block of Lancaster.

Sheriff's report

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

- VICTOR MANUEL CASTILLO, 33, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest or detention.
- STEVEN LOYD BATEMAN, 26, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft of service.
- CLYDE JAMES NORTHCUTT JR., 43, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of terroristic threat.
- JOE THOMAS RODRIGUEZ, 17, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a TYC parole violation.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Linda Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of West Marcy. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Caylor. One person was transported to SMMC.
- GRASS FIRE was reported in the 3300 block of East FM 700.

Gem & Mineral Show

37TH ANNUAL GEM AND MINERAL BY THE BIG SPRING PROSPECTOR'S CLUB is 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday in the Howard County Fair Barns.

Around Town

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

• HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

Take Note

• MASTER GARDENERS PRUNING WORKSHOP is 9 a.m. until noon Saturday in the Big Spring Mall across from Suggs Hallmark for public and master gardener certification. Cost is \$10. Presented by Eric Copeland with the Texas Forest Service, the workshop will teach the art and importance of tree and shrub health and trimming. Call 267-3853 or 264-2236 for more information.

• APPLICATIONS TO FILE FOR THE COAHOMA BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION will be available at the Coahoma City Hall from 8 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. during spring break, beginning Monday through March 10.

• KIWANIS CLUB OF BIG SPRING ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER is Friday from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Howard College cafeteria. Admission is \$5 per person.

Bulletin board

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

- TODAY
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
 - Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
 - Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

- FRIDAY
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
 - AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
 - Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

- SATURDAY
- 37th annual Gem and Mineral show from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barns. Free admission.
 - Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
 - Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
 - Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

- SUNDAY
- 37th annual Gem and Mineral show from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barns. Free admission.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Patchy fog after midnight. Lows in the lower 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 30 percent.

Saturday...Patchy fog in the morning. Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. Southeast winds around 15 mph.

Saturday night...Cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-7-24-25. Bonus Ball: 20.
Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Number matching five of five: 0. Prize: \$0.

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 9-16-19-26-31

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-1-6

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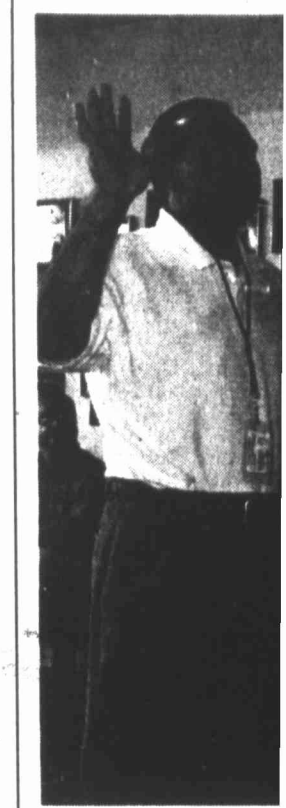
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Then, Saturday beginning at 6 p.m. cornbread and stew per at the Eagles for \$5 per meal. A dance at dinner offers music from the country and band Country Trails.

All proceeds from weekend will benefit Pow Wow event. Spring and will feature two-day event scheduled for later this month.

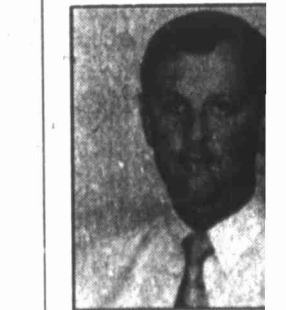
Oil changes benefit chair

Express Care, Gregg, is offering a count on oil change Friday for customers who donate three food. The food given to the Salvation Army.

A Valvoline oil up to five quarts, \$10 with the normal food items types of oil change and dies receive a special discount as well.

Also, a portion Friday's proceeds to the United Way Spring and County.

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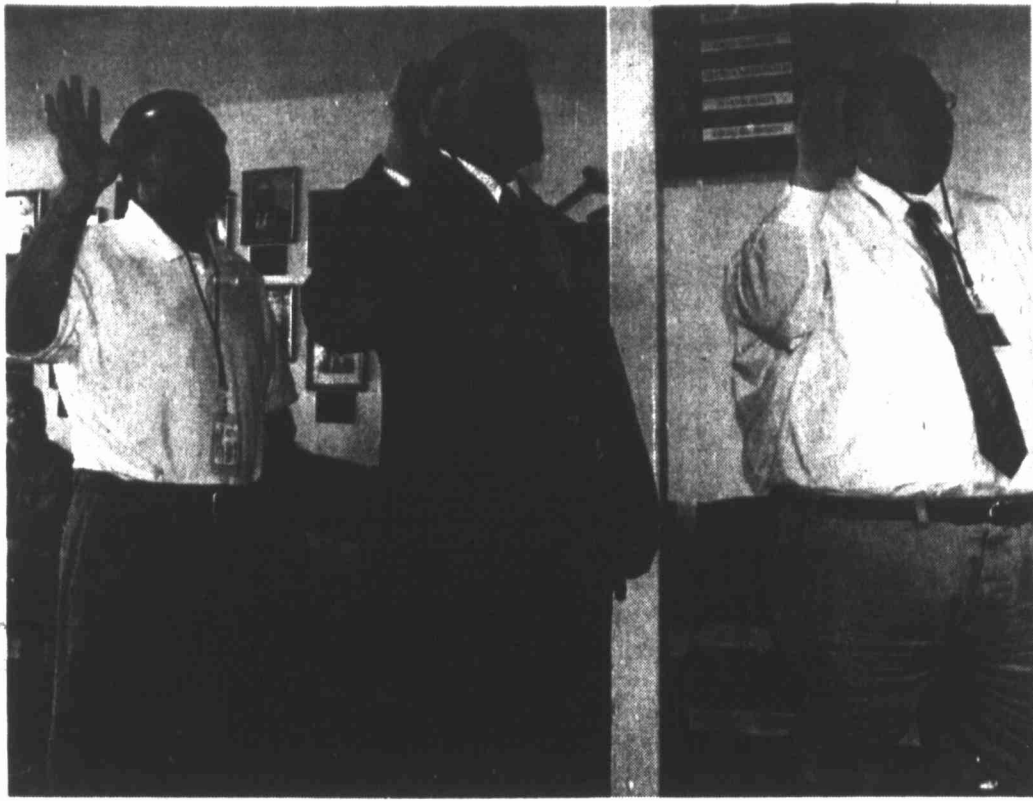


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CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Brian Michaelz, right, Wade Cobb and Agustin Apina are sworn in to the Chaplaincy Program by Mayor Russ McEwen (not pictured) during Tuesday night's Big Spring City Council meeting. The trio — along with fellow graduate Joe Stocks — will serve as support staff for the program.

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but each program is individualized to meet each participant's personal needs and expectations. Once goals are met, as determined at weekly meetings, vouchers are given to the participant to purchase a new wardrobe item or to treat themselves to a manicure or a haircut. "The idea is to boost their self esteem," explained Pete Thiry, who along with Kim Evans developed the program. "We really emphasize diet and nutrition along

with cardio fitness," he said. A moderate intensity exercise program is included, which allows the participant to be able to exercise over a long period of time and is critical for success. "People have to realize that they have to do both and not one or the other," Thiry explained. Although the program is set for three months, if the participant wishes to continue to have individual attention they can. "It depends on how deep they want to go. They may want to continue the personal attention and monitoring," said Thiry. "They can either continue to use the fitness cen-

ter or they can continue with the program." The program is geared mostly for young adults, but anyone over 15 years old who is willing to commit to the program is welcome. For non-members the cost of the five day a week program is \$195. The cost for YMCA members is \$100 per person. For more information on this program, contact Thiry at the YMCA, 801 Owens, or call 267-8234. Staff writer Andrea Medlin contributed to this article. She can be reached at 263-7331, ext. 235, or by e-mail at newsdesk@bigspringherald.com

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pies, cookies and other handmade treats, he said. Then, Saturday night beginning at 6 p.m., is a cornbread and stew supper at the Eagles Lodge for \$5 per meal with drink. A dance after the dinner offers music by the country and western band Country Tradition. All proceeds from the weekend will benefit the Pow Wow event of Big Spring and will fund the two-day event scheduled for later this month.

The Pow Wow later this month promises to provide a social event filled with traditional costume and vendors offering Native American goods, as well as other vendors offering canned goods and preserves and jellies, he said. "We have 22 confirmed vendors now and more are signing up," he said. Committee members for the event include Robert Downing, president; Janice Bishop, vice president; Kathleen Feaster, secretary; Darlene Bursch, vendor coordinator (call her at 816-1084);

J. Dudley Bursch; David Zuniga; Linda K. Carter; Connie Lesser; Jane Gilmore; Richard Lesser; Cherri Kelsey; Susan Wetzlich; and Robin Spencer. For more information about the Pow Wow, contact McKinney at 267-4843, Downing at 263-3255 or Bishop at 264-7790. Or, log onto the Web site at www.geocities.com/pow-wowbigspring. Contact Marsha Sturdivant at 263-7331 or e-mail life@bigspringherald.com.

Oil changes to benefit charities

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A Valvoline oil change, up to five quarts, will be \$10 with the non-perishable food items. Other types of oil changes, synthetic and diesel, will receive a special discount as well.

Also, a portion of Friday's proceeds will go to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

The Big Spring Prospector Club

37th Annual FANTASTIC Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show March 4 and 5, 2006 Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Howard County Fair Barn Big Spring, Texas Dealers, Demonstrators, Displays, Spinning Wheel, Hourly Prizes, Snack Bar, Jewelry Repair, Stone Setting and More. FREE ADMISSION

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"They can watch us do everything from grind down the rock ... to polish it to a nice finish," Lamb

said. More than 100 display cases will be showcased, offering a variety of gemstone items. Children also are welcome. For them, the main attraction will be a wheel they can spin for prizes,

Lamb noted. Weather permitting, show promoters hope to attract more than 1,000 visitors to the event, which is free to the public. For more information, call 263-3340.

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control of the state legislature shifted congressional district boundaries enough in 2003 that 8 million people — including large blocks of Hispanics — were placed in new districts, represented by different U.S. House members, justices were told. Kennedy, a centrist swing voter, focused his concerns on how the shift affected Hispanics in South Texas. "It seems to me that is an affront and an insult," he said. The Texas boundaries were changed after Republicans took control

of both houses of the state Legislature. DeLay had helped GOP legislative candidates in 2002, and was a key player in getting the new map that benefited him and other Republican incumbents. Since then, however, he has struggled from the fallout. He was charged in state court with money laundering in connection with fundraising for legislative candidates. He gave up his leadership post and is fighting the charges. DeLay also was admonished by the House ethics committee for asking a federal agency to help track aircraft that flew several Democrats out of state as part of quorum-

breaking walkouts during the bitter fight over maps. Justices did not mention DeLay, and he was not in the courtroom.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
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Baby Blends

A BOLD AND SASSY SALAD GENERATION ARRIVES IN STYLE

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

Say "baby," and you think: New. Fresh. Young. Full of promise. The same goes for baby greens and vegetables, which deliver a full package of robust flavors in a tender, tiny form.

Sophisticated American palates left pale iceberg and ho-hum lettuces behind with the discovery of blends like the vivacious greens in Spring Mix — a chorus of color and taste. Now, the salad experts at Fresh Express have delivered a brand-spanking new collection of tender whole leaf "Baby Blends," salads featuring early-harvest versions of favorite lettuces and greens — a nice fit for our endless appetite for snazzy, fresh flavors, optimum nutrition and, of course, the ultimate in ready-to-eat convenience.

According to Fresh Express vice president, Jeff Lemmon, the "birth" of Baby Blends brings an exciting new generation of salad varieties — all with distinct flavor personalities and contrasting tastes, textures and colors. These artfully designed blends have been specially crafted to offer perfectly balanced and innovative taste sensations. With flavors from bold and bright to sassy and sensational, this first-ever line of all-baby greens heralds a whole new era in salad eating.

An array of flavors from peppery, tangy and assertive to sweet, mellow and subtle makes for a mingling of harmonious tastes. Richly flavorful baby spinach leaves, spicy wild arugula, colorful red-vein baby spinach, peppery tatsoi, crisp baby romaine, buttery baby tango, tart young radicchio and mellow baby oak and leaf lettuce are all harvested when they're tender, bursting with flavor and loaded with nutritional benefits. And more news: joining these "babies" in their first U.S. debut is the new taste of sweet and tender baby Salanova — a European specialty butter lettuce.

What's not to love about these new flavor blends? They're ready to enjoy right out of the bag, offering ultimate convenience with no mess or waste.

WHY BABY?

Baby lettuces and greens are carefully harvested when they're at the peak of taste, tenderness and color. Because they are gently picked when young, flavors and colors are both lively and intense instead of becoming more muted as the plants mature.

Nutrition experts remind us to eat several servings of colorful produce daily, and these baby blends fit that direction perfectly, offering super nutrition, including vitamins A, C, B and K, lutein, folic acid, iron and other important minerals.

To match the sparkling flavors of these whole leaf baby blends, discerning consumers are choosing quality bottled dressings or making their own, pairing different types of vinegar or citrus juices with a variety of oils and other savory additions for a whole new wave of salad creation.

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TLC handling of the young greens — beginning right at harvest — makes the difference. Each tender leaf in the new lineup is gently but thoroughly washed and dried, and carefully packaged in a unique keep-crisp bag, so these Baby Blends are tops in quality, radiantly fresh and ready to go.

For the latest arrivals in convenient salads, recipes and flavorful ideas, visit the Fresh Express web site at www.freshexpress.com.



THE NEW ARRIVALS: *Baby Blends pair perfectly with well-balanced dressings*

FRESH EXPRESS BABY BLENDS SALADS

PAIRING NOTES

THE ESSENTIAL VINAIGRETTES

Sweet Baby Greens: A tender mix of sweet lettuces like crunchy baby romaine, mellow baby leaf, ruby baby oak, sweet baby tango and the mellow taste of newly-introduced baby butter Salanova.

Sweet and tender, with a contrasting crunch, this baby blend balances well with a classic vinaigrette of white wine vinegar and a pinch of sugar. Add crumbled blue cheese or toasted walnuts.

White Wine Vinaigrette
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
2 teaspoons minced shallot
6 tablespoons olive oil

Baby Spicy Spinach: Wild and wonderful, featuring flavorful baby spinach, peppery arugula, colorful red-vein spinach and pleasingly tart tatsoi.

The touch of spicy greens in this salad pairs well with assertive flavorful dressings. Try a vinaigrette with soy and sesame oil.

Sesame Vinaigrette
1/4 cup sesame oil
1/4 cup olive oil
3 tablespoons lime juice
2 tablespoons rice vinegar
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon cayenne

Baby Spinach: No wonder America's consumption of this tender green has skyrocketed: It's delicate and flavorful, a deep emerald green, and is considered a "super food," loaded with essential vitamins, minerals and lutein. Classic as a salad, or add to sandwiches, soups and pasta.

Flavorful spinach melds with a bold nut oil, such as walnut, or a classic vinaigrette with mustard. Savory bacon complements spinach's rich flavor, so crumble and add some to this salad.

Walnut Oil Vinaigrette
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 cup walnut oil

Baby Spinach and Spring Mix: A 50/50 blend of baby spinach leaves and tender spring mix

A combination of these two all-time favorites makes a perfectly balanced salad. Dress with a classic vinaigrette made with red wine vinegar. Add toasted pecans and chopped chives as accents.

Red Wine Vinaigrette
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
2 teaspoons minced shallot
6 tablespoons olive oil

Baby Spring Mix: This gold standard of baby lettuce blends balances crisp baby romaine, flavorful baby spinach, sweet baby tango and a sprinkling of zesty young radicchio.

The radicchio in this blend calls for a creamy dressing to meet and mute its assertiveness. Accent with crumbled feta or goat cheese and toasted croutons.

Creamy Vinaigrette (add cream with oil)
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1 small shallot, minced
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons heavy cream

Baby Veggie Spring Mix: Baby Spring Mix combined with garden fresh veggies including sweet carrots, sweet crunchy pea pods and small broccoli florets for variety, crunch and extra nutrition.

This hearty mixture of baby greens contrasted with crispy veggies pairs well with the fresh flavors of a lemon-herb vinaigrette or your favorite creamy vinaigrette. Make it a whole meal by topping with grilled chicken or shrimp.

Lemon-Herb Vinaigrette
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
6 tablespoons olive oil

Dressing Tips

WHO TOSSED THE SALAD?

- Greens must be dry so dressing will stick.
- Use a bowl at least twice the size of the amount of greens.
- Whisk dressing in a shallow pan. Drizzle greens, tossing gently, adding a bit at a time. Serve immediately.

OIL MEETS VINEGAR

Make vinaigrette up to a day before using. Serve creamy vinaigrettes immediately. Classic vinaigrettes call for one part vinegar (acid) to 3 parts oil, adjusting to personal taste and added flavor accents.

- In a small bowl whisk together acid (citrus juice or vinegar), salt and other seasonings (mustard, shallot, onion, black or red pepper, herbs). Slowly add oil, whisking to blend. Salt to taste.
- OR, in a jar with a tight-fitting lid, shake together acid, salt and other seasonings, remove lid, add oil, tighten lid and shake vigorously.

JUST THE FAT FACTS, MA'AM

Olive oil lets you enjoy the benefits of mono-unsaturated fats without fat-phobia. A recent study in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition reported absorption of important nutrients, including carotenoids from salads, was significantly increased by using a full-fat dressing.



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Smooth-riding 7-Series adds new level of complexity

By ANN M. JOB

For The Associated Press
Buyers of BMW's flagship sedan, the 7-Series, had better not be technophobes.

This large, luxury sedan fairly bristles with technology, from an adaptive suspension to a drive-by-wire throttle. A driver even has to learn how to shift from "Drive" to "Park," because the car's little electronic gearshifter doesn't work in a straight up-and-down motion like most other shifters.

There's no ignition key, just a squarish fob to slide into a slot on the dashboard, next to the car's "Start" button.

With the uplevel "Comfort" front seats in the 7-Series, controls for such things as height and recline are among the most complicated I've experienced. Indeed, these seats adjust 20 ways.

And while the much-maligned BMW iDrive system — operated via a big knob on the center console through which a driver dials through the audio system and navigation system controls, among other things — is simpler now, iDrive remains a bit cumbersome.

But oh, how the big, five-passenger 7-Series drives.

The interior is insulated from outside noise. Powerful V8 and V12 engines with sophisticated automatic transmissions have good low-end grunt and easy cruising manners.

Steering is precise as well as tidy, and the suspension — especially the sport suspension — expertly damps road bumps while keeping the car's body tightly controlled.

No wonder so many high-powered executives and entrepreneurs in America drive or are chauffeured in the 7-Series. The sensation of unfettered driver control, not to mention handsome leather and wood surroundings inside, is bound to be a terrific antidote for a difficult day at the office.

Starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including delivery charge, for a 2006 BMW 750i is \$72,495. The longer wheelbase 2006 BMW 750Li, with extra rear-seat room, starts at \$76,490, while V12-powered 7-Series cars start at \$112,195.

Competitors include the 2007 Mercedes-Benz S550,



2006 BMW 750i

which starts at \$87,175 for a newly redesigned and re-engineered model, and the 2006 Lexus LS 430, which starts at \$57,220.

All are rear-drive, large, four-door sedans that boast some of the best and latest features available for today's cars.

But the 7-Series ranks as the best-selling, large, luxury sedan from Europe with U.S. sales last year of 18,165, up from 16,155 a year earlier.

This tops the sales of the Mercedes S-Class, Audi A8 and Jaguar XJ.

Still, only once this decade — in 2001 — has the 7-Series been among the top three "premium luxury cars" in J.D. Power and Associates'

annual Initial Quality Study. Lexus, the luxury division of Toyota, has dominated this category year after year.

And Consumer Reports said the 7-Series has had poor reliability.

In recent years, there has been considerable debate among consumers and auto critics about the controversial rear styling of the 7-Series. Coined the "Bangle butt" after BMW's well-known design chief, Chris Bangle, the raised tail has been smoothed out a bit for the 2006 model.

But the rear continues to look less elegant than expected and quite mainstream for an over-\$70,000 car.

Thankfully, the 7-Series front end, now with larger kidney-shaped grille, retains the classic BMW style.

Buyers may notice the new name for the V8 models — 750i vs. 745i before.

The name change reflects the larger displacement base engine. This 4.8-liter, double overhead cam V8, that was in the test car, is capable of generating 360 horsepower, up from 325.

This is ample power for easy cruising in a car this large and heavy. (Note the 750i weighs as much as some Chevrolet Silverado pickup trucks.)

Torque, too, is improved by the new engine, going from 330 foot-pounds at

3,600 rpm, to 360 at a lower, 3,400 rpm.

The result is authentic, responsive power delivery at even a slight press on the accelerator.

The sensation can, however, feel different from acceleration in a more mainstream V8-powered car.

This BMW has a six-speed automatic transmission, and often on the test drive, the low-end power would be momentarily interrupted as the transmission quickly shifted through the first few gears.

This isn't the case, though, if the driver selects "sport" shift mode rather than "normal."

Fuel economy is as expected in this class, and

2006 BMW 750i

BASE PRICE: \$71,800.
AS TESTED: \$80,190.

TYPE: Front-engine, rear-wheel-drive, five-passenger, large luxury sedan.

ENGINE: 4.8-liter, double overhead cam V8 with Valvetronic Double VANOS steplessly variable valve timing.

MILEAGE: 17 mpg (city), 25 mpg (highway).

TOP SPEED: 150 mph.

LENGTH: 198.4 inches.

WHEELBASE: 117.7 inches.

CURB WEIGHT: 4,486 pounds.

BUILT AT: Germany.

OPTIONS: Sport package (includes 19-inch alloy wheels and performance tires, sport suspension, sport steering wheel, dual power front seats and shadowline exterior trim) \$3,200; premium sound package \$1,800; luxury seating package (includes front and rear seat heaters and upgraded front comfort seats) \$1,450; satellite radio \$595; high definition radio equipment \$500; heated steering wheel \$150.

DESTINATION CHARGE: \$695.

premium fuel is specified.

The 438-horsepower, 6-liter V12 is carried over from the previous 7-Series.

There are some special touches in this car. Doors feel heavy and solid. Door windows go up and down silently.

Once I got the leather-covered driver seat set correctly for me, it was wonderfully comfortable and felt like a glove.

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Jim Landtroop led the traditional marriage campaign in his county to change the state constitution to define marriage as between one man and one woman. The Landtroop family helped start Plainview Bible Church, where Jim serves on the leadership team. He and his wife Cathy have three children: Braden, Kenneth, and Lauren Grace.

"We support Jim Landtroop for State Representative. He will serve the best interest, values and beliefs of Howard County and the district."
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IN BRIEF

Coahoma Little League sets signup dates
The Coahoma League invites baseball players 5 through 15 in Coahoma district signup for the season tonight at Coahoma Community Center from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday at the Element open house. All little league who have not played in Coahoma or before need to bring a copy of their last certificate. The registration fee for the season will be \$35 for children of same family will pay \$30. Anyone interested in coaching or joining with a team becoming a member can attend. For information, contact Jill Ringener at 432-263-2743 or 432-816-1532.

KBSB golf tournament announced for month of April
Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be hosting a golf tournament April 22 at the Spring Country Club. The tournament start at 9 a.m. cost \$60 per person. The tournament is a person scramble. For more information, contact the try club at 267-5500.

C.G.A. announces scramble for March 12
The Chicano Association will be hosting its Membership Drive a four-person scramble — at Com Trail Golf Course March 12. The tournament begins a shotgun at 10:30 a.m., teams must be ready by 10 a.m. will be refresh served after the tournament as well. For more information, contact Pineda at 264-7100.

Sweetwater Classic sets for early May
The Sixth-A Sweetwater Classic Basketball Tournament will be held May 5-6 at Sweetwater. This tournament open to boys and girls in age division and under the varsity division. For more information, contact Hatley at 1-800-675-7 or mike@watertexas.net.

Umpires needed for B.S. softball season
The Big Spring Softball Association is looking for umpires for upcoming season. Anyone interested in umpiring girls' ball games, contact Luci Ramirez at 466-3670.

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Anyone interested in coaching or helping with a team or becoming a board member can also attend. For more information, contact Jill Ringener after 6 p.m. at 432-263-2789 or 432-816-1532.

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Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be hosting a golf tournament April 22 at the Big Spring Country Club.

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For more information, contact the country club at 267-5354.

C.G.A. announces scramble for March

The Chicano Golf Association will be hosting its annual Membership Drive — a four-person scramble — at Comanche Trail Golf Course March 12.

The tournament begins a shotgun start at 10:30 a.m., but teams must be registered by 10 a.m. There will be refreshments served after the tournament as well.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

Sweetwater Classic set for early May

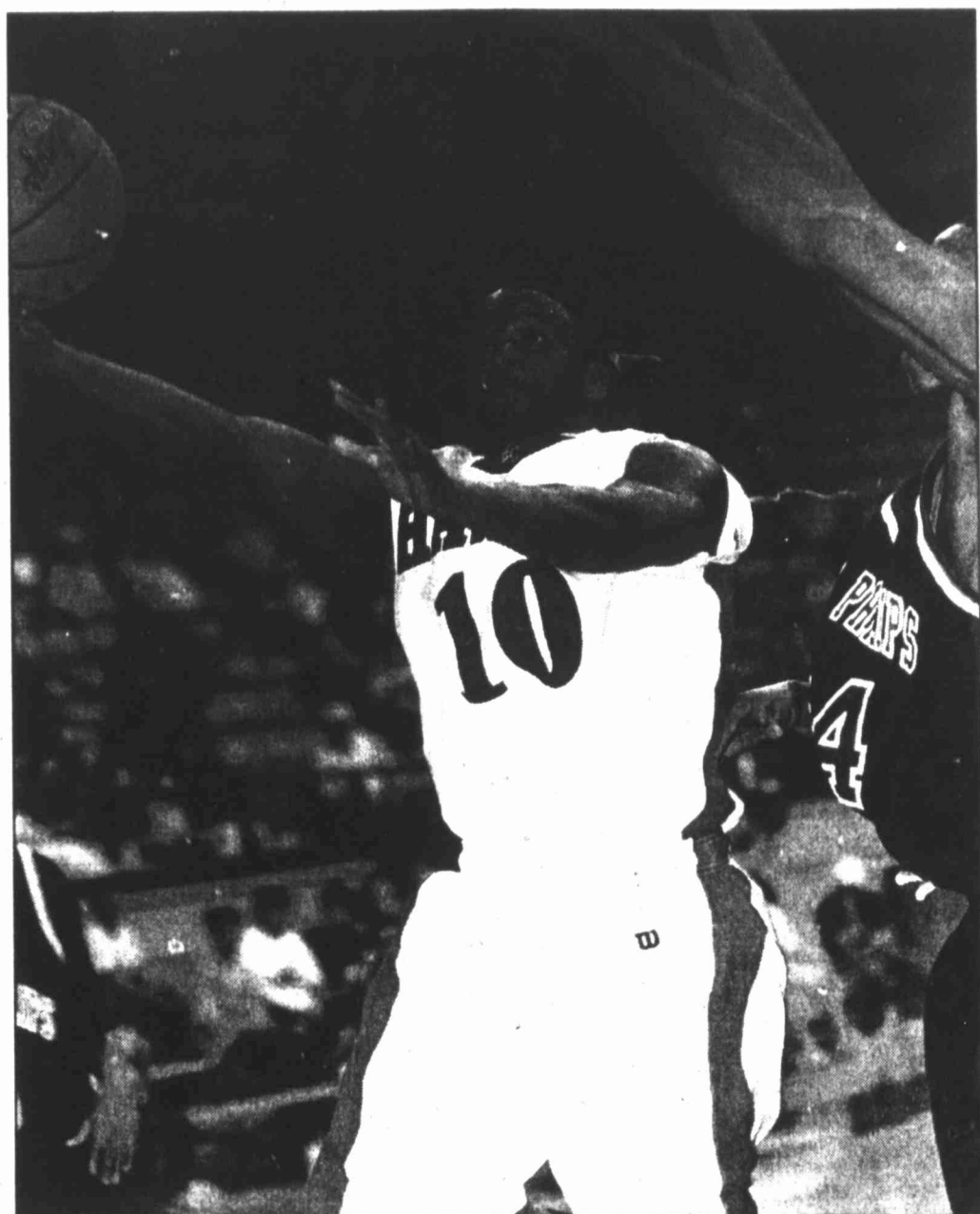
The Sixth Annual Sweetwater Spring Classic Basketball Tournament will be held May 5-7 in Sweetwater.

This tournament is open to boys and girls in age divisions 10 and under through varsity divisions.

For more information, contact Mike Hatley at 1-800-658-6757 or mike@sweetwatertexas.net.

Umpires needed for B.S. softball season

The Big Spring Girl's Softball Association is looking for umpires for the upcoming season. Anyone interested in umpiring girl's softball games, contact Luci Ramirez at 432-466-3870.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard freshman Benny Valentine scores two points against Frank Phillips Monday during the Hawks' conference title-clinching victory. Howard looks to finish the regular season unbeaten with a win at Clarendon tonight. The game will tipoff around 7:50 p.m.

Howard squads search for sweep against Clarendon

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The top-ranked Howard men's basketball team will try to finish the regular season unbeaten tonight as the Hawks travel to rival Clarendon.

Howard (29-0) has already clinched the top seed in next week's Region 5 Tournament and is virtually playing for nothing except keeping the school-record winning streak in tact. The Hawks won the Western Junior College Athletic Conference title outright Monday with a 28-point home win against Frank Phillips.

Howard won the first game this season against Clarendon at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 112-87.

Freshman Benny Valentine scored 33 points and hit seven 3-pointers to lead five Hawks in double figures in that game. Sophomore Charles Burgess recorded a triple-double with 18 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, while freshman Benson Akpan had his best game of the year with 16 points and 16 rebounds.

The Hawks lost to the Bulldogs in Clarendon last year.

"This first game was a preview of what people can expect when we go up there," said Howard head coach Mark Adams after the first win against Clarendon. "We know they are a tough team at home.

The Hawks will begin their run to the National Tournament next Thursday as they open the regional tournament against either Grayson or Collin County at 7 p.m. at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

The Howard women are virtually out of the postseason race to the



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard freshman Tomisha Martin puts up a jumper in the lane against Frank Phillips Monday. The Hawk women look to finish the season with a win on the road against Clarendon tonight. Tipoff is set for 5:50 p.m.

regional tournament, but can sweep the season series with Clarendon with a victory tonight.

The Hawks won against Frank Phillips Monday at home to bring their conference win total to three, but would like to end the season on a high-note and take down Clarendon for the third time this year.

Howard defeated the Lady Bulldogs at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum last month, 64-63, as Clarendon's Alisha Sladek missed what would have been the game-tying free throw with .09 seconds to go in the game. The Hawks also defeated Clarendon during action in the preseason conference tournament.

In the first game, sophomore Jennifer Pena led the Hawks with 15 points and freshman Chanel Jones-Delas added 14.

Sophomore Latoya Fairley led Howard in the home win last month as she scored 16 of her game-high 24 points in the second half. Pena added 18 points and hit two free throws with 11 seconds to go to seal the win, while Jones-Delas hit some big shots as well and finished with 13 points.

Howard can finish in a tie for the fourth and final playoff spot with a win, but can not make it to the regional tournament due to power points.

If New Mexico defeats Frank Phillips, it heads to the tourney because of its crucial win over third-place Midland. Clarendon can advance to the regional tournament with a win against Howard and a loss by New Mexico.

The women's game will begin at 5:50 p.m., while the Hawk men will tipoff at 7:50 p.m.

O'Brien finishes fourth at Crane

• **Bearcats, Bulldogs come in fourth and fifth, respectively**

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

CRANE — The Garden City and Coahoma boy's golf teams placed fourth and fifth, respectively, at the Crane Invitational Wednesday.

Garden City, which was led by Chase O'Brien's 85, shot a 362, while Coahoma stroked a 395.

O'Brien's 85 was good for fourth overall in the individual standings. Eric Hirt shot an 87, while Taylor Niehues and Sam Long both finished

with 95s. Justin Pierson shot a 121.

Coahoma's 395 was led by Blaine Henderson's 92. Stephen Ewing shot a 98, while Curt Lang added a 101 and Mikey Mendoza scored a 104.

Terrell Bibb also shot a 105 to round out the scoring.

Crane won its host tourney with a 348, while Wink and Alpine finished second and third, respectively, with scores of 357 and 359.

Juan Sandoval won the overall individual title with an 81 and Wesley O'Bryant of Alpine shot an 82, while Dalton Gray of Wink scored an 84.

Buzzer-beater lifts Aggies past Texas

• **Win keeps NCAA touney hopes alive for Texas A&M**

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M knows it's not going to beat anyone in a high-scoring shootout.

Instead the Aggies like to play tough defense, keep the score low and put themselves in position to win at the end.

That is exactly what they did Wednesday night in a 46-43 upset over No. 6 Texas.

Acie Law made a 3-pointer at the buzzer with Daniel Gibson in his face to give Texas A&M its sixth straight win.

"We take a lot of pride in our defense and we think that that can carry us because we struggle at times offensively," Law said. "We did a good job of that tonight."

The Aggies got a chance for the victory when Texas' P.J. Tucker, apparently unaware of the time on the shot clock, dribbled around as it expired with 5.9 seconds left.

"It was just bad execution," Tucker said. "I let my teammates down. I didn't run the play right. We didn't get the shot up."

The Longhorns intentionally fouled Law and after a timeout, he got the inbounds pass and pulled up for a long 3 which swished as the buzzer sounded, sending a number of A&M fans onto the court.

Law fell to the court after the shot, then jumped up and ran into the crowd to get a hug from his mother, "so she wouldn't get trampled" by the fans.

"Words can't describe the feeling when you beat a rival with so much at stake," he said. "The Big

12 championship for them and a chance to get into the tournament for us. The game had a lot of meaning for both teams."

It was the second straight year the Aggies (19-7, 9-6) beat the Longhorns (24-5, 12-3) at home. They beat then-No. 9 Texas 74-63 last year.

The Aggies improved their home record to 16-2 with a win that will undoubtedly bolster their NCAA tournament hopes and at least puts off Texas' chance to capture its first Big 12 title since 1999.

The Longhorns are tied for first with Kansas, which beat Colorado 75-54 Wednesday.

Joseph Jones scored 14 points for the Aggies and Law had eight.

Tucker had 11 points to lead the Longhorns and Kenton Paulino added eight.

Despite Wednesday's big victory and the winning streak, A&M coach Billy Gillispie cautioned against giving the Aggies too much credit.

"We're not going to get confused here and think that we're something that we're not," Gillispie said. "We've won four games by a total of 12 points. Those all could have been losses."

"What we are and what we always have been is a tough and hard-nosed team that tries really hard and plays really well together. We've been able to get really lucky on several occasions."

The Longhorns were held to their fewest points this season, scoring far less than their previous low of 58 against Villanova.

"I think they know I'm upset because I think they know how much I want execution," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "It's always disappointing when you don't execute."

Tonight's Area Lineup

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Correction

Coahoma senior Kacey Coberty's name was misspelled in yesterday's edition of the Herald. We apologize for the error.

Florida State upsets Duke, Devils suffer first ACC loss

(AP) — Beating No. 1 at home usually brings the fans rushing onto the court. The crowd at Florida State got to do it twice in one night.

Alexander Johnson broke the game's final tie with 1:06 to play Wednesday night, and the Seminoles beat top-ranked Duke 79-74, the second time in three years Florida State beat the Blue Devils when they were on top of the poll.

When Duke was called for a foul with 1.7 seconds to play and the Seminoles ahead by five, the crowd rushed the court, swamping everyone and everything in its way.

The floor was cleared and Florida State was assessed a technical foul for the premature celebration, but two free throws by each team ended the scoring and the game, and the crowd was back.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski had his team — except the five in the game — taken to the locker room before Al Thornton took the final free throws with 1.7 seconds still on the clock. He said he feared for the safety of his players.

"I would think that security is not ready for that type of thing," Krzyzewski said. "We weren't going to win the basketball game, the game was basically over, so why put those kids in harm's way?"

He said that saying anything more about it would be misinterpreted.

"It's an unfortunate situation and let the powers to be handle it ... in front of everybody, though, not behind closed doors," he said.

Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said a program like Duke's brings the kind of excitement that causes fans to rush the court after a victory.

Thornton had 26 points and Johnson added 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Seminoles (18-8, 8-7 Atlantic Coast Conference), who lost by one point in overtime at Duke Feb. 4.

"I just played ball because I didn't want to think about that," Alexander said of the earlier matchup. "I kind of let that stay in the past, never looked back at it."

Alexander's basket over Williams with 1:06 left gave Florida State a 74-72 lead.

J.J. Redick was 10-for-28 from the field and had 30 points for the Blue Devils (27-2, 14-1), while Williams had 20 points and 16 rebounds. Duke's

other loss was Georgetown.

No. 2 Connecticut 66, South Florida 53

Josh Boone scored 17 points and Denham Brown added 16 for the Huskies (26-2, 13-2 Big East), who scored the game's first 18 points. The win was Jim Calhoun's 729th and moved him into a tie for 14th on the career list with Jerry Tarkanian.

Solomon Jones had 12 points and 12 rebounds for South Florida (6-22, 0-15), which pulled within 45-42 midway through the second half but lost its 17th straight.

No. 4 Villanova 65, St. John's 52

Randy Foye scored 21 points and Allan Ray shook off a sprained knee to add 15 in their final home game. Foye hit four 3-pointers and scored 14 straight points for the Wildcats (23-3, 13-2 Big East) in the second half. Ray played with a brace on his left knee after he sprained it in a loss Sunday at Connecticut.

Eugene Lawrence and Lamont Hamilton each scored 15 points for the Red Storm (12-14, 5-10).

No. 7 George Washington 89, St. Bonaventure 78

Omar Williams scored 18 points as the Colonials (25-1, 15-0 Atlantic 10) extended the nation's longest winning streak to 17 games and set a school record for victories in a season.

George Washington needs only to beat Charlotte in its regular-season finale on Saturday to become only the fourth A-10 school — and first since Saint Joseph's in 2003-04 — to go undefeated in conference play.

Michael Lee had 18 points for St. Bonaventure (8-18, 2-13), which was eliminated from competing in the A-10 tournament next week. The Bonnies have lost 12 straight against ranked teams.

No. 9 Ohio St. 56, Northwestern 53

Terence Dials scored 18 points on 9-for-12 shooting and grabbed seven rebounds as the Buckeyes (22-4, 11-4) clinched at least a share of the Big Ten championship. Ohio State could win the title outright with a victory over Purdue on Sunday.

Ron Lewis' layup with 14 seconds left gave the Buckeyes a 54-53 lead.

Vedran Vukusic scored 13 points for Northwestern (13-14, 5-10),

which was seeking its first win over a Top Ten team in 12 years.

Kentucky 80, No. 11 Tennessee 78

Randolph Morris scored 22 points and Rajon Rondo added 16 for the Wildcats (19-10, 9-6 Southeastern Conference), who prevented Tennessee's first season sweep since 1998-99.

C.J. Watson, JaJuan Smith and Chris Lofton each scored 15 points for the Vols (20-6, 11-4), who lost their second straight home game.

No. 13 North Carolina 99, Virginia 54

David Noel had a career-high 26 points in his final home game and the Tar Heels (20-6, 11-4) clinched a tie for second place in the Atlantic Coast Conference and reached 20 victories for the 33rd time in 36 seasons with their ninth win in 10 games. It was the most lopsided margin in the 95-year history of the rivalry.

J.R. Reynolds had 19 points for the Cavaliers (14-12, 7-8).

No. 17 Florida 77, Georgia 66

Joakim Noah had a career-high 37 points, including a school-record 19 free throws, and 11 rebounds as the Gators (23-6, 9-6 Southeastern Conference) snapped a three-game losing streak. Neal Walk had 18 free throws for Florida in 1968.

Mike Mercer scored 16 points for the Bulldogs (15-13, 5-10), who have lost five of six.

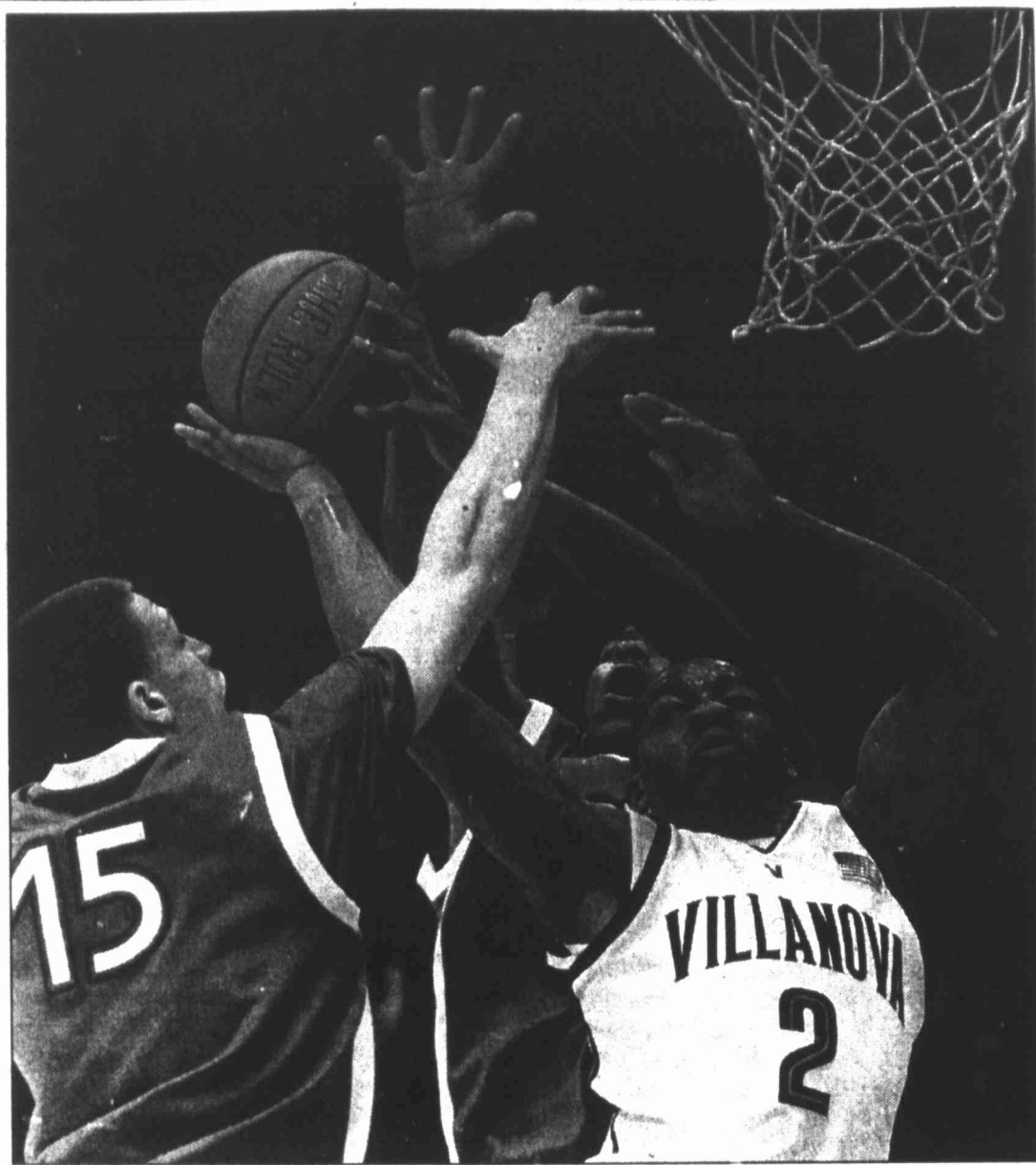
No. 18 Kansas 75, Colorado 54

Mario Chalmers scored 14 points, including two key 3-pointers in the second half, to lead the Jayhawks (21-7, 12-3 Big 12), who beat Colorado for the 34th time in their last 35 meetings.

Colorado (18-8, 8-7) missed 22 of its first 23 field-goal attempts and shot 19 percent (5-for-27 in the first half) in falling behind 32-15. The Buffs fell to 0-23 against ranked opponents on the road.

No. 23 Iowa 65, Penn St. 38

Mike Henderson scored 16 points and Erik Hansen added 15 for the Hawkeyes (21-8, 10-5 Big Ten), who snapped a two-game losing streak by holding Penn State to a season low in points.



Villanova's Randy Foye gets hammered, but no foul is called as he takes the ball to the basket between St. John's defenders Phil Missere, left, and Lamont Hamilton at the Pavillion in Philadelphia, Penn., Wednesday.

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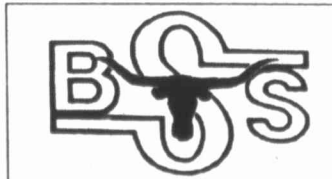
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BSHS JV boy's golf team places seventh in Lamesa

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
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The Steers were led by Heath Wilkerson's 94, while Josh Wells shot a 97, Dan Painter scored a



99, Josh Rodriguez a 102 and Lloyd Fairley a 127.

The varsity golf teams will be in action this weekend as the boys head to Andrews and the girls travel to Midland.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Mercury, that lucky trickster of the zodiac, goes retrograde and continues in this fashion through March 25. Do not be alarmed — though Mercury retrogrades are sure to provide a jam or two, think of it as a time to learn different ways of communicating and getting things done since methods that normally work are subject to error.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). No one is you. And that's the problem. Because if there were more "yous," you could do all the work on your list that only "you" can do. Since no one is you, you'll have to improvise with "them."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes — or, perhaps, usually — "Why?" is not such a good question. So, stop asking it, and start asking, "How?" As in, "How can I make this work?" or "How can I start over with this?"

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have more impact on those around you than you realize. When you are your best, others are inspired by your sincere approach to life. When you smile, the world lights up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The stars highlight your powers of concentration. You make amazing things happen through meditation. There are many things to meditate on: the colors of the rainbow, the smell of grass, the actual height of the sky.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a talent for helping others through instruction. Consider teaching lessons from your house or working through a school. Tonight features a mutual-admiration situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Romance comes at just the right time. Be in the mystery, and let it unfold gradually. Life is like time-lapse photography — in slow motion. Savor the sweetness in the moments of your day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Silly people get in your way — try and have a sense of humor about it. Confusing moments at home can be avoided with organizational tools, such as a pen and a pad of paper by the telephone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you had to write a love letter to the world, what would it be? Today features starkly beautiful moments when you actually hear the sound that Earth makes when it spins.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Keep aware, in some tiny part of the back of your mind, that bad people exist in the world. Walk like you know where you're going. On the other hand, don't mistrust someone just because they've an arm full of tattoos.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Count your blessings. It's a cliché for a reason. It works to bring you life's real riches. Let your friends know how important they are in your life. They will more than return the sentiment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A little guarded tolerance goes a long way. Listen to the oddball. You won't be sorry. Tonight, you draw people in like a magnet, but paradoxically, alone time is what you need most.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Immature people who take more than they give will wind up being a total deficit to your time and energy in the long run. Stop being nice. It's only your life at stake.

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I'm 19 and have been dating "Jeff" for a couple of weeks, and I'm very happy with the way the relationship is going. Jeff is caring, smart and funny. I want him to meet my parents, but I've never brought a guy home, not even the boys who picked me up for dates in high school. They'd just honk the horn outside.

I'm afraid my parents will take one look at Jeff and not take him seriously. You see, he has long hair and a goatee. He knows I don't like his hair or goatee, but I don't think it's my place to make him change.

I'm sure my parents would like Jeff if they got to know him, but their first impression may make that difficult. Is it too shallow of me to ask Jeff to shave and cut his hair before he meets my parents? — Indiana Girl

Dear Indiana: Well, there's no harm in asking, but it is unfair to demand that he be someone else for the night.

You might be surprised to learn that your parents also want to make a good impression on the young man their daughter likes enough to invite home. You can give your parents a heads-up by describing Jeff to them, but they still may be a bit put off by his appearance, so make sure the visit is long enough to allow them to get to know the person behind the goatee.

Dear Annie: My widowed 72-year-old mother lost her sister last year, leaving me and my sister, "Stella," as her only surviving family. Mom doesn't have many friends. My aunt was her closest companion.

Stella is married and has one son, while I am in my 40s and single. Stella

has been pressuring me to move in with Mom. Although my mother says she doesn't want me to live with her, I suspect she wouldn't mind the company. As it is, I talk to her on the phone several times a day and see her frequently, taking her shopping, to doctors appointments, etc., often rearranging my schedule to do so.

I have turned down important work assignments to accommodate my mother, and it has affected my career progress. Stella says, "You can't expect me to quit MY job."

Stella and I never have had a good relationship, and I am afraid to confront her. It took me a long time to break free from my family and gain some independence, and now I feel like I have to give it up. What should I do? — Depressed in NYC

Dear Depressed: Right now, your mother is capable of living on her own. Call your local Area Agency on Aging, and find out if there are senior programs that provide transportation. These can include group trips to the grocery store, as well as social events. Your mother should not be so completely dependent on you if she should become more incapacitated, consider an assisted-livin facility.

Do not let Stella guide you into moving in with Mom if you don't wish to. It isn't necessary, and your resentment would make things worse. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell an Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Lander column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net. © 2006 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

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7	PM	7:30	Movie: Sweet Home
8	PM	8:30	Alabama (CC)
9	PM	9:30	PrimeTime Live (CC)
10	PM	10:30	News (CC) Nightline
11	PM	11:30	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel
12	AM	12:30	Live (CC) News (CC)

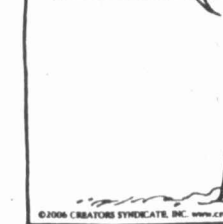
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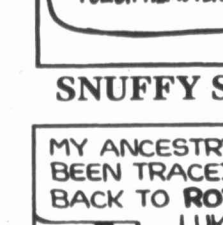
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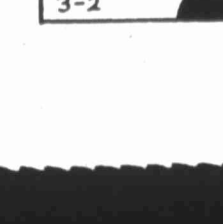
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6:30	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	Paragins	My Wife-Kids Raymond	News Ent. Tonight	La Tomarita	News Be a Millionaire	Raymond	Joe McGee John Hagee	News-Lever	Crop Cycles: Mysteries		CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	NBA Basketball	Live BET Style	Phil of Future That's-Raven	College Basketball	College Basketball	Movie: Fatal Error
7:30	Movie: Sweet Home	Movie: Sweet Home	Contra Viento y Marea	American Idol (CC)	Survivor: Panama - Exile	Tiempo de Pasiones	Deal or No Deal (CC)	Friends (CC) Friends (CC)	Update/Israel Biblical Israel	West Tex Jmi TX Mithy Tak	UFOs Over Illinois	Movie: The HighBird the	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Cleveland Cavaliers at Chicago Bulls NBA	The Parkers The Parkers	Movie: Motocrossed (CC)	CIAA Quarterfinal	Wisconsin at Michigan State	
8:30	Alabama (CC)	Alabama (CC)	Albionada	Skating With Celebrities	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Corazon Part Decisiones	Name is Earl The Office	Movie: Tommy Boy (CC)	Light of the Southwest	The This Old House Hour	Strange UFO Stories	Mighty	MXC	Chicago Bulls NBA	College Hill		College Basketball	College Basketball	Movie: Disaster
9:30	Primetime (CC)	Primetime (CC)	Aqui y Ahora	My Wife-Kids 70s Show	Without a Trace (CC)	Decisiones	ER (CC)			To Be Announced	Conspiracy Theories		UFC Unleashed	Basketball: Mavericks at Spurs	Comicview	The Emperor's Sester, Sister	Memphis at Alabama	Syracuse at DePaul (CC)	in New York
10:30	News (CC) News (CC)	News (CC) News (CC)	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ. Negritude	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show-	Noticias Titulares y Mas	News Tonight Show	The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!	The Hour of Healing		Sasquatch: Legend	Movie: True Grit	UFC Unleashed	In Living Color	In Living Color	Zack & Cody That's-Raven	Birmingham Quite Frankly	SportsCenter (CC)	Movie: Terminal Error
11:30	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa TBA	Letterman Late Late	Laura Al Rop Vivo-	Late Night: Conan O'Brien	Files of Police Squad!	Del Sanchez Jimmy Phelps	Charlie Rose (CC)	UFOs Over Illinois		CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Inside the NBA James Fox	James Fox	Phil of Future Kim Possible	With Smith K-Vile (CC)	Gamernight Baseball	
12:30	AM News (CC)	AM News (CC)	Extra (CC) Paid Program	Armas y Revales (SS)	Becker (CC) King of the Hill	Show The Insider	Maria Celeste Pagado	12-10 Movie: Heavyweights	Update/Israel John Hagee	Sign Off	Strange UFO Stories	Movie: Wing	Real TV Blind Date	Movie: Next of Kin (CC)	College Hill	Luzz: McGure That's-Haven	Season	SportsCenter (CC)	Twilight Zone

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Mommy, could you reheat my cold dog?"

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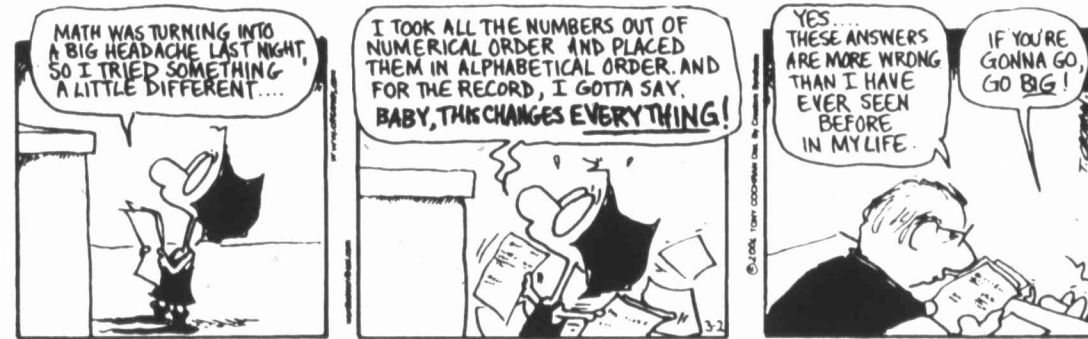
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, March 2, the 61st day of 2006. There are 304 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On March 2, 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

On this date:

In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

In 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

In 1899, Mount Rainier National Park in Washington state was established.

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship.

In 1939, Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli was elected Pope; he took the name Pius XII.

In 1943, the World War II Battle of the Bismarck Sea began.

In 1955, the William Inge play "Bus Stop" opened at the Music Box Theatre in New York.

In 1965, the movie version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "The Sound of Music" had its world premiere at New York's Rivoli Theater.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a strict code of ethics.

Five years ago: The United Nations tried in vain to persuade Afghanistan's ruling Taliban to reverse its decision to destroy a pair of giant, ancient statues of Buddha and other Buddhist relics that the regime considered idolatrous.

One year ago: The number of U.S. military deaths in Iraq reached 1,400.

Today's Birthdays:

Actress Jennifer Jones is 87. Bluegrass singer-musician Doc Watson is 83. Actor John Cullum is 76. Author Tom Wolfe is 76. Former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 75. Actress Barbara Luna is 67. Actor Jon Finch is 65. Author John Irving is 64. Singer Lou Reed is 64. Actress Cassie Yates is 55. Actress

Laraine Newman is 54. Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., is 53. Singer Jay Osmond is 51. Pop musician John Cowell (The Cowbells) is 50. Tennis player Kevin Curren is 48. Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi is 44. Rock musician Casey (Jimmie's Chicken Shack) is 30. Rock singer Chris Martin (Coldplay) is 29. Actress Bryce Dallas Howard is 25. Actor Robert Iler ("The Sopranos") is 21.

Thought for Today: "Humanitarianism needs no apology. ... Unless we feel it toward all men without exception, we shall have lost the chief redeeming force in human history." — Ralph Barton Perry, American author and educator (1876-1957).

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
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 - 6 Come up short
 - 10 Sign holder
 - 14 Softened, with "down"
 - 15 Beans partner
 - 16 No more than
 - 17 Park section
 - 19 Salty drop
 - 20 Quick ___ wink
 - 21 The inevitable
 - 22 Like rosebushes
 - 24 Alley game
 - 26 Ten C-notes
 - 27 "Outer" word form
 - 28 Comparatively comely
 - 32 Frequent Stallone costar
 - 35 Carson predecessor
 - 36 Ran like heck
 - 37 Vacuum feature
 - 38 Brownish yellow
 - 39 "Come ___!"
 - 40 Java vessels
 - 41 Gets 100 on
 - 42 Something desirable
 - 43 In shreds
 - 45 Chart shape
 - 46 Criminal charges
 - 47 Mexican munchies
 - 51 Kind of cat
 - 54 Exodus author
 - 55 Bond yield: Abbr.
 - 56 Actress Hatcher
 - 57 Easy Rider actor
- DOWN
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 - 2 Urban pollution
 - 3 Ancient Peruvian
 - 4 Pig's digs
 - 5 Imposing building
 - 6 Places to pledge
 - 7 Leeds' river
 - 8 Sprain treatment
 - 9 Like cowhide
 - 10 Shove off
 - 11 Letters near "O"
 - 12 Musial of baseball
 - 13 Conservative Brit
 - 18 Quitter's word
 - 23 In vogue
 - 25 '80s Soviet policy
 - 26 ___-fatty acids
 - 28 Handled clumsily
 - 29 Charged particles
 - 30 Sal's canal
 - 31 \$50 Boardwalk outlay
 - 32 Boarded up
 - 33 Bar mitzvah dance
 - 34 "___ it a pity?"
 - 35 Duelers' distances
 - 38 Roofing material
 - 42 Tries to hit
 - 44 Musical talent
 - 45 Pants purchase
 - 47 Alder and elder
 - 48 Singer Ronstadt
 - 49 Wound up
 - 50 Marquee toppers
 - 51 Keep ___ (persist)
 - 52 Disney clown fish
 - 53 Pirate's quaff
 - 54 Lone Star sch.
 - 58 Prefix with log
 - 59 Flamenco shout

SPLIT PEA by Fred Piscop

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"That's the best we've run in a while for a complete race, counting the last half of last year. I feel pretty good about it."

— Kasey Kahne, on his fourth-place finish in the 2006 Auto Club 500.



Off to a fast start

Roush Racing has four wins in the six races held in NASCAR's top series

By JIM UTTER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Roush Racing may not have captured its third consecutive Nextel Cup Series championship last season, but there is no apparent let-down in the organization's model of success.

After two weeks of competition this season, Roush drivers have claimed wins in four of the six races held in NASCAR's top three series — Cup, Busch and Trucks.

Matt Kenseth, the 2003 Cup series champion, is the most recent winner, earning a victory in last Sunday's Auto Club 500 at California Speedway.

Kenseth capped a Roush sweep at California, as Mark Martin won the Truck race and Greg Biffle the Busch race. A week earlier at Daytona International Speedway, Martin started the 2006 season with a victory in the Truck series opener.

"This (was) really a great weekend to be able to have three of our different drivers win all three races, especially that Truck race," said team owner Jack Roush of the California sweep.

"That's the one that we couldn't get close to last year: based on where our truck was, but Ford gave us a new F-150 package and Mark Martin is leading the charge on that deal."

This is virtually new territory for Martin, who had two previous Truck series starts prior to the season opener in Daytona. Martin, in his final year of full-time Cup competition, is running seven Truck races in preparation to moving to the series full time in 2007.

Kenseth struggled early last season before rebounding to make the Chase for the Nextel Cup for the second consecutive year. Biffle was the Cup series runner-up, finishing 35 points short of 2005 champion Jimmie Johnson.

Carl Edwards, in his first full season of Cup completion, also made the Chase. The only turnover at Roush was Kurt Busch's departure for Penske Racing South, and Jamie McMurray was brought in as his replacement.

All of that came on the heels of back-to-back Cup championships by Roush drivers Kenseth (2003) and Kurt Busch (2004).

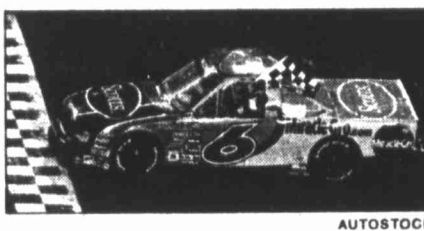
Two races into a very young 2006 season and Roush Racing drivers are plastered throughout the top 10 in points in all three series: Kenseth (third) and Martin (sixth) in Cup; Todd Kluever (fifth) and Biffle (ninth) in Busch; and Martin (first) and rookie Erik Darnell (eighth) in Trucks.

"We finished last year the strongest we've ever been. Ford gave us a new Fusion and a new F-150. The hardware has never been better," Roush said.

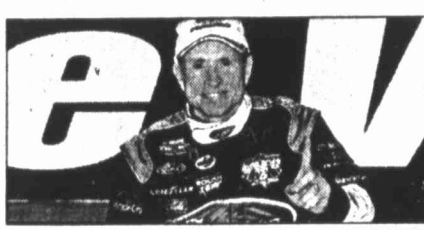
"We by and large got our crews intact. We've had some

In the winner's circle

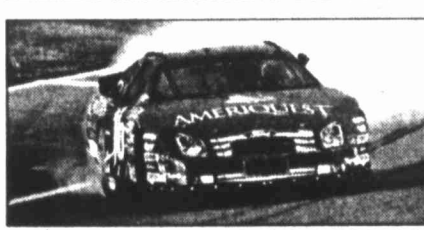
Roush Racing has made many trips to Victory Lane early on in the racing season:



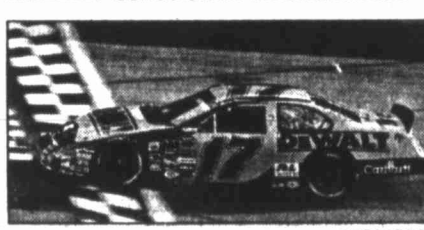
Feb. 17 Mark Martin wins the Trucks series Flex Fuel 250 race.



Feb. 24 Martin wins the Trucks series Racetickets.com 200 race.



Feb. 25 Greg Biffle wins the Busch series Slater Bros. 300 race.



Feb. 26 Matt Kenseth wins the Nextel Cup Auto Club 500 race.

personnel turnover, but it's been in situations where there was probably a time for a change, where people were ready for a new challenge."

That doesn't mean there haven't been some hiccups in the early going, however.

Biffle ran well in the Cup season opener at Daytona but was caught up in a late-race wreck. Last weekend, he was dominating the race at California but blew his engine late in the race.

Edwards had a miserable Speedweeks, getting caught up in wrecks in both the Busch and Cup races but rebounded at California with third-place finishes in both the Busch and Cup races.

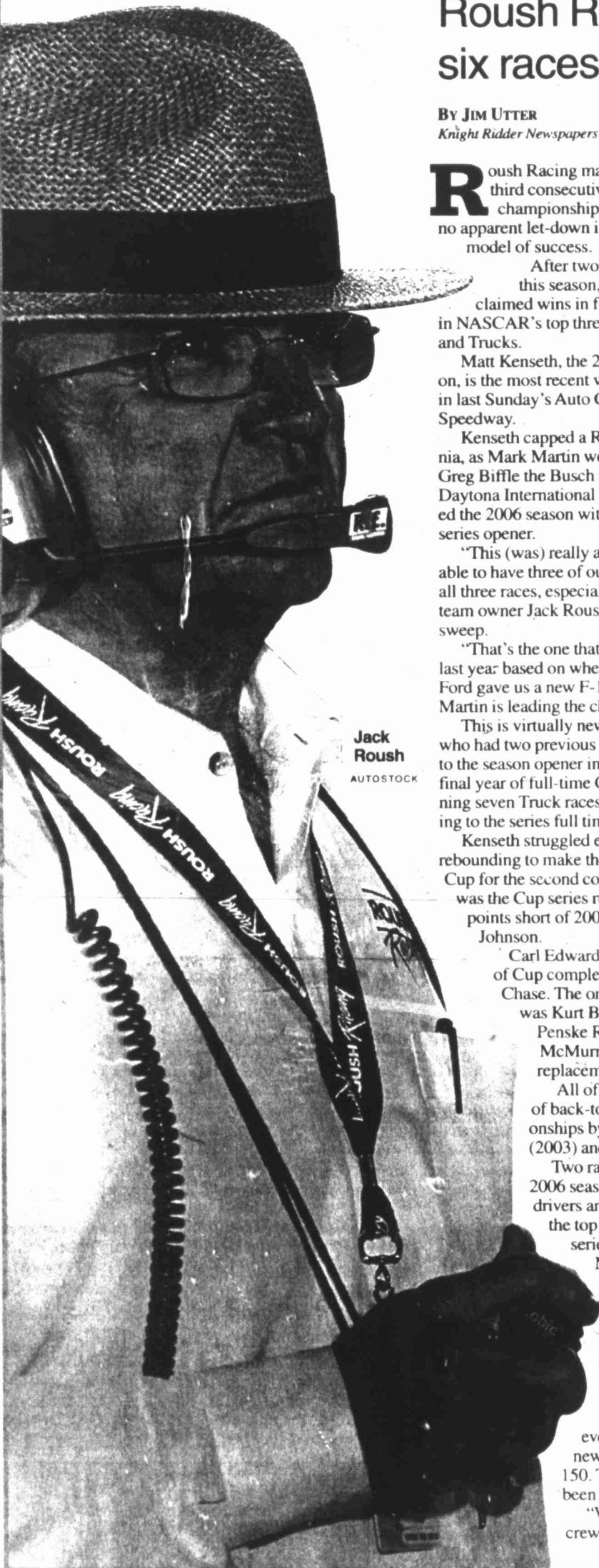
"I just couldn't believe that we started (the season) out like that. But I believe, if anything, it didn't get us down. It lit a fire under us a little bit," Edwards said. "I think it might have even been good for us in a way."

"I'm really proud of my team and everybody at Roush Racing. So many people patted me on the back and said, 'Don't worry, Mark Martin has started 40th in points and he's been able to make it.'"

9. Ryan Newman (car No. 12): Using an Intrepid was no cure-all for this team's woes at California. There's work to be done. Last week: 4.

10. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): No miracles yet, but fifth in points is not a bad place to be two races into the new season. Last week: 10.

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



Jack Roush
AUTOSTOCK

RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): First and second out of the gate in 2006, and he was the Las Vegas winner a year ago. Last week: 1.

2. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): He was there to inherit the win when Greg Biffle's strong car went bye-bye at California. Last week: 5.

3. Greg Biffle (car No. 16): Car was so strong so long on Sunday that the late engine problem can be forgiven. Last week: 3.

4. Tony Stewart (car No. 14): First time he hasn't finished a race since a blown engine at Texas in the seventh race of 2005. Last week: 2.

5. Mark Martin (car No. 6): There's no reason to think this team isn't as solid this year as it showed it could be last year. Last week: 7.

6. Carl Edwards (car No. 99): Nice recovery at California after last-place run at Daytona. He'll be a threat at Vegas. Last week: 8.

7. Casey Mears (car No. 42): The only driver other than Johnson to have top-10 finishes in both races so far this year. Last week: 9.

8. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): This team could've wound up a lot worse than 13th at California. The key is it didn't. Last week: 6.

NASCAR has 75 million fans? Don't believe the hype

All right, let's just go ahead and say it: NASCAR doesn't really have 75 million fans.

Now, will everybody please just shut up about it?

Several times this season, somebody has used that phony-baloney figure to either try to pump up NASCAR's position in the sports world or to try to knock it down.

Days before the Daytona 500, a reporter asked NASCAR chairman Brian France if the sport had 75 million fans, how come less than half of them could be counted on to watch the season's most important race on television?

France shuffled around the question. He knows the number is inflated, and so does everybody else.

It's spin, and you're not going to win a Pulitzer by simply pointing that out.

About five years ago, a marketing firm called IPSOS did a survey in con-

junction with The Associated Press.

In it, basically anybody who'd ever heard of NASCAR was counted as a fan, and that number extrapolated to 75 million.

If you want to see how advertising and marketing really work, type "NASCAR 75 million fans" into your favorite search engine.

You will get hits on dozens of stories and news releases spitting back that number, because NASCAR hands it out in its releases about its demographics.

Does that mean everybody who's ever used the 75 million number is lazy or a liar? No, it just means NASCAR does a very good job of getting its message to people who're thinking about doing business with them.

If the people lured into the NASCAR arena by numbers like that are so disenchanted by the reality they actually find after coming in, wouldn't the sport be in a lot more financial disarray than it is?

I bring all this up after looking at the crowd for the Auto Club 500 at California Speedway on

Sunday. Some track folks and local media were trying to see how high they could go in estimating attendance without getting completely hooded down by nonpartisans.

I don't, as a general rule, try to get into crowd estimates because I'm no good at it. But if California has 93,000 seats, as it says it does, then I'd say no more than 65,000 were occupied at any one time Sunday. Add another

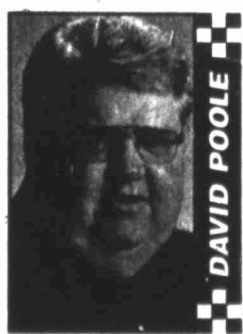
10,000 strewn about the infield and the rest of the grounds and the crowd might have gotten to 75,000.

The Feb. 19 broadcast of the Daytona 500 got an 11.3 television rating. That multiplies out to just more than 10 million television households, or about 37 million viewers.

That's not the Super Bowl and it's not "American Idol," but it's darn respectable.

If you figure that not everybody who wanted to watch the Daytona 500 could for one reason or another — some were undoubtedly listening to the radio, for instance — and that some of the people who were watching weren't doing so in their own household and therefore might not have been measured in the ratings, is it much of a stretch to say 50 million people were interested in the race to some significant degree?

Hype is only a problem if you let yourself fall for it.



DAVID POOLE

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

NASCAR held its biggest race of the year first, at Daytona, then put on a snoozer at California Speedway. For the third weekend, we're treated to a Busch series road race in Mexico City, albeit with more Nextel Cup drivers entered than you could whack with a stick. What do you think of NASCAR's scheduling?

Cast your vote at: www.thatstracin.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

What stands out when you consider NASCAR penalties and the company's interpretations of its own rules?

Number of votes: 12,020

Response	No. of votes	Percent
NASCAR shows favoritism to some teams and punishes others with rulings.	5,891	49%
NASCAR rulings generate controversy, which sells tickets and boosts ratings.	415	4%
Both of the above	3,178	26%
There really is no rhyme or reason to NASCAR's rules.	1,693	14%
None of the above. NASCAR tries to provide a level playing field for all teams.	843	7%

STOP 'N GO

WHO'S HOT

■ Mark Martin: He's running seven Truck series races this season, and he's already 2-for-2.

WHO'S NOT

■ Shane Hmiel: Owner of NASCAR's first lifetime ban for violation of its substance abuse policy.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

■ When motorsports media sit through racing like we saw last weekend at California, the cries of "fix the track" come quickly and often. There is another solution. Try: "Fix the racing." NASCAR is full speed ahead on the Car of Tomorrow and its ability to help sizzle up the competition. The question is, can the sport wait that long for it?

■ Tony Stewart says the media doesn't need to know everything about a driver's business. True enough. However, this answer came as Stewart was asked about his run-in with Matt Kenseth at Daytona. Don't like all the questions stemming from an on-track incident? Then keep your bumper off the other drivers' cars.

■ Not sure what to make of the Dodge complaints about the Charger and its nose. The top two finishing Dodges in last Sunday's race were Chargers, finishing far ahead of those who used the 2004 model Dodge based off the Intrepid.



Stewart

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Feb. 26:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Jimmie Johnson	355	21. Carl Edwards	199
2. Casey Mears	316	22. Tony Stewart	199
3. Matt Kenseth	308	23. J.J. Yeley	187
4. Kasey Kahne	295	24. Reed Sorenson	176
5. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	287	25. Kurt Busch	174
6. Mark Martin	275	26. Dave Blaney	170
7. Ryan Newman	273	27. Michael Waltrip	164
8. Clint Bowyer	271	28. Brent Sherman	152
9. Brian Vickers	260	29. Jeremy Mayfield	152
10. Elliott Sadler	259	30. Kevin Lepage	151
11. Dale Jarrett	246	31. Terry Labonte	148
12. Kyle Busch	233	32. Joe Nemechek	146
13. Martin Truex Jr.	233	33. David Stremme	143
14. Jeff Burton	227	34. Kyle Petty	134
15. Jeff Gordon	219	35. Jeff Green	128
16. Ken Schrader	217	36. Bobby Labonte	128
17. Robby Gordon	209	37. Sterling Marlin	128
18. Jamie McMurray	207	38. Greg Biffle	122
19. Kevin Harvick	202	39. Bill Elliott	111
20. Denny Hamlin	200	40. Scott Riggs	106

NEXT RACE: March 12, UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Feb. 25:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Kevin Harvick	302	11. Jason Keller	253
2. J.J. Yeley	293	12. Jason Leffler	247
3. Clint Bowyer	285	13. Jeff Burton	243
4. Jamie McMurray	275	14. Carl Edwards	216
5. Todd Kluever	273	15. Brian Vickers	210
6. Burney Lamar	270	16. Ashton Lewis	203
7. Jon Wood	269	17. Michael Waltrip	203
8. Reed Sorenson	268	18. Tim Sauter	194
9. Greg Biffle	265	19. Tony Stewart	185
10. Denny Hamlin	255	20. Kenny Wallace	185

NEXT RACE: Sunday, Telcel-Motorola 200, Mexico City

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of Feb. 24:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Mark Martin	380	6. Rick Crawford	280
2. Todd Bodine	350	7. Mike Skinner	282
3. Ted Musgrave	335	8. Erik Darnell	280
4. Jack Sprague	320	9. Johnny Benson	268
5. David Reutimann	303	10. Jon Wood	258

NEXT RACE: March 17, TBA, Hampton, Ga.

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By THOMAS JENKIN
Staff Writer

Howard County missioners got a lesson in the world integrated software week, as the court forced to cough up sands of dollars to update some say s be free of charge.

Commissioner approved a \$6,000 — to be provided by manufacturers of county's computer ware system, deemed Software Group — to grate the system with Live Scan fingerprint software recently chased by the Sheriff's Office through money.

Sheriff Dale V said the integration step in the right dir for the department there seems to be confusion between two software manufacturers as to whether Software Group should

Biker

By ANDREIA MEDL
Staff Writer

Imagine a child preferred abuse and/or ing day to day in a and pain. Law enforcement agency and do the best because of limited resources, the child fend for himself.

This is where Big Child Abuse hope gaps. Clad in leather motorcycles, into town like the

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