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# Citizens urged to take part in Trash-Off Saturday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

It's time to talk trash. Or, more to the point, time to pick it up as Keep Big Spring Beautiful and an array of local churches and organizations will join thousands of other groups across the Lone Star State Saturday for the annual Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off.

Local organizer and Keep Big

Spring Beautiful spokesperson Pat Simmons said the day-long clean up has drawn quite a bit of interest among local volunteer groups.

"There will be different groups and organizations that will be picking up trash in areas they have selected," said Simmons.

Those groups can pick up their trash bags at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce from 9 a.m. until

noon Friday.

"The Trash-Off is about community pride," said Simmons. "Our neighborhood and communities reflect our sense of pride in where we live and we don't want it to be trashed with litter. Let's work together to accomplish this on Saturday. We want to be a part by joining volunteers from all over Texas to clean up, green up and paint up on this special day."

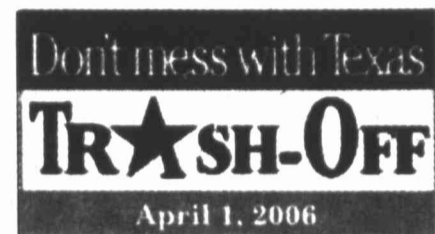
Simmons said the focus of the

day may be trash and litter, but that won't stop the Keep Big Spring Beautiful group from making it a day of fun.

Hot dogs will be served at the Heart of the City Park starting at noon, with drawings for prizes and gifts for children who participate.

"Bring your trash to the Park as we will have huge dumpsters for the trash," said Simmons.

"The trash is weighed and reported to Keep Texas



Beautiful. There will be a separate dumpster for the cans. We ask that you save the cans by placing them in a separate bag.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

This dump truck drops off a load of debris at the city's bonfire grounds during Coahoma's cleanup effort in December. The pile of materials — which now measure 100 feet long, 50 feet wide and 20 feet tall — will be used to fuel a bonfire Saturday at 7 p.m.

# Coahoma residents glad to see their hard work go up in smoke

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The city of Coahoma will celebrate the success of its ongoing effort to tear down dilapidated structures Saturday evening, as area residents and program volunteers gather to watch their hard work go up in smoke.

Literally. "All of the materials from the buildings we've torn down have been put into a big pile for a bonfire," said Mayor Bill Read. "That pile is about 100 feet long, 50 feet

wide and about 20 feet tall."

Read said the pile — which is located near 110 First St. — will be lighted at about 7 p.m., under the watchful eye of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, which will be pulling double duty during the celebration.

"We've partnered with the volunteer fire department to do this. They are there to keep the fire in hand, but they will also be cooking and serving hot dogs and drinks for those who come out to participate," said Read. "We're expecting quite a few people to be there and

*"We'll continue to work for the benefit of Coahoma and Howard County, to make things better."*

— Coahoma Mayor Bill Read

we'll have plenty of refreshments for everyone."

Nearly a half-dozen dilapidated structures were removed from the Coahoma skyline in December, as

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# Taxing times

*Businesses studying proposed tax structure*

By **APRIL CASTRO**  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — As the owner of his family's 28-year-old company, Kurt Summers is one of the few Texas businessmen who pay state business taxes.

The roughly \$8,000-a-year that he pays on Austin Generator Service is a tax that Gov. Rick Perry recently called "voluntary."

For years, lawmakers have been trying to fix the loophole-ridden franchise tax that most Texas businesses, including Dell and SBC, don't pay.

The latest attempt, endorsed Wednesday by Perry, will likely be the starting point for a 30-day special session on the issue set to begin next month.

Summers, who took over the north Austin business when his father retired in 2002, said he pays the tax because he feels "an obligation to do my part."

His hope for a new tax is that it would level the

## Tax proposal glance

### New sources of money:

- Restructured business tax: \$4 billion.
- State budget surplus: \$1 billion.
- \$1-per-pack increase on cigarette tax: \$800 million.
- Taxing auto sales based on a standardized vehicle value: \$75 million.
- New auditors in comptroller's office to help collect taxes: \$50-\$60 million.
- Total: \$5.9 billion.

### Property Tax Relief:

- Rate would go from a maximum \$1.50 per \$100 of property value to a maximum of \$1.30.
- Schools would receive enough state money to lower the rate to \$1.
- Total cost: \$5.9 billion.

Source: The Associated Press

playing field so that the 6 percent of companies that do pay will "no longer shoulder it by ourselves."

Under the new plan, See **TAXES**, Page 3A

# Hoops, Dreams and Goals tips off here Friday

Special to the Herald

West Texas Centers for MHMR will host its second annual Hoops, Dreams and Goals basketball tournament Friday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The tournament is a time for the consumers of West Texas Centers for MHMR to participate in their own version of the Final Four and celebrate March

as Mental Retardation Month.

The event, co-sponsored by The Howard County Arc, Howard College and West Texas Centers, is a premier event that recognizes and honors the many individuals and families that live with mental retardation on a daily basis.

Eight teams, complete with their own cheerleading squads, will compete in games and special events at the home of the



Smith

Howard College Hawks and Lady Hawks, said Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers CEO.

"Our tournament last year was one of the best days in our Center's history. We really had a great time and everyone walked away a winner," she said.

Team trophies, individual

medals and team most valuable player awards will be handed out along with a new "traveling spirit stick" award.

"The teams and local communities are very excited about the tournament and we have developed a new spirit stick award that the winner will get to proudly display in their area until the next tournament," Smith said.

The Howard College Hawk

cheerleading squad is slated to perform in the opening ceremonies and get the spirit filled day started. Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen will be on hand to officially declare March as Mental Retardation Month in Big Spring and special events such as free throw contests, dribbling relays and passing contests will be going on

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# BSHS sending 18 to regional academic meet

Herald Staff Report

Eighteen Big Spring High School students qualified in 21 events for the Class 4A Region University Interscholastic League Academic Contest.

Seventy-two BSHS students participated in the meet at UTPB in Odessa last Friday.

Although Big Spring did not have enough overall points to win the 2006 Academic Sweepstakes

Trophy, the Steer speech and debate team and journalism students both earned first-place team points, as did the school's one-act play cast and crew.

"This year's win is the fifth consecutive district title for both the speech and journalism team," said Leland Mallett, BSHS UIL academic coordinator.

It was also the second year in a row for the one-act play team to win district.

Big Spring has won the Region 1 academic title in 2004 and 2005, and placed 10th at state last year.

The regional meet is scheduled for April 22 at Angelo State University.

Prior to that, the Steer one-act play will perform in area competition April 7 in Snyder's Worsham Auditorium.

Among the top winners from Big Spring Friday were Will Shipman, first place in

current issues and informative speaking; Logan Wright, first in persuasive speaking and second in poetry interpretation; Alyssa Rains, first in feature writing; Nathan Booth, first in editorial writing and second in news writing; and James Bowen, first in headline writing. Others were Casey Moore, second in editorial writing; Michelle McMurtrey, second in fea-

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## Obituaries

### Greg Posey



Greg Posey, 44, of Big Spring died Monday, March 27, 2006, at his residence. Graveside funeral services are 2 p.m. Friday, March 31, 2006, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Russ Mullins, minister of the Coahoma Church of Christ, officiating.

He will lie in state Friday from 10 a.m. until service time.

He was born April 24, 1961, in Tucson, Ariz. He grew up and attended school in Big Spring and worked for Ameron, Inc., in Burkburnett before returning to Big Spring in 1994. He then worked for Solitaire Mobile Home Manufacturing.

Survivors include four sons, Chris Posey and Daniel Posey, both of Stanton, Bobby Posey of Abilene and Zack Posey of Coahoma; his parents, Bob and Cynthia Posey of Sahuarita, Ariz.; two brothers, Robert Posey of Tempe, Mich., and Everett Posey of Arlington; and two granddaughters.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

### Janice L. Cook



Janice L. Cook, 59, of Fort Worth died Saturday, March 25, 2006, at her home. Services are 3 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 2006, in Biggers Funeral Chapel in Fort Worth.

She was born in Monahans to Louis and Mildred Murphy Cook. She taught school in Rule, Plains, Big Spring, Coahoma, Abilene and Keller school districts, where she retired in January 2006.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father.

Survivors include her brothers, Kenneth Louis Cook Sr., and wife, Shirley of Odessa and Robert W. Cook and wife, Jessica of Spring; sister, Ruby Del Crim and husband, Keith of Clyde; several nieces and nephews and great-nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Odyssey Hospice Care, 1200 Summit Ave., No. 270, Fort Worth 76102; American Cancer Society, 3301 W. Freeway, Fort Worth 76107 or a charity of choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Biggers Funeral Home in Fort Worth.

## Take note

• **A BRISKET DINNER BENEFIT** for Willie Mendoza to help defray medical costs associated with a liver transplant starts at 2 p.m. Sunday. Plates are \$5 and may be ordered by calling Nora Valies at La Vadera, 267-2200; Mike Sanchez at 263-3589; or Manuel Ramirez at 263-0897.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE SPRING FLING** presents the USAF Band of the West "Top Flight" at 1 p.m. April 5 in the Dora Roberts Student Union Building. For more information, call 264-5011.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM PRESENTS JOHN-NIE LOU AVERY** at 6 p.m. today at the museum. In honor of Women's History Month, Avery will speak about the achievements of women in the development of aviation and World War II. For more information, call the museum at 264-1999.

• **AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT CITIZENS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION** for 21-month-old Madysyn Hillger, in care of her grandmother, Debra Hillger. Madysyn has been diagnosed with a rare neurological-genetic disorder, Rett Syndrome. Donations will be applied to travel, medical and lodging expenses. For more information, call 264-7340 or 816-1024.

• **A CELEBRATION OF AMERICAN MUSIC: GEORGE GERSHWIN'S "PORGY AND BESS"** with the Big Spring Symphony Chorus is scheduled for 8 p.m. April 8 in the Municipal Auditorium. For more information, contact Dr. Keith Graumann, symphony conductor, at 267-1626 or e-mail [Graumann@cox.net](mailto:Graumann@cox.net)

• **AARP TAX PREPARATION FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION** is at the Senior Center Monday from 8 a.m. until noon. The AARP program will wrap-up for the year April 10. Electronic filing will be available. For more information on the program, contact Gloria Hopkins at 267-6733.

• **FIFTH ANNUAL CITYWIDE EASTER EGG HUNT** is set for noon April 15 at the Birdwell Lane Park featuring an Easter bunny. Sponsorships are available. For more information, call Jennifer Patton at 432-263-6351 or e-mail [Jennifer.patton@kbyg.net](mailto:Jennifer.patton@kbyg.net).

• **KEEP BIG SPRING BEAUTIFUL FLEA MARKET** is 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. May 6 in the Big Spring Mall parking lot and booth space is available. Applications are available at the mall office or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 263-9231.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986 20th REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Kelly at 816-4540.

• **FORSAN EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ALL-CLASS REUNION** is Aug. 5. Names, addresses and class years for Forsan exes are needed. Submit information or pictures for a newsletter before June 15 to Ida Lou Raney, 5216 Dawson Dr., Big Spring or call 432 267-2414, Jimmy Anderson at 432 267-6143 or Opal

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## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today:

- **EDDIE RAY MULANAZ**, 31, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **KENNETH PAUL FLATT**, 46, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **WADE ALLEN BRYANT**, 43, was arrested on a charge of theft of service more than \$20 but less than \$500.
- **BILLY YANEZ**, 42, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.
- **RONALD LEE COX**, 49, was arrested on a judgment sentence of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.
- **RICHARD LEE OLIVAS**, 19, was arrested on a charge of family violence.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 2700 block of East 25th St.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 5500 block of Midway Road.
- **SUSPICIOUS SUSPECT** was reported in the 4900 block of Wasson Road.

## Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2800 block of Lawrence. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **STRUCTURE FIRE** was reported in the 2600 block of Ent. The fire was extinguished.

## 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.

• **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Stout at 325 574-2150, or e-mail [hiraney@crcom.net](mailto:hiraney@crcom.net).

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977** is gathering addresses for the 30th reunion. Mail contact information to Emily Boyd, 10817 Sandpiper Lane, Dallas or e-mail [emilyboyd1@aol.com](mailto:emilyboyd1@aol.com).

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES** to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.

• **HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS** with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

• **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

• **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

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## Bulletin board

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### TODAY

- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information, contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340 or Doyle and Virginia McClain at 263-8407.

### FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

### SATURDAY

- Texas Trash-Off.
- Eagles Lodge Area 3188 hosts the District 4 Convention. Registration begins at 10 a.m. for all old and new members. The lodge is located at 703 W. Third. For more information, call 263-6862.

### SUNDAY

- Daylight-saving time begins. Set clock forward one hour.
- Eagles Lodge Area 3188 hosts the District 4 Convention for all old and new members. The lodge is located at 703 W. Third. For more information, call 263-6862.

### MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

## Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Light and variable winds becoming southeast 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

Friday night...Increasing clouds. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-4-5-29-40. Bonus Ball: 17. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$21 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-8-13-15-24. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-8-2

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## Alon USA, Local 351 sign new contract

Herald Staff Report

Representatives from Alon USA and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 351 reached a four-year agreement this morning, averting a possible strike at the Big Spring Refinery.

Keith Imken, Alon USA general manager, human resources, said the parties signed the pact about 8:30 this morning. It includes wage increases, work rule changes and minor benefit changes, he said.

The current contract ends at midnight Friday and there had been some talk about a possible strike if an agreement could not be reached before then.

The new contract becomes effective April 1 and extends through March 31, 2010.

Members of the Local 351 workman's committee working on the agreement included chairman Rodney Moore, Joey Pate, Brian Scoggins, Gail Damgaard, Rolland Rose and Steve Newton.

Representing Alon USA were Imken, Ernie Morgan, operations manager; Randy Hillman, OMS, pipelines and terminals; Roddy Caffey, maintenance manager; and Jim Alexander, operations superintendent.

Also representing Local 351 were Randy Griffin, business manager, and Toby Turbett, business representative, both of Borger.

## Senators divided on whether illegal immigrants should leave and when

WASHINGTON (AP) — Should they stay or should they go, those 11 million illegal immigrants living in the United States?

While that question hangs over a Senate debate on border security and immigration, most senators agree on allowing undocumented workers to stay at least temporarily. The fight is over whether they should have to leave three years to six years down the road.

Even senators who oppose providing a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants are willing to grant them temporary legal status as long as they register with the government, pay fines and eventually leave.

"Our first obligation is to bring them out of the shadows, make sure we know who they are, why they're here, make sure we have a name and some kind of identification for them," Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said.

"Then there will be a period of time, whether it's three years or six years ... but they can continue to work here and at that point in time — that's where the debate is — do they have to go home or

are they put on some sort of path to citizenship?" Frist said.

President Bush reiterated support for a temporary worker program as he took off for a meeting in Mexico with host President Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Bush said workers should be given tamper-resistant identity cards and go to the back of the line when they seek citizenship.

"I think it makes sense to have a temporary worker program that says you're not an automatic citizen to help, one, enforce the border; and, two, uphold the decency of America," Bush said.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who has proposed allowing illegal immigrants earn a path to citizenship through work, was buoyed by Bush's comments.

"We should reject temporary status and required departure because they are bad for business," Kennedy said. "What do we gain if millions of immigrant workers who fuel our economy are required to spend weeks... waiting for permission to continue their work?"

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ture writing; Josh Acuff, second in Lincoln Douglas Debate; Braden Burchett, second in mathematics; Maurice Africh, second in persuasive speaking; Jessica Stone, second in social studies and third in science; Malle Carrasco, third in persuasive speaking; Matt Soto, third in literary criticism; and Steven Lucan, third in accounting.

District 4-4A Point Totals: Andrews 534, Big Spring 413, Frenship 224, Plainview 109, Lake View 107, Estacado 53.

Big Spring results Accounting: 2. Whitney Weir, 3. Steven Lucas. Current issues: 1. Will Shipman.

Editorial Writing: 1. Nathan Booth, 2. Casey Moore.

Feature Writing: 1. Alyssa Rains, 2. Michelle McMurtrey, 6. Lauren Sage.

Headline Writing: 1. James Bowen.

Informative Speaking: 1. Will Shipman, 4. Blake Roach, 5. Josh Acuff.

Lincoln Douglas Debate: 2. Josh Acuff.

Literary Criticism: 3. Matt Soto, 5. Brittainy Horton.

Mathematics: 2. Braden Burchett.

Number Sense: 5. Brandon Kinard, 6. Kade Parker.

News Writing: 2. Nathan Booth, 3. Taylor Parks, 4. James ...

Persuasive Speaking: 1. Logan Wright, 2. Maurice Africh, 3. Malle Carrasco.

Poetry Interpretation: 2. Logan Wright, 6. Carlita Green.

Prose Interpretation: 1. Rebekah Horton, 6. Malle Carrasco.

Ready Writing: 6. Jessica Stone.

Science: 3. Jessica Stone.

Social Studies: 2. Jessica Stone, 6. Kristina Morehead.

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### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Florine "Pete" Cobb, 87, died Monday. Graveside services were at 11:00 AM Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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## TRASH-OFF

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This is a fund-raiser for Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

While the day long event is volunteer driven, Simmons said many area residents can make a difference by simply taking a walk around their property.

"We need to clean up our town. Everyone should check their property for its appearance,

check the front and see if it appealing to the eye. Pick up a piece of trash, even if it is not yours. That's one less piece to fly around.

"Let's pull together to make this a wonderful event which reflects our community pride. We need schools, church groups, individuals, businesses, organizations plus our Adopt-a-Highway groups."

Simmons said she's excited about the Trash-Off and is eager to see the

impact it has on the community and the way many outsiders view it.

"It really makes a great impact on the community. I get more input from visitors and citizens in the different areas and it's great," said Simmons.

The Great American Cleanup is the nation's largest community improvement program. Last year 2.4 million Great American Cleanup volunteers collected a record breaking 208 million pounds of litter and

debris; planted 4.2 million flowers and bulbs; cleaned 176 miles or roads, streets and highways; and cleaned 10,250 miles of rivers, lakes and shorelines.

In 2006, the Great American Cleanup is expected to involve close to 2.5 million people volunteering more than 8 million hours to clean, beautify and improve 16,000 communities during 30,000 events from coast to coast in all 50 states. Activities will

include beautifying parks and recreation areas, cleaning seashores and waterways, handling recycling collections, picking up litter, planting trees and flowers, and conducting educational programs and litter-free events.

For more information on the trash off, contact Simmons at 263-4607.

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## TAXES

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Summers calculated that he would come out even after savings from an accompanying property tax cut.

"Those of us that have been paying the lion's share should definitely see some savings," said Summers, 47. "I don't think that's necessarily an equal and fair treatment."

In the last three years, lawmakers have repeatedly stumbled over how to structure a new business tax. They worried that proposals would not apply equally to different business structures. And business-friendly Republicans have been hesitant to levy a new business tax that could be harmful to job creation and economic growth.

Perry said this proposal

finally has "broken the code on how you get the capital-intensive companies and the high volume, low margin companies — the restaurateurs, the HEBS, supermarkets — into a system that treats them fair and equitably."

If adopted, the new structure would tax businesses at 1 percent of gross receipts, giving each company the option of deductions for either employee benefits such as salary and health care or cost of goods. Retailers would pay 0.5 percent. Businesses structured as a sole proprietorship or general partnership would be exempt.

For more than 80 years, the state's main business tax has been based on a company's net assets. It fell heavily on oil and gas companies, utilities and others with a lot of land and equipment. In the 1980s, companies success-

fully sued over the tax, forcing the Legislature to change it in 1991 by making it more like a corporate income tax.

Legal loopholes and a changing Texas economy have caused the tax to dwindle with age. What was once an oil- and agriculture-based economy is now more service-oriented.

This tax proposal recognizes that shift, Perry said.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," he told a crowd of reporters and business lobbyists Wednesday as he introduced the new plan.

Opposition from the state's high-powered business lobby contributed to lawmaker's past failures on the issue.

The state's two largest business groups are withholding criticism, but have not yet endorsed the plan.

"I would characterize it as a very serious proposal to deal with a real world problem and we're going to take a look at it," said Bill Hammond, president of the Texas Association of Business.

Will Newton, state director of the National Federation of Independent Business, said he has concerns — like what would prevent future lawmakers from raising the rate on businesses as a source of more state money during tough budget years.

"There is some concern, of course, on those details that are coming out," Newton said. "If it is a tax based on gross receipts, is there a mechanism that will ensure that if you're losing money during hard economic times, that you don't still have a tax liability?"

For Summers' business, which provides backup

electricity generators to hospitals and nursing homes, the current tax formula drops his tax liability when the company takes a loss. That's what happened the year following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

He worries that this plan would not allow for those tough economic times.

"We did see a decline in '02, it was a difficult year for us," he said. "We saw a sharp decline in revenue and therefore a sharp decline in the franchise tax."

"Trying to survive had that been the full burden of five- to 10-grand, it could have been the one straw that put us under."

The bill exempts company's with annual gross receipts of \$300,000 or less. Hammond estimates that would apply to about half of the businesses in Texas.

## CLEAN UP

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more than 50 volunteers — from high school students to construction companies — tore down five abandoned buildings, all part of the town's first-ever Trash-Off.

The project — which was the brainchild of the city's Rural Community

College Initiative (RCCI) — is a collective step in the right direction, according to Read.

"We're members of the RCCI effort, and we've been talking about cleaning up the town during those meetings," said Read. "It came to fruition back in November when we started putting people in place to get the job done."

"We'll continue to work for the benefit of Coahoma and Howard County, to make things better. We'd like to see some industry come into the county and have houses built to support that. This is a step in that direction."

And as the city and project volunteers get ready to celebrate one set of victories, Read said the effort

is still going strong.

"We're planning another work day similar to the one we had in December for April 25," said Read. "Things are going a little slower this time around because some of the property owners aren't as willing to help as last time, but we'll get the job done."

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throughout the day. The opening ceremonies will begin at 9 a.m. and tip-off is set for 9:30 a.m.

West Texas Centers for MHMR provides care for more than 2,200 people with mental retardation and mental illness and their families in 23 counties in West Texas.

The event is open to the public and everyone is

encouraged to come out and join in on the fun. If you would like to more information or would like to volunteer, contact Cindy Smith at 432 263-0007, ext. 256 or e-mail cindy.smith@wtcmhmr.org

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## OUR VIEWS

# Good luck, academic contestants

Although we're not about to apologize for being attracted to the stadium lights on fall Friday nights and ball fields during the summer, we'll admit we don't always give our academic students the credit they deserve.

Part of that is the nature of the "game," of course. Speech and debate contestants aren't cheered on by thousands of fans waving school banners and blowing air horns. No, their competitions take place in a totally different atmosphere, where "cheering" amounts to a wish of "good luck" from a fellow student, sponsor or a parent.

Still, we know that students involved in extracurricular academic activities put in hours that are as long and tedious as anyone who puts on shoulder pads or swings a tennis racket.

Needless to say — although we will — many of those students do both.

It's that time of the school year when many Crossroads area students are deeply involved in University Interscholastic League academic contests. Big Spring High School's cross examination debate team just completed state competition, for instance, while the one-act play cast and crew earned a spot to the area contest next week in Snyder. Meanwhile, 18 local students are getting set for the Region I Class 4A UIL Academic Contest later next month in San Angelo.

All will be going into competition with little fanfare — no bands playing, no cheerleaders and no mascots.

So, we'd like to take this moment to say "way to go, all you Steers, Bulldogs, Buffaloes, Wildcats, Bearcats and Mustangs." We're proud of who you are and what you do. We hope you attain the goals you have set before you and wish you the best.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we are blind to You, Lord, may our eyes be opened to Your word.

Amen

# Clearing the way for Hillary

There's good news for Hillary. Gore is out. Dubai is done. The rules are in her favor. The nomination would seem to be hers for the asking, but for one not-so-small problem. George Bush's war is hers, too, and it is the one storm cloud on the senator's 2008 horizon. In an odd twist, her fate is tied to the man she most vociferously opposes.

Al Gore wasn't about to beat Hillary for the Democratic nomination. The guy who went to Saudi Arabia to criticize America and who refused Bill Clinton's help in his own campaign would not have toppled the female frontrunner. But he would have made life more difficult for a lot of former Clinton-Gore types, who had worked for both of them, contributed to both of them and felt loyalty to both of them.

He would have made it a little harder for her to talk about "our" administration, and take credit for its accomplishments. In the end, Hillary generates much more passionate support than Gore. She would have out-raised him, out-organized him and out-pollled him, but it was a contest she didn't need, and a beating he clearly didn't want. Instead, the former vice president and presidential candidate has done the right thing, and announced that he isn't running for president in 2008.

That's one piece of good news for the senator from New York. Another was the decision by the powers that are in Dubai to cave rather than fight, and sell their U.S. port interests to an American entity. That issue needed to go away, even though it looked like a winner for Mrs. Clinton, because it positioned her on the opposite side of her husband, which is an extremely awkward position for both of them, and raised the uncomfortable question of how her husband earns his income, and how much the public has a right to know about it.

One of the New York tabloids is trumpeting the fact that Hillary is now on top, and that what hap-

pened with Dubai won't happen again because Hill, not Bill, is calling the shots. She's certainly the one in office, and she obviously decides where she stands. But don't believe everything you read. Hillary is no Al Gore. The most brilliant mind in American politics is not being sent into hibernation, as he was in 2000. Not even close. I don't care who carries the title, the campaign manager will be the man from Hope.

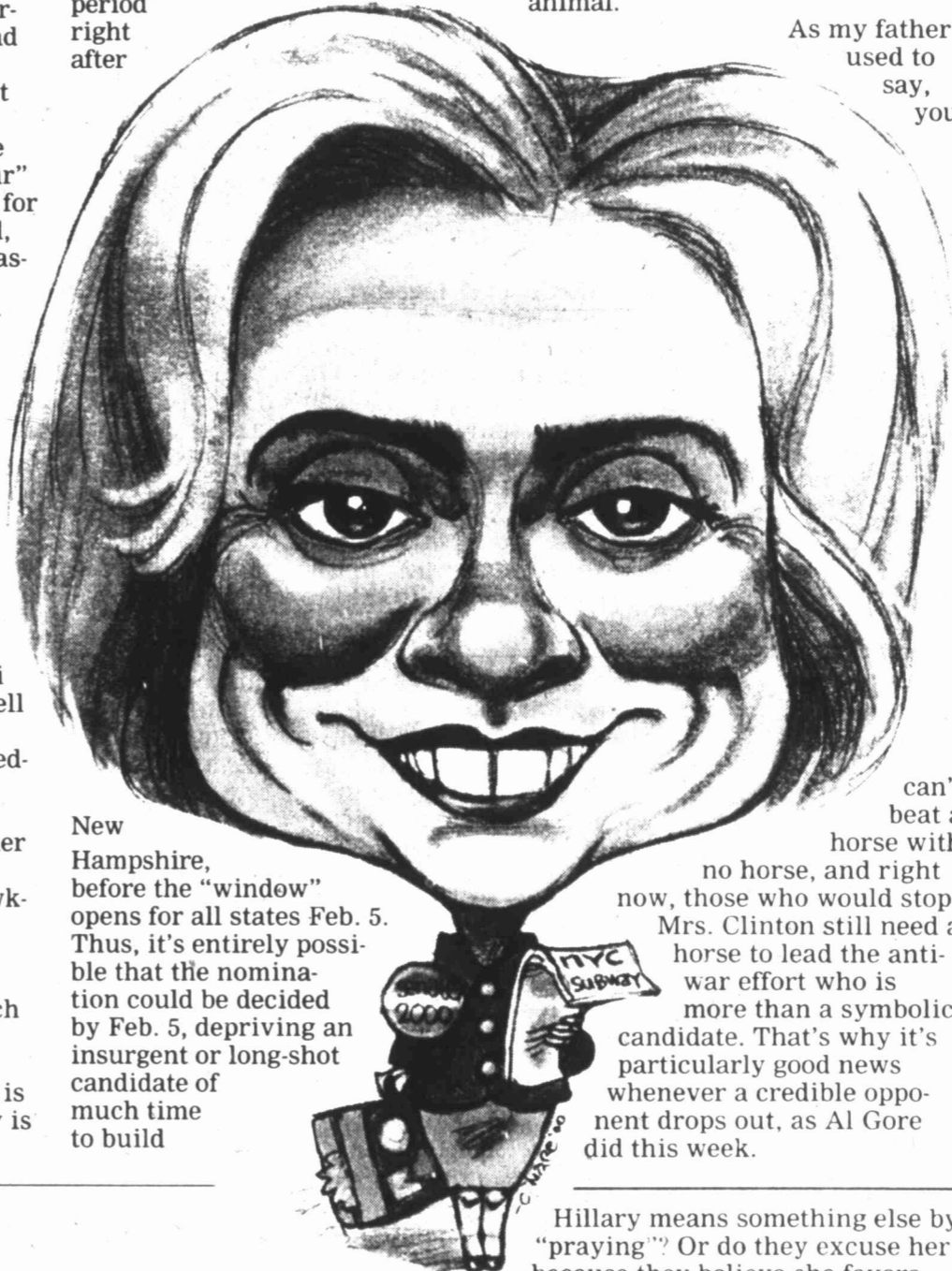
The process, as Democrats are now adjusting it, is also geared to favor Hillary. The latest commission on delegate selection has recommended that in addition to the first caucus in Iowa and the first primary in New Hampshire, one or two additional states will be allowed to hold caucuses between Iowa and New Hampshire, and one or two primaries will be added in the period right after

momentum and giving the advantage to the early frontrunner who can amass money and support in the year or two before the process begins. How do you spell Hillary?

There's just one problem with this scenario, and it's precisely the one George Bush faces. Grass-roots Democrats are increasingly united in their opposition to the war in Iraq. Hillary Clinton has criticized the president's conduct of the war, but she has insisted that America must complete its mission, whatever that is.

Her position puts her totally at odds with her constituency, particularly with the activists who dominate caucuses. It's a situation ripe for embarrassment — and what makes it particularly complicated for Mrs. Clinton is that changing her position will expose her to the already familiar charge that she is nothing but a political animal.

As my father used to say, you



New Hampshire, before the "window" opens for all states Feb. 5. Thus, it's entirely possible that the nomination could be decided by Feb. 5, depriving an insurgent or long-shot candidate of much time to build

can't beat a horse with no horse, and right now, those who would stop Mrs. Clinton still need a horse to lead the anti-war effort who is more than a symbolic candidate. That's why it's particularly good news whenever a credible opponent drops out, as Al Gore did this week.

# Hillary gets a free pass

Can someone please explain why Hillary and Bill Clinton always get a pass from the secular left when they invoke God in their public discourse? Why is Dan Quayle ridiculed for championing family values while Hillary is glorified as a dutiful disciple of evangelist John Wesley?

Do the God-mocking among us doubt the Clintons' sincerity and thus not perceive them to be a threat to their sacred church-state separation doctrine? Or could there be some other reason we don't see hysterical editorials when the power couple mention Jesus Christ, as when Hillary recently dragged Him and the Good Samaritan into the immigration debate?

Why is no one calling Hillary an "American Taliban"? Why don't the media pillory Hillary like they did John Ashcroft for saying, "We have no king but Jesus"? Shouldn't someone step forward and ask, "Can a deeply religious person be president?" like Tony Mauro, then of USA Today, inquired concerning Ashcroft: "Can a deeply religious person be attorney general?"

In 1992, Bill Clinton likened his Republican opponents to the Pharisees and the "sanctimonious money-changers" of the New Testament. In 1996, he received a glowing tribute from the media for ranking "near the top of the list of presidents who have talked comfortably about religion" — as if, all of a sudden, they deemed that a good thing. That same year, Hillary received kudos for urging her party to reclaim the mantle of family values. (Memo to the short-term memory challenged: The lib's nose-holding scramble to reconnect with "values voters" didn't

begin with their soul-searching group therapy in the aftermath of the 2004 presidential election.)

Of course, the journalists praising the Clintons were the same ones who defended Hillary against those lampooning her quasi-seances with Eleanor Roosevelt and her dabbling in other New Age concepts, such as Michael Lerner's "Politics of Meaning."

Aren't we witnessing a glaring double standard here? When the Clintons brandish the Bible, where is Maureen Dowd to warn of an impending theocracy? Why doesn't the *Washington Post's* E.J. Dionne vilify Hillary for "the exploitation of strong religious feelings" and using "religion as a wedge issue" like he did George W. Bush after the 2004 election?

Do you remember when Hillary, during a speech in Albany, N.Y., in January 2005, suggested that "religious and moral values" were important in combating teenage sex? Or how about her speech that same month in Boston to the National-Ten Point Leadership Foundation — a group that recommends faith-based remedies for gang criminality? There, after multiple references to God, including thanking Him for the Ten Point program and its workers, she said, "I've always been a praying person."

Why didn't anyone skewer her for that like they did President Bush for reportedly saying that when he was contemplating attacking Iraq he prayed "for the strength to do the Lord's will"? Do these now-silent critics presume



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While home growers can use soil testing equipment handy in the extension service agent on taking a soil sample.

"The best time to test is before planting," says an agronomist with New Agricultural Sciences who help you determine what to do to your soil, to keep y

Nourish your soil

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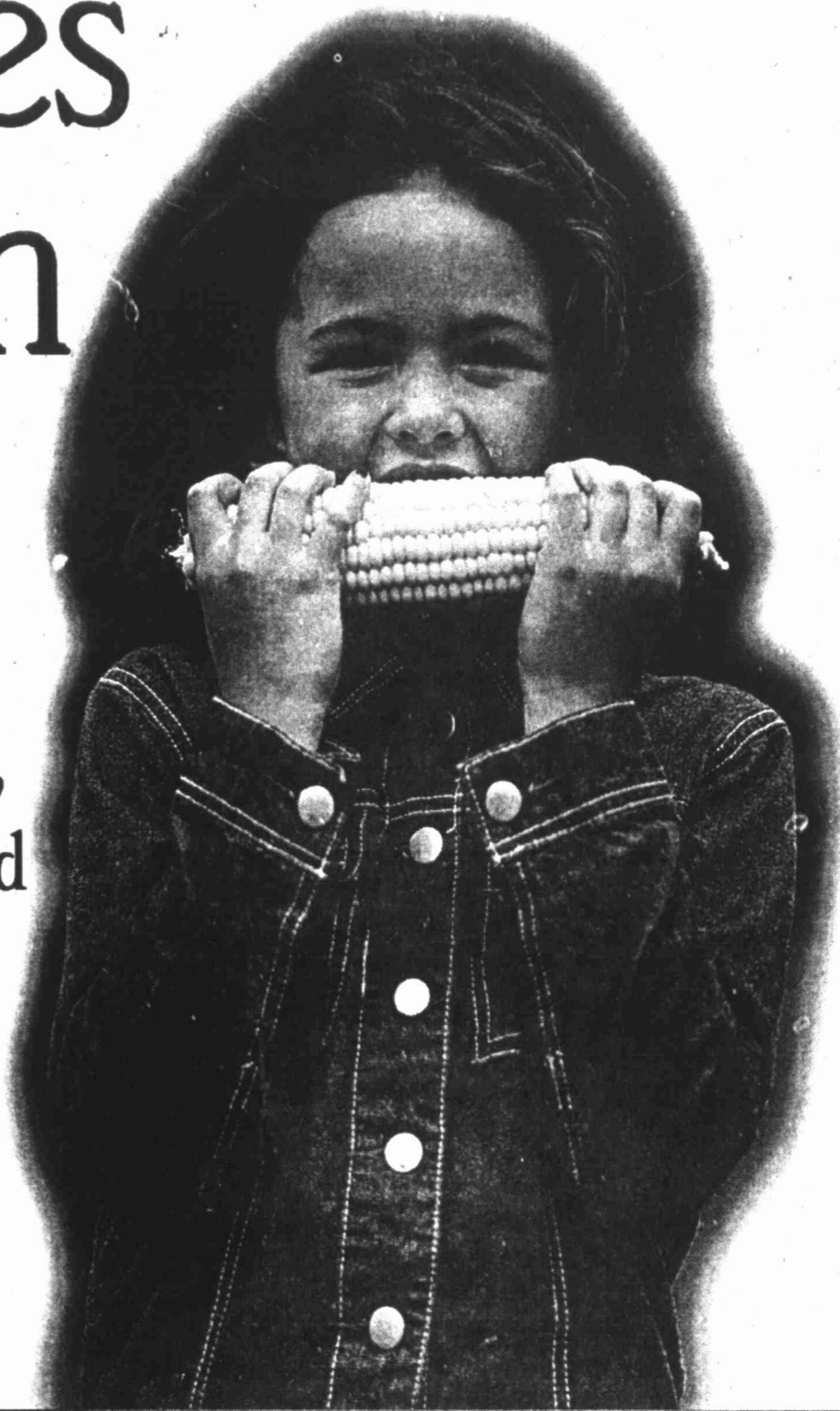
# How does your garden grow?

## Fertilizer facts for healthy soil, healthy plants and healthy food

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**G**rowing healthy, fresh vegetables in your backyard is easier said than done, right? Wrong.

Growing a bountiful garden is easier than you think. In fact, nearly half of the nation's homeowners grow vegetables for their dinner tables and to share with family and friends. Growing fresh vegetables for your family is as healthy as it is rewarding because the nutrients in vegetables provide vitamins and minerals that are essential to your good health.



### Before you plant, test your soil

Most farmers perform a soil test every few years to ensure their fields have the right balance of nutrients to produce healthy, high-yield crops. Home gardeners should also test their soil before planting to determine whether the soil has the proper nutrient balance to support a garden.

While home growers may not have proper testing equipment handy in the garden shed, a local cooperative extension service agent will be able to provide advice on taking a soil sample and conducting a soil test.

"The best time to obtain a soil test is six weeks before planting," says Dr. Robert Flynn, extension agronomist with New Mexico State University's Agricultural Science Center at Artesia. "That will help you determine what nutrients you need to add to your soil, to keep your garden healthy."

### Nourish your soil

Just as humans need vitamins to supplement their diets, soil needs fertilizer to help plants grow nutrient-rich produce. Fertilizers enrich soil with naturally occurring elements. Based on your soil test results, you can choose the perfect fertilizer for your soil conditions.

Organic matter, such as animal manure, contains many nutrients that plants need. However, organic materials alone seldom provide the proper balance of nutrients. Also, some organics have high levels of

carbon, which can temporarily tie up nitrogen in the soil, causing leaves to turn yellow.

"With organics, you don't always know the nutrient balance you're getting," says Flynn. "Commercial fertilizers are generally easier to use and allow for greater accuracy."

Commercial fertilizers are labeled with three numbers, which provide the proportion of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium — the three essential elements for plant growth. For example, a bag of fertilizer labeled 8-8-8 contains 8 percent each of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

When using organic fertilizers, high volumes of organic matter are required. For example, if an organic fertilizer has only 3 percent nitrogen and a commercial fertilizer has 21 percent nitrogen, you would need seven times the amount of organic fertilizer to meet the nutrient levels of commercial fertilizer.

"If you do decide to use organic material, keep in mind that it takes time to mineralize and become inorganic, a form plants can use, so timing of application is essential to ensure plants are provided with the proper nutrient balance when they need it most," says Flynn.

### Plant therapy

Select a garden plot that receives full sunlight — a healthy garden needs at least six hours of sun each day. The garden should be large enough to accommodate spreading and growth.

Fertilizer should be applied to the garden bed one week before planting, by distributing the recommended amount of fertilizer evenly over the growing area.

Apply water-soluble fertilizer three to six weeks after planting, depending on what the fertilizer instructions recommend.

Fertilizer should be applied more frequently when the plant is growing rapidly. At this stage, plants are removing high levels of nutrients from the soil to sustain their growth. To keep plants healthy, monitor your nutrient levels and replace the nutrients removed from the soil as needed.

"Think of the soil as a nutrient reservoir," says Flynn. "Fill the reservoir as it empties until it is balanced. Perform a soil test each year, eventually your soil will reach a balanced state."

## Beyond weeding and watering

Tips for long-term garden maintenance

### Fertilizer trouble-shooting

It's not uncommon for soil to need a little pick-me-up later in the growing season as your vegetables remove nutrients from the soil to grow. Healthy, thriving plants will resist insects, outgrow weeds and produce nutrient-rich crops. If your plants aren't receiving the proper nutrients, you'll know it.

- A plant with yellow leaves may lack nitrogen.
- A low produce yield may be due to a nitrogen deficiency.
- A plant with stunted growth and late maturity may lack potassium and/or phosphorus.
- A plant with a scorched appearance on leaves may lack potassium.
- A plant with purplish-colored leaves may lack phosphorus.
- A plant with a bruised, rotted appearance may lack calcium.
- Fruit and vegetables that do not ripen on time may lack phosphorus.
- A plant prone to wilting, and which does not seem to absorb water efficiently, may lack potassium.

### Long-term care

Want fresh veggies year after year? Keep these tips in mind for healthy produce each season.

- Perform a soil test annually until test levels reach medium high to high nutrient levels, to stock soil with the nutrients it needs.
- Rotate garden beds and plant positioning year after year. This will prevent disease build-up from affecting specific species.
- If you enjoy raising the same vegetables each year, grow a flowering plant, such as sweet peas, between crops. As growing the same plant will remove essential nutrients from the soil, rotate with a plant that requires different proportions of these nutrients.
- Plants requiring different nutrient levels can be placed together and can actually aid other plants, as they won't be competing for nutrients.

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## More affordable Toyota FJ Cruiser will keep off-roaders engaged, active

By ANN M. JOB

For The Associated Press  
Looking for something different to drive? How about a quirky-looking, new sport utility vehicle that's ready and waiting for spirited off-roading?

The 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser arriving in showrooms this spring won't be confused with today's popular crossover SUVs that are car-based and have mainstream styling.

Designed and engineered as Toyota's most credible off-roader, the five-passenger FJ has almost cartoonish styling, a surprisingly wide stance, a practical, easy-to-clean, rubber-type floor covering inside and an outer roof that comes in only one color — white.

The sixth SUV for Toyota showrooms, the V6-powered FJ has a starting a manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of \$22,315.

Price-wise, this puts it between the 2006 Toyota RAV4 small SUV, which starts at \$20,905 for a four-cylinder model, and the 2006 Highlander, which starts at \$25,135 for a four-cylinder model.

Expected to appeal to young, single, active guys, the high-riding FJ is likely to compete against strong-performing, rugged, off-road SUVs. These include the Jeep Wrangler, which starts at \$21,110 for a base,

2006 model with six-cylinder engine, and 2006 Hummer H3, which starts at \$29,500 with five-cylinder powerplant.

Indeed, the FJ's overall length and width are akin to that of Hummer's H3, but the FJ's engine has more horsepower and torque than both the H3 and Wrangler.

Does the name FJ Cruiser sound familiar? Since 1958, Toyota has sold Land Cruiser SUVs in the United States — some of them known by FJ model names. Even today, Toyota's Land Cruiser remains a brutish, capable vehicle, but with V8 power, comfortable accouterments and a starting price, including destination charge, of \$56,720, it's now the most expensive Toyota-badged SUV.

In contrast, the new FJ Cruiser is designed to offer authentic SUV capability at a new, more affordable price.

Wearing standard mud-and-snow-rated, 17-inch radial tires, the five-passenger test FJ 4X4 churned through mud at a steady pace, mounted boulders without hesitation and danced skillfully through big dirt moguls. It descended hilly dirt paths with the skill of a mountain goat.

The four-wheel drive system is part-time in models with the five-speed automatic transmission, so a driver

must engage all four wheels when needed. In the test vehicle with manual transmission, however, four-wheel drive was full time.

Drivers also can downshift into a low gear for difficult terrain and find wonderfully slow crawl ratios.

The on-road ride wasn't as truckish as I expected, but passengers do feel vibrations nearly all the time and the FJ shuddered noticeably when it rolled over potholes. On curves, I noticed a tippy feeling, and on uneven road surfaces on country roads, there was some bobbing up and down and bounciness in the ride.

But the interior was quieter than I expected, though at highway speeds the wind noise around the vehicle grows louder. I also heard the engine each time I pressed on the accelerator.

Well-parsed power comes from the FJ's 4-liter, double overhead cam V6 that generates 239 horsepower and 278 foot-pounds of torque at 3,700 rpm.

This compares with the 220-horsepower, 3.5-liter, inline five cylinder that's in the H3 and that produces a maximum 225 foot-pounds of torque at 2,800 rpm.

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Toyota FJ Cruiser

transmission, the test FJ had an estimated fuel economy rating of 16 miles a gallon in city driving and 19 mpg on the highway. This is similar to the rating for the H3 and also rivals the rating for a Toyota Tundra full-size pickup truck with V8 and two-wheel drive.

In addition, Toyota lists 91 octane gasoline as the FJ's required fuel, while the Wrangler and H3 use regular unleaded gas.

The quirky looks of the FJ belie a meaty, more than 4,000-pound vehicle with a solid-feeling structure. The platform is from the Land Cruiser Prado, a truckish vehicle that Toyota sells in other parts of the world.

Passengers must climb up to get into the FJ, whose headroom is an

astounding 40-plus inches. From the driver's seat, I looked down on cars and far ahead in traffic. I could even see that the sunroof in a Toyota Camry ahead of me was open.

But I wished the front passenger seat in the tester had height adjustment. At 5-foot-4, I found myself sitting too low there to feel comfortable. Indeed, my nose seemed to be just level with the top of the dashboard.

Still, the FJ's so-called "suicide doors" — side doors with rear, rather than front, hinges — closed with an impressive thud, not some loose, cheap sound.

In keeping with the lifestyle of rugged offroaders, the FJ floor is

a gray rubberized material, not carpet, and seat fabric is water-repellant.

Anti-lock brakes and stability control with traction control are standard. I wish that front seat-mounted airbags and curtain airbags were standard, too.

Hooks and tie-down points populate the rear cargo area, which is reached via a tailgate door that swings open to the left. This leaves a clear path for people walking up curbside to load items.

And the reason for the white roof? On the concept FJ vehicle shown at auto shows, this roof color was a popular feature for consumers.



Toyota FJ Cruiser

### Q&A

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Q. My wife brought our 2002 Land Rover Discovery with 58,000 miles to a CarMax store, where they offered her \$11,000 for it, noting that the vehicle was in good shape.

But they had a vehicle identical to ours on the lot with 59,000 miles, a no-haggle price of \$21,000 and a note that the book price was \$22,500. I was offended by the low-ball offer. What are your thoughts?

—P.A., St. Charles, Ill.

A. CarMax offers to buy consumers' cars, but not at retail value or what customers would expect to pay for them on the used-car lot.

Our thoughts? That you think you should have been offered the retail value of the car, not what was likely the wholesale price.

That figure allows the dealer to spend a few bucks to prepare the car for resale and make a profit.

Does it stand to make a hefty profit? Seems so,

providing it can sell the vehicle without investing a lot in repairs and providing it can sell the vehicle in a short period of time without having to lower the sticker to move it.

If you were offered retail value, what would the dealership have to charge to sell it? More than the going retail, which means it probably wouldn't sell the car. And if everyone came to the store to sell used vehicles at retail, how long would you expect the store to remain open?

## Regional meeting for sheep, goat raisers association set for April

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, along with the Sterling and Glasscock County Offices of Texas Cooperative Extension has scheduled a regional meeting at 6 p.m. April 18 in the Sterling County Community Center.

In addition to TS&GRA business, Dr. Rick Machen, extension livestock specialist

Uvalde, will provide a program on the National Animal Identification System.

Following the program, producers will have the opportunity to sign up for the program to receive their premise number if they desire.

The North American Hair Sheep Association and the First National Bank of Sterling City will

provide a meal and there is no charge for the event.

Organizers seek to provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities for this meeting.

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### IN BRIEF

**KBSB golf tourney announced for month of April**

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### Benefit scramble set at Comanche

A four-man scramble golf tournament help defray medical expenses for Will Mendoza is set for Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fee is \$20 per person, which will include a meal.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Charlie Mendoza at 267-7116 or Billy Pineda at 27116.

### HC rodeo team set annual crawfish boil

The Howard College rodeo team has announced its annual H-E-B crawfish boil will take place Saturday, April 29, the Howard County Rodeo Bowl at 2 p.m. before Howard College Rodeo activities take place.

The price for a crawfish boil ticket is \$5. Tickets can be purchased the day of the event or ahead of time by calling Howard head rodeo coach Greg Kernick at 4816-9477.

The Howard College rodeo will take place April 27-29.

### Coahoma PTA to host dodgeball tournament in April

The Coahoma P.T.A. will be hosting a dodgeball tournament as an elementary playground fund-raiser April 14-15.

The sign-up date for the event will take place April 14 at 6 p.m. in the junior high gym.

There are several age groups, but each team must consist of only eight to 10 players. The groups are broken into five different categories: second and third, fourth and fifth, sixth through eighth, ninth through 12th and adults, 18 and older who are not in school.

The cost for second through fifth grade is \$5 per person and each team is guaranteed five games. For other groups will be \$10 per person and guaranteed 10 games. For more information, contact Laura Neasa at 267-8660 or Neasa at 264-1662.

### B.S. Country Club sets golf scramble

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a three-person scramble golf tournament for Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, contact the country club at 432-267-5354.

## IN BRIEF

### KBSB golf tourney announced for month of April

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be hosting a golf tournament April 22 at the Big Spring Country Club. The tournament will start at 9 a.m. and cost \$60 per person. The tourney is a four-person scramble. For more information, contact the country club at 267-5354.

### Benefit scramble set at Comanche

A four-man scramble golf tournament to help defray medical expenses for Willie Mendoza is set for Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fee is \$20 per person, which will include a meal.

The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

For more information, contact Charille Mendoza at 267-7757 or Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

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## Lady Kats dominate competition at host meet

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
STANTON — The Garden City girl's golf team played host to a tournament Wednesday at the Phoenix Country Club in Stanton and the Lady Kats came away with a first place and fourth

place finish.

Garden City's top team scored a 428 and was 43 strokes ahead of second-place Grady. Loop was third with a 509 and the Lady Kats' second team scored a 517.

Kayla Medrano was the top Garden City golfer

and she also won the meet with a 100. Erin Hirt (109), Brooke Halfmann (109), Amy Multer (110) and Mikela Barton (110) all placed in the top seven as well. Hirt, Halfmann and Multer finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively, while Barton fin-

ished seventh. Ashlee Schwartz and Whitney Kellmermeier each shot a 138.

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## Stanton's Smith wins local meet

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Sports Editor  
Stanton senior Savannah Smith shot an 88 Wednesday at the Coahoma Invitational and took home first place for her efforts in the girl's division, while the best local boy finisher was Stanton's Justin Hinajosa.

Both of Stanton's No. 1 teams on the boys and girls side also placed high in the team standings. The girl's team, led by Smith, placed second overall with a 413 and was just four strokes behind winner Rankin. The second Stanton girl's team placed sixth with a score of 504.

The top Buffalo boy's team came in sixth out of 16 teams as Stanton scored a 355.

Midland Christian won the boys team title, while Rankin was second, Anson fourth and two Robert Lee teams were third and fifth, respectively.

The meet featured 16 boy's teams — including Stanton, Forsan and Coahoma — and six girl's teams.

Smith won the meet by bettering the second best golfer — Rankin's Andrea Aguilar — by five strokes. Rankin's Dana Feathers was third with a 101 and Rankin's Kylee Self was fifth.

The Lady Buffaloes top team also consisted of Brittani Garza (107), Samantha Portillo (108), Mallory Cotton (110) and Bonnie Kendall (122).

The second team was led by Mercedes Gonzales' 123. Joddi Brisenio shot a 125 and Belyna Hull and Naomi Delao added a 127 and 129, respectively.

Coahoma did not have enough golfers for a team, but three participated in

the tourney. Jaci Martinez shot a 111, while Tori Paige and Bethany Shivers added a 120 and 137, respectively.

Forsan's Shiloh Sanders shot a 111.

Hinajosa's 81 was good enough to tie for fifth. Jason Martinez of Rankin won the meet with a 75, while Matt Phillips of Midland Christian shot a 77.

Rankin's Zane Graves shot an 80 and took third, Colorado City's Nick Edwards shot an 80 and finished fourth and Robert Lee's Kevin Honse matched Hinajosa's 81.

Stanton's No. 1 team was led by senior Sean Smith and Forsan was led by Mark McKiski. Smith shot an 84, while McKiski turned in an 86. Coahoma's top boy's golfer was Matthew Taylor as he finished with a 95.

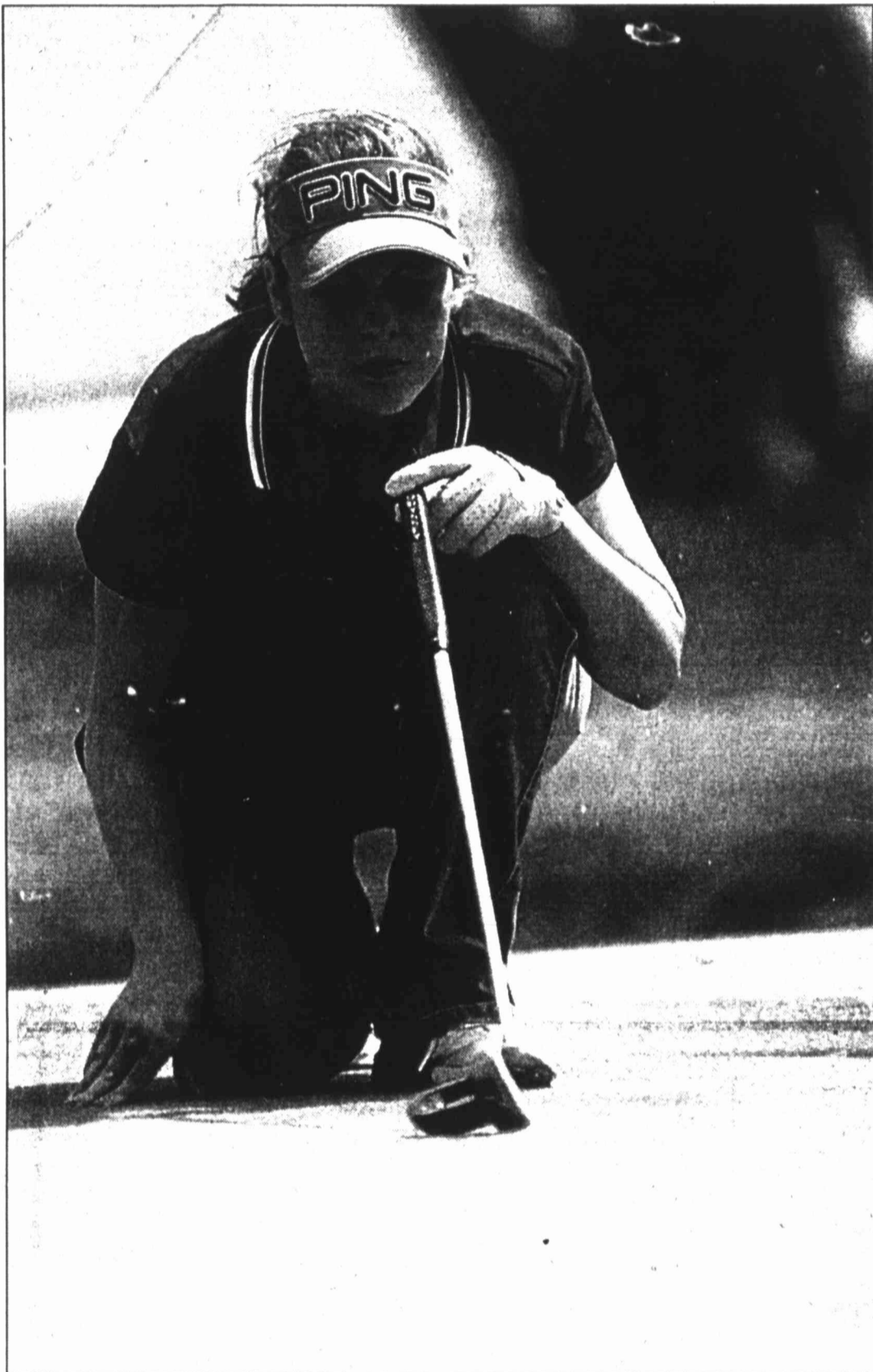
Matthew Ruiz, a senior from Stanton, shot an 86, Jeovani Vela added a 90 for the Buffaloes and Marcus Arguello and Eric Ramos scored a 95 and 106, respectively.

Joe Benny Bryand led Stanton's second with an 89. Stephen Reyes also topped 100 with a 96.

After McKiski came senior Tye Baker for Forsan. He shot an 88 and helped lead the Buffs to a 10th place finish. Forsan shot a 378 overall and missed ninth place by one shot.

Clint Hobbs shot a 100, Justin Epley added a 104 and Rick Bailey closed out Forsan's top five with a 109.

Coahoma's top team placed 13th overall. After Taylor's 95, came Curt Lang and Mikey Mendoza's 96. Terrell Bibb shot a 97 and Blaine Henderson added a 106. The Bulldogs' No. 2 team



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Stanton's Savannah Smith gets a closer look at the No. 9 green Wednesday at the Coahoma Invitational. Smith won the girl's side of the golf tournament after shooting an 88. The Lady Buffaloes' top team finished second.

came in 16th place with a score of 433. Matt Earhart shot a 100 to lead the way, while Ryan Walker added a 106, Garrett Walker shot a 112, Regan New finished with a 115 and Colter Morgan a 119.

Other individual medal-

ists included Stanton's Freddy Erives (103) and Coahoma's Casey Kilpatrick (113) and Justin Ditto (117).

Coahoma and Stanton will golf in the District 4-2A meet in Baird this coming Wednesday. The

second round of the tournament will be played at Comanche Trail Golf Course April 10.

The first round of Forsan's district meet will take place in San Angelo Monday. The meet finishes in Baird April 10.



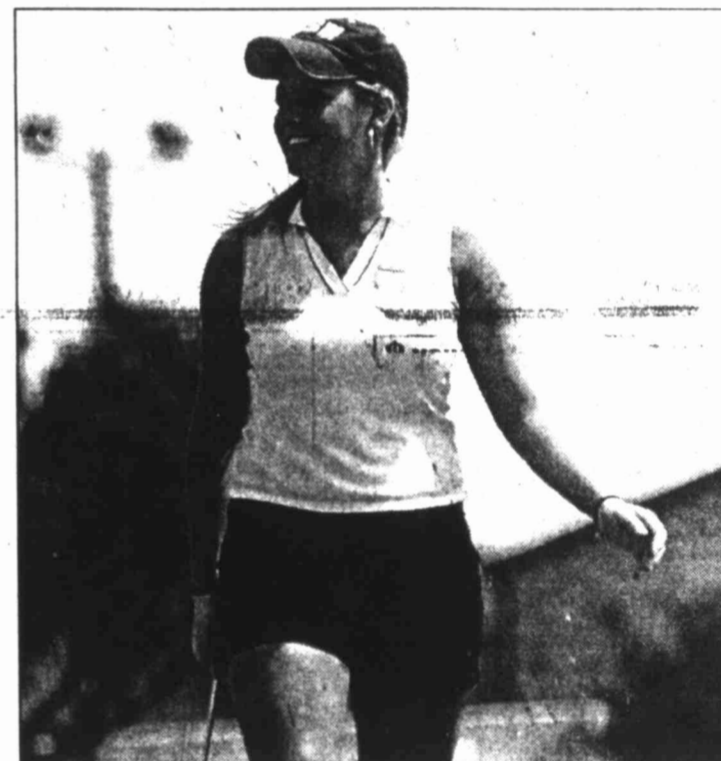
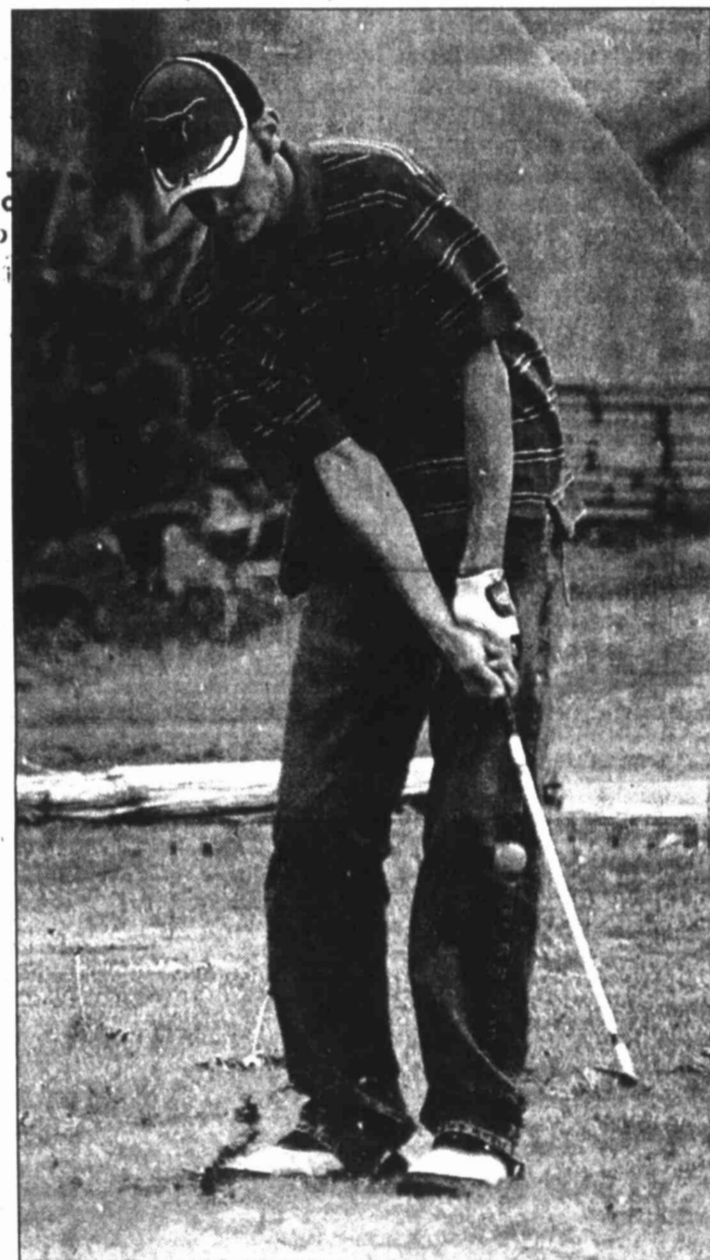
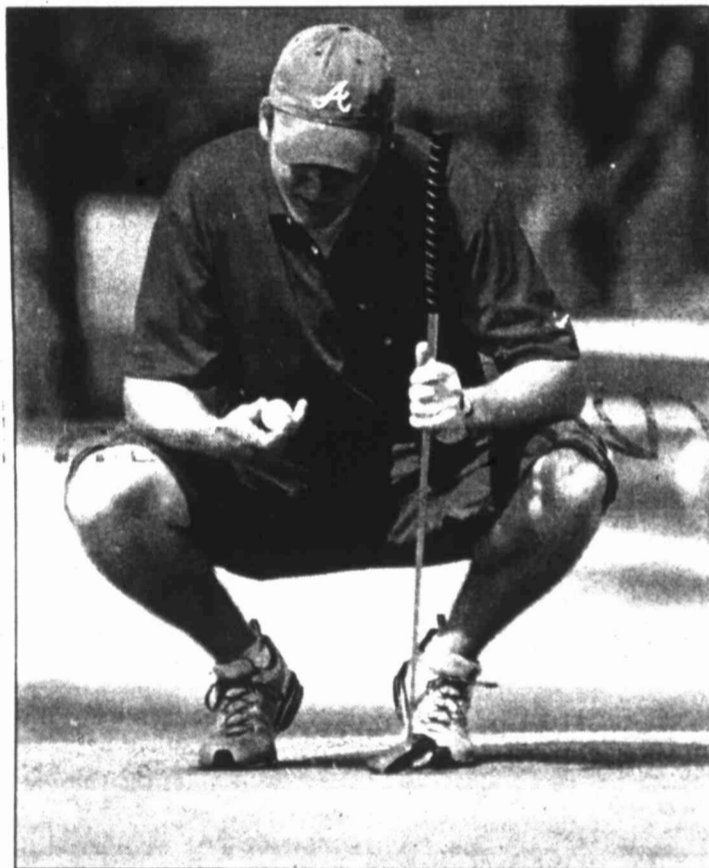
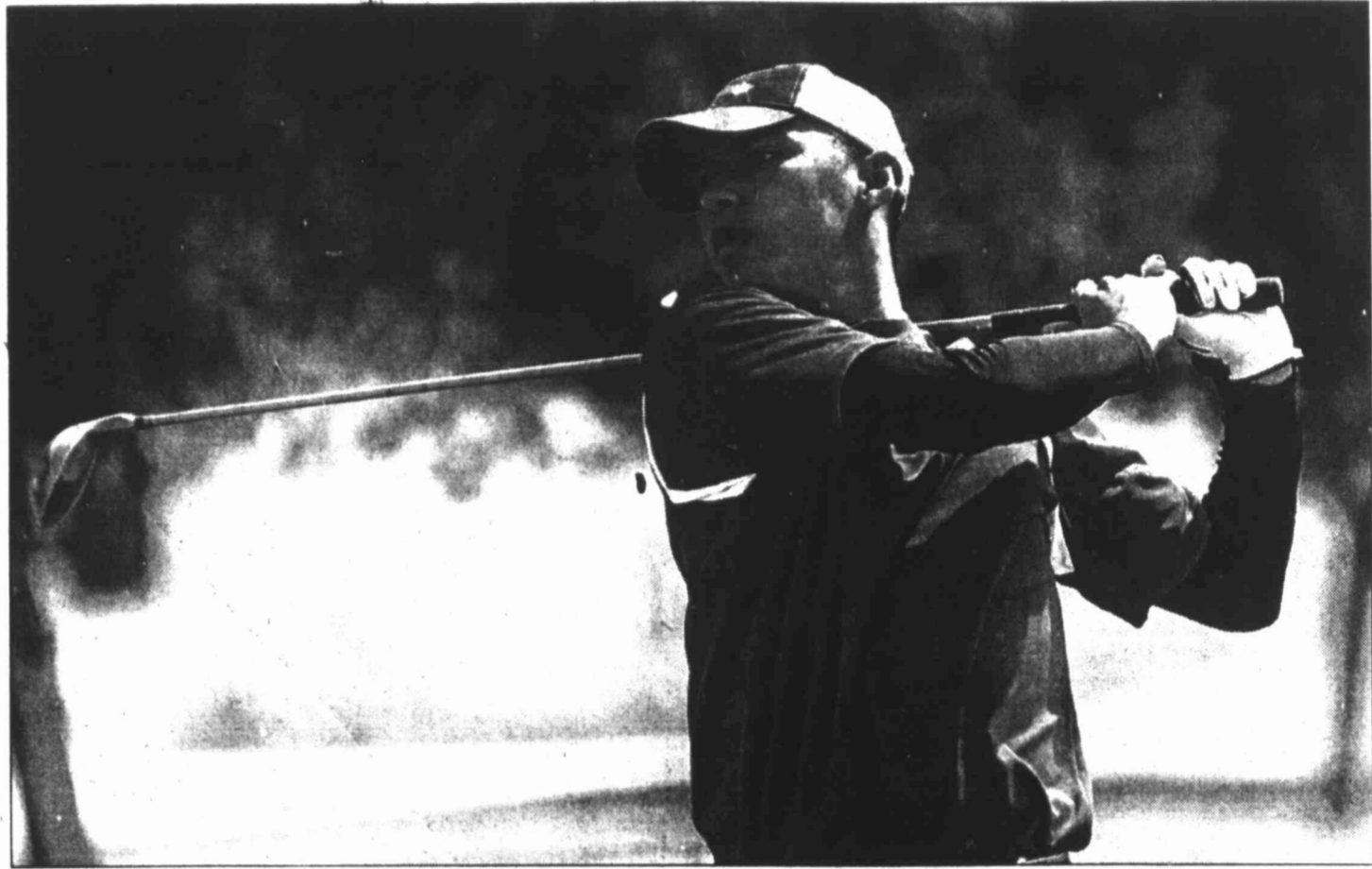
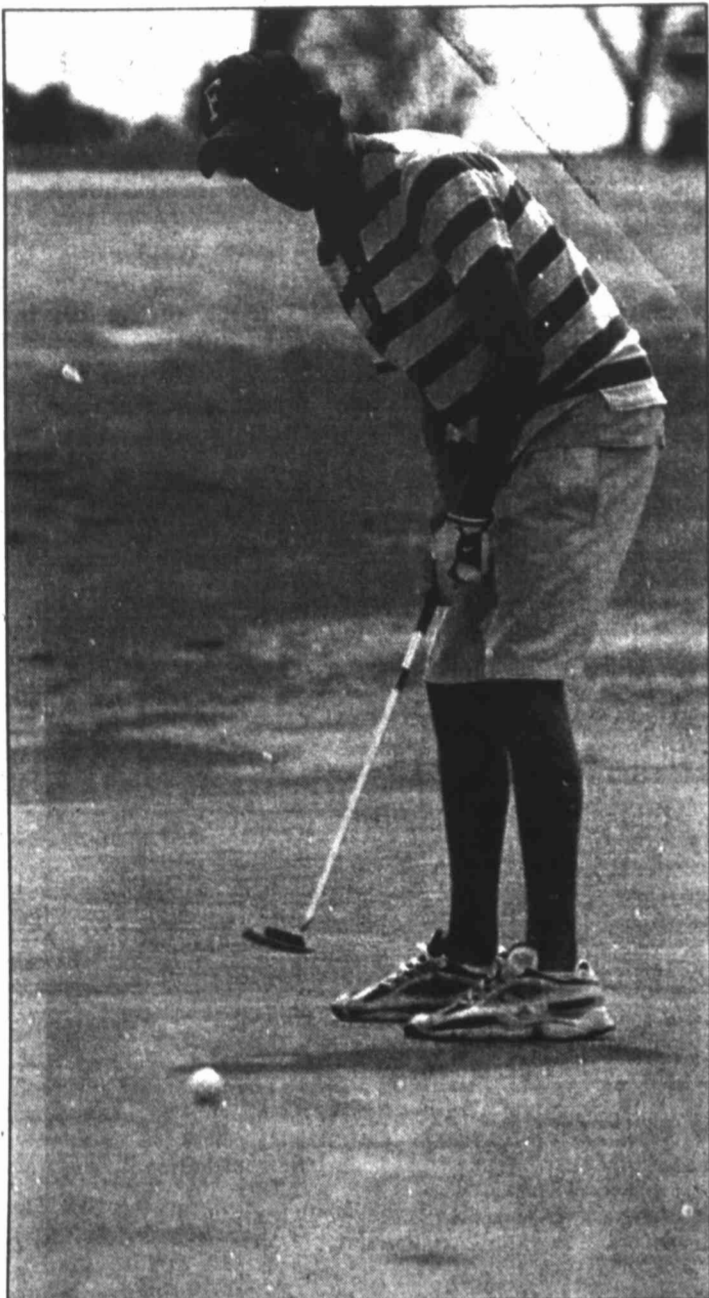
Courtesy photo/Shirley Lee  
Howard College sophomore Charles Burgess, right, shakes the hand of state Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, Tuesday during a congratulatory ceremony at Howard College for the men's basketball team. The Hawks placed fifth in the national tournament last week in Hutchinson, Kan. Burgess will play basketball at Texas Tech next season.

### Big Spring Junior High Track Results @Levelland

8th Grade — 2nd Place with 125 points  
Shot: Lauren Porras 25-5 (2nd), Kami Davis 24-0 (6th)  
Discus: Lauren Porras 58-9.5 (4th), Alex Ortega 57-7.5 (5th)  
High Jump: Macy Graves 4-8 (1st), Halee Thomas 4-0 (5th)  
Triple Jump: Iesha Simpson 30-1.5 (1st)  
Long Jump: Iesha Simpson 14-11 (1st)  
2,400-meter run: Vicki Conner 11:31 (4th), Whitney Gonzales 12:45 (6th)  
800-meter run: Anjelica Doport 3:18 (5th)  
100-meter hurdles: Halee Thomas :20.43 (1st), Emily Key :21.22 (3rd)  
100-meter dash: Iesha Simpson :13.7 (1st)  
800-meter relay: Halee Thomas, Emily Key, Marissa Zavala, Tawnya Glover 2:17.28 (3rd)  
400-meter dash: Marissa Zavala 1:15.88 (5th)  
300-meter hurdles: Anjelica Doport 1:06.72 (4th), Tami Rainwater 1:17.05 (5th)  
200-meter dash: Iesha Simpson :28.66 (1st)  
1,600-meter run: Vicki Conner 7:36 (5th), Bernadette Cruz 8:36 (6th)  
1,600-meter relay: Anjelica Doport, Marissa Zavala, Tami Rainwater, Iesha Simpson 6:06 (3rd)

7th Grade — 3rd Place with 88 points  
Shot: Taniela Stephenson 23-7 (2nd)  
Discus: Lirz Rodriguez 51-9 (2nd), Megan McElroy 48-9.5 (4th)  
High Jump: Ashlie Aaron 4-0 (6th)  
Triple Jump: Alesha Yanez 23-0.5 (6th)  
Long Jump: Ashlie Aaron 11-10.5 (4th), Alesha Yanez 11-8 (5th)  
800-meter run: Kaitlyn O'Brien 3:15 (6th)  
100-meter hurdles: Chanel Cuvellio :20.28 (4th)  
100-meter dash: Desiree Anderson :13.9 (2nd), Kaylesha Lang :14.56 (3rd), Kell Valle :15.40 (6th)  
400-meter dash: Holly Kennedy 1:13.94 (4th)  
300-meter hurdles: Chanel Cuvellio 1:00.52 (4th), Marisol Canzo 1:03.31 (5th), Deshly Currie 1:04.44 (6th)  
200-meter dash: Gabby Fierro :31.44 (1st), Kaylesha Lang :31.61 (3rd)  
1,600-meter relay: Gabby Fierro, Desiree Anderson, Alesha Yanez, Kaitlyn O'Brien 2:14.50 (3rd)

# COAHOMA GOLF INVITATIONAL



HERALD photos/Troy Hyde

Three local schools — Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton — participated in the Coahoma Invitational golf tournament Wednesday at Comanche Trall Golf Course. Clockwise from above: 1) Coahoma senior Terrell Bibb gets ready to putt on No. 9; 2) Forsan's Mark McKiski watches his ball as it approaches the hole after a putt; 3-4) Stanton seniors Matthew Ruiz and Marcus Arguello tee off on No. 10; 5) Forsan senior Shiloh Sanders smiles after sinking a long putt on No. 9; 6) Forsan junior Rick Bailey hits a chip shot from behind the No. 9 green. Stanton senior Savannah Smith won the girl's portion of the tournament with an 88. The Stanton girl's top team took second.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
The morning moon is void, of course, inspiring lackadaisical behavior. It could very well be that rest is more productive than work anyway. All is not lost. Production starts up again when the Taurus moon takes over this afternoon. Baby steps will get you to the goal, eventually. With Aries' influences overhead, it sure is hard to be patient!

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). A breakthrough is imminent. Clouds lift and birds begin to sing. Actually, they were always singing, but you just didn't hear them. Now, you can fully appreciate what you've been missing.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're especially fortunate today. You have an ability to uplift any situation with grace and charm. Tonight, put your depth of experience to work for you in a social setting.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June

21). Yours is the most entertaining story around the proverbial "water cooler" — maybe because it's so much better than a rehash of someone else's gossip. You're a true original, and you'll make others laugh.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You'll solve your problem brilliantly. To do so, you must rise above the kind of thinking you were doing when you created it. (If you still don't think your problems are self-created, that's the biggest problem of all!)

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). The person who causes you to be spontaneous and lively is a dear friend, indeed! The one who makes you feel like you just got run over by a Mack truck may also be a dear friend, but he is a dear friend to avoid today.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're a master of your time and energy. Feeling and being in control is a great pleasure. However, tonight, you'll have more fun by relinquishing the reigns to a fire sign (Aries, Leo or Sagittarius).

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Consider that someone you are trying to please may not really know how to be happy. This person throws obstacles in the path to guarantee his or her stay in a comfortable state of misery.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Opportunities are never lost. Someone will take the ones you miss. This is true this morning, so keep your eyes peeled. This evening, spend some time with a good influence.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your work doesn't seem to be producing what you need or want for yourself right now. But you can be assured that your way of doing a fine job makes the world a better place. Rewards are just around the corner.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A family member presents an old challenge. Don't react in the same old way and you will find new peace. Be the poster child for kindness and resilience. You deserve the respect you'll get.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be visiting new people and places. A small gift goes far to smooth the social path ahead of you. However, if you can't bring one, an affectionate smile, an assuring look or a kind word is gift enough.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You are capable of great endurance. Be careful not to endure the impossible. It's all right to walk away when things don't work out. No one need be blamed. Sunny days lie ahead.

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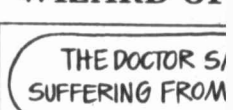


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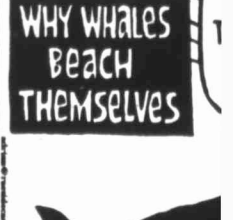
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"I'VE LEARNED TO SEPARATE MY LAUNDRY INTO LIGHTS, DARKS AND DENNIS."

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**

"...Then after your junior year in high school, you get to be a senior citizen."

**HAGAR**

"THIS IS THE FOURTH NIGHT IN A ROW YOU'VE BEEN HERE, HAGAR..."

"DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOUR WIFE ANGRY?"

"NAW! YOU JUST HAVE TO SHOW THEM WHO'S BOSS!"

"SHE'S VISITING HER MOTHER"

**BLONDIE**

"I CAN'T WORK WHEN YOU LOOK OVER MY SHOULDER"

"I CAN'T WORK WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING OVER YOUR SHOULDER EITHER"

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WHERE A CORD OF WOOD MEETS ITS MATCH

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THE DOCTOR SAYS YOU'RE SUFFERING FROM MALNUTRITION

WHAT DOES HE RECOMMEND?

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**This Date In History**

Today is Thursday, March 30, the 89th day of 2006. There are 276 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

Twenty-five years ago, on March 30, 1981, President Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington hotel by John W. Hinckley Jr. Also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, a Secret Service agent and a District of Columbia police officer.

On this date:

In 1822, Florida became a United States territory.

In 1842, Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Ga., first used ether as an anesthetic during a minor operation.

In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal roundly ridiculed as "Seward's Folly."

In 1870, the 15th amend-

ment to the Constitution, giving black men the right to vote, was declared in effect.

In 1870, Texas was readmitted to the Union.

In 1945, the Soviet Union invaded Austria during World War II.

In 1964, John Glenn withdrew from the Ohio race for U.S. Senate because of injuries suffered in a fall.

In 1979, Airey Neave, a leading member of the British parliament, was killed by a bomb planted by the Irish National Liberation Army.

In 2002, the Queen Mother Elizabeth of England died in her sleep at Royal Lodge, Windsor, outside London; she was 101 years old.

One year ago: Under heavy protection, First Lady Laura Bush visited the capital of Afghanistan, where she talked with Afghan women freed from Taliban repression and urged greater rights. The Supreme Court ruled that federal law allows people 40 and over to file age bias claims over salary and hiring even if employers never intended any harm.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Frankie Laine is 93. Actor

Richard Dysart is 77. Game show host Peter Marshall is 76. Actor-director Warren Beatty is 69. Rock musician Graeme Edge (The Moody Blues) is 65. Rock musician Eric Clapton is 61. Actor Robbie Coltrane is 56. Actor Paul Reiser is 49. Rap artist MC Hammer is 43. Singer Tracy Chapman is 42. Singer Celine Dion is 38. Actor Mark Consuelos is 35. Singer Norah Jones is 27.

Thought for Today: "As I see it, in this country (America) — a land of the most persistent idealism and the blindest cynicism — the race is on between the decadence and its vitality." — Alistair Cooke, British-born American journalist and broadcaster (1908-2004).

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**AGNES**

HEY! I JUST HAD A THOUGHT...

BEST LEAVE THERE.

SPEAK A THOUGHT, IT BECOMES A TALK, AND TALK IS FREE GAME FOR ALL MANNER OF CONDEMNATION, JUDGMENT, CRITICISM AND EVEN FEDERAL PROSECUTION!

YIKES! JUST WHAT DO YOU HAVE GOING ON IN THERE?

DON'T TEMPT ME, YOU TALKER!

**HI AND LOIS**

YOU GOT STRAIGHT A'S. BIG DEAL

GETTING GOOD GRADES ISN'T EVERYTHING

YOU'RE RIGHT

IT'S JUST ONE MORE THING I DO BETTER THAN YOU.

**THE OTHER COAST**

WHY WHALES BEACH THEMSELVES

RATS. ANOTHER TWO FEET, AND WE'D HAVE NAILED THOSE PLASTICS-DISCARDING, POLLUTING TWO-LEGGED FREAKS.

**SNUFFY SMITH**

AIN'T YOU SCARED OF WALKIN' HOME AT NIGHT ALL BY YORE-SELF, JUGHAID?

NAW, I AIN'T AFRAID OF BEIN' ALONE AFTER DARK!!

ONLY TROUBLE IS I AIN'T ALONE!!

HOWL!!

GRRR!!

SCREECH!!

**BETLE BAILEY**

HOW DID YOU LIKE MY REPORT, SIR?

IT'S A LITTLE HARD TO KNOW WHAT YOU HAD IN MIND HERE

BUT IT'S SURE EASY TO KNOW WHAT YOU HAD FOR LUNCH!

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1 Outline

6 Upper edge

10 Nile biters

14 Spoof

15 Uncommon

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17 "Moving right..."

18 Airport-counter name

19 Right away

20 Doesn't deal with

23 Looks good (with)

24 Affected, in a way

25 Polecat relatives

29 Perseverance

31 Online bidding mecca

32 Chimney coating

33 Granola bit

36 "It's not only my fault"

41 Compass pt.

42 Like a D.C. office

43 Commits a hockey infraction

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45 Without a goal

48 "Farewell, François"

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60 Have the courage

61 Pie fruit

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1 Mild tiff

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6 Orthodoxist's offering

7 Great reviews

8 Eye part

9 Flat land formation

10 Distribute by type

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12 Unskilled laborers

13 Annie's dog

21 Statement reverser

22 Blues singer Bonnie

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26 Israeli diplomat

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## Returning to form?

### Earnhardt Jr. pleased with team's early season performance

By JIM UTTER  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

That sound you're hearing from legions of Budweiser-red-wearing fans each week can only mean one thing — Dale Earnhardt Jr. is back in championship-contending form. Or is he?

It's likely too early for a definite answer to that question, but based on performance alone in the first four races of the 2006 Nextel Cup Series season, he certainly appears headed in the right direction.

Earnhardt Jr. and four-time Cup champion Jeff Gordon — two of NASCAR's biggest stars — both missed the Chase for the Nextel Cup last season.

After four races — including a season's best third at Atlanta last weekend — Earnhardt Jr.'s average finish is 12.25. His team has gotten off to a better start only once before in 2004.

In 2004, Earnhardt Jr. won two of the season's first four races and had an average finish of 10.5. He went on to qualify for the inaugural Chase.

"This has been a good start to the season. Our cars are better, the people are better, the attitudes are better, everything is just better," Earnhardt Jr. said.

"I think the cars are driving better this year than they were in '04. That was a great season, but we definitely had our problem tracks, and when it was bad, it was really bad.

"We've been to two of those problem tracks already this year (California and Las Vegas), and we were a top-15 car each time."

A late-race pit road call for four tires over two gave Earnhardt Jr. an 11th-place finish at California, and he was running in the top 15 late at Las Vegas until he was penalized for speeding on pit road during a late-race caution and finished 27th.

Regardless, Earnhardt Jr. finds himself seventh in points entering Sunday's Food City 500 at Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway — one of the driver's favorite tracks.

He has finished in the top 10 in each of



Dale Earnhardt Jr. is in seventh place in the NASCAR Nextel Cup points standings.

his last three Bristol races, including a victory in the 2004 Sharpie 500. In his last eight races there, he has six top 10s, has led 707 laps and has an average finish of 7.1.

"The thing about Bristol is you can be really good but still caught up in a wreck. That's probably the main concern. Even if you're the leader, it's hard to miss wrecks sometimes because of all the lapped traffic," Earnhardt Jr. said.

"That's just Bristol. You can't take a break at any time. The moment you think you're doing good, it'll jump up and deal you a nasty blow."

Although he's run near the front the season's first three races, Earnhardt Jr. was particularly impressed with his team's third place at Atlanta, especially since he had to battle from the rear of field after experiencing tire problems twice during the race.

"The top five (finish) gives us momentum. We were happy with the way we ran at California and Vegas, but it didn't really give us momentum like a top five does," he said.

"Obviously, I'm really happy with the way we performed at Atlanta, especially given the setbacks during the race. But I'd be lying if I said I didn't expect it. Atlanta has always been a good track for us, just like Bristol has always been pretty good for us."

"We're excited about the schedule coming up, and I think we'll be getting a lot

After the first four races of the season, Earnhardt Jr. has earned an average finish of 12.25. He enters Bristol Motor Speedway with three straight top-10 finishes at the track.

more top fives and — hopefully — wins." If so, the number and the volume of the red-clad fans in the stands is sure to grow.

JAMIE SQUIRE FOR NASCAR

### IS HE BACK?

Comparison of Earnhardt Jr.'s start to last season and this season:

Race	2005		2006	
	Start	Finish	Start	Finish
Daytona	5th	3rd	7th	8th
California	40th	32nd	18th	11th
Las Vegas	34th	42nd	42nd	27th
Atlanta	35th	24th	26th	3rd

monality there. Last week: 9.

3. Mark Martin (car No. 6): This team just keeps banging on victory's door, it seems, weekend after weekend. Last week: 4.

4. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): Two flat tires and he still made it back to 13th at Atlanta. This team looks solid, too. Last week: 2.

5. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): Back-to-back top-five finishes at 1.5-mile tracks has got to encourage this team.

Last week: 5.

6. Tony Stewart (car No. 20): Looked like the 2005 model of Tony Stewart with a patient top-five run at Atlanta. Last week: 6.

7. Casey Mears (car No. 42): Very ordinary in 21st-place finish at Atlanta, but an off week didn't turn into a disaster. Last week: 3.

8. Kyle Busch (car No. 5): Battled through some challenges to get a top 15 at Atlanta. Needs a clean run at

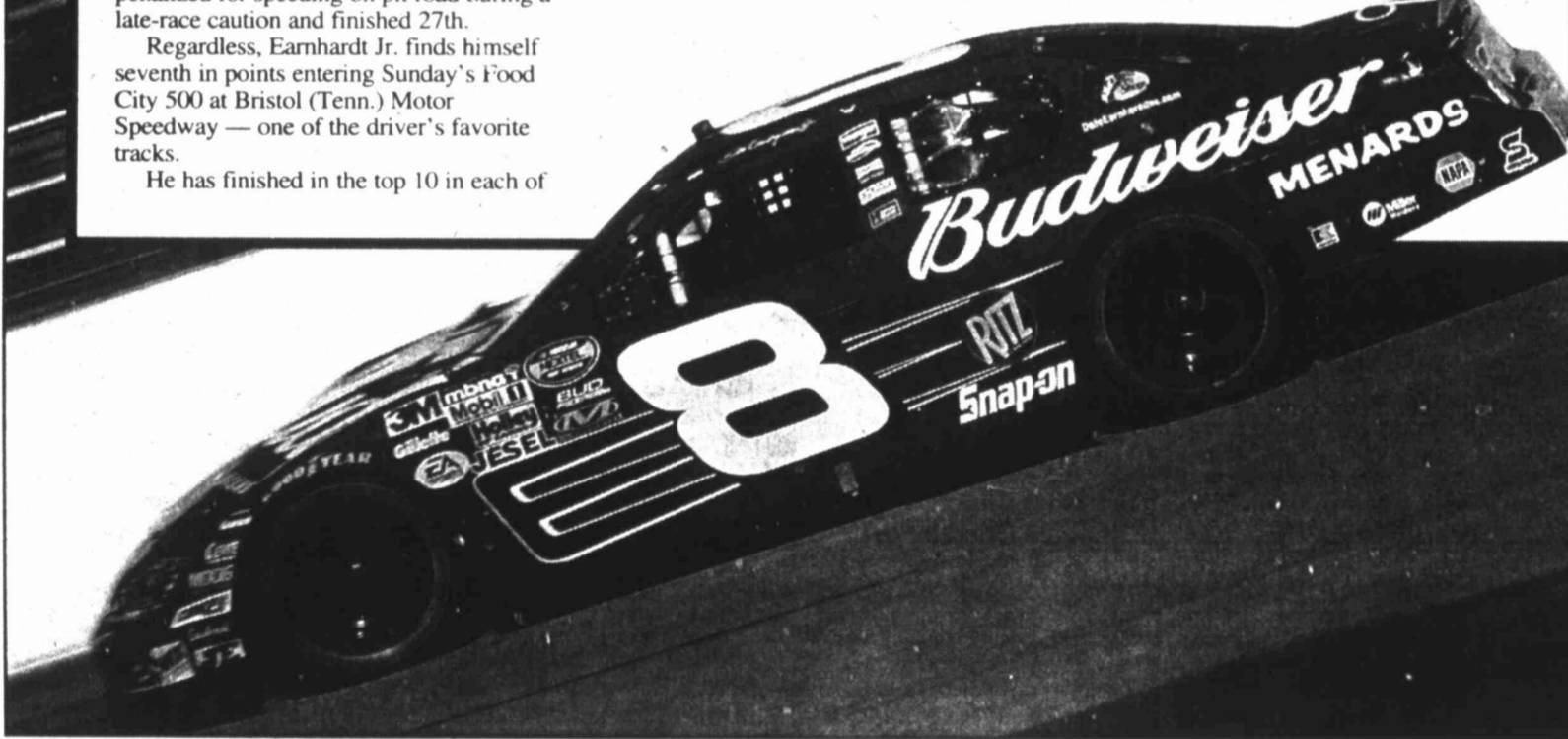
Bristol. Last week: 8.

9. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): Things are looking up as this team is off to a solid start. May be a threat this weekend. Last week: 12.

10. Greg Biffle (car No. 16): Team keeps leading laps but hasn't finished off any of those good runs yet this year. Last week: 7.



For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit [www.thatracin.com](http://www.thatracin.com).



### RANKINGS

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

1. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): Sixth-place finish at Atlanta? Clearly, Darian Grubb has lost his touch. Bring back Chad Knaus. Last week: 1.

2. Kasey Kahne (car No. 9): Running well in the Cup and the Busch series. There may be a com-

### Rain delay allows reflection on Hamilton's health

In some ways, it's fitting that NASCAR's weather luck ran out on the same weekend that Bobby Hamilton told everyone he's beginning cancer treatments.

For the first time since April 7, 2002, at Texas Motor Speedway, a Nextel Cup race did not at least begin on its scheduled day as rain pushed the Golden Corral 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway back to Monday.

Atlanta also was the site of the most recent Cup race that stopped one day and resumed the next when in October 2003 Jeff Gordon won a race completed on Monday after rain interrupted.

Last Thursday night, as the NASCAR circus gathered around the 1.54-mile track, Hamilton and his team held a cockpit outside his

motor home, parked so that it overlooked Turn 1.

As they ate barbecue and swapped stories, the subject of Monday races, ironically, came up.

Hamilton won four races in his Nextel Cup career, and two of them came in races delayed until Monday. The first was at Rockingham in the fall of 1997 and the second was the following April at Martinsville.

He raced in last week's NASCAR Truck race at Atlanta, finishing 12th, just hours after walking into the media center and telling everyone about his diagnosis. It would be his last race, he said, but only for a while.

"I'm not quitting," Hamilton said. "I'm not that weak."

Hamilton is one of those guys who doesn't take himself too seriously,



Last week, veteran racer Bobby Hamilton announced he has cancer.

and goodness racing could use a lot more of those. But cancer, of course, is a very serious thing. Hamilton knows he has a serious fight on his hands.

And he's ready to get to it. Monday, as the Cup teams gathered again at Atlanta to race, Hamilton headed to Vanderbilt University's hospital to start treat-

ment to fight the cancer that was discovered in his neck when he noticed the swelling wouldn't go down after he'd had wisdom teeth removed late last year.

At the team cookout last Thursday, nobody talked of chemotherapy or cancer. Hamilton was too busy swapping stories and enjoying the company.

Until last week, Hamilton had told only a few people about his diagnosis. In a sport where secrets usually spread faster than a stain on a new shirt, the news surprised virtually everyone. There was little time to react before another race weekend began to unfold.

So the silver lining in Sunday's clouds was that they provided a moment's pause and a chance to say good luck to a good man.

Here's to Bobby Hamilton. May there be only blue skies and sunshine in his forecast.

### THIS WEEK'S RACE

#### FOOD CITY 500

Where: Bristol Motor Speedway, a highly banked 0.533-mile concrete oval located in Bristol, Tenn.

When: Sunday at 2:10 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 3:40 p.m. Friday.

TV: Fox.

Radio: Performance Racing Network.

Purse: \$5,426,071.

Last year's winner: Kevin Harvick.

Worth mentioning: Dale Earnhardt Jr. has three straight top-10 finishes at Bristol, the longest current streak. He has eight top-15 finishes in his last nine races at Bristol.

Jeff Burton is the only driver with top-10 starts in all four races this season.

Jeff Gordon moved into the top 10 in points after Las Vegas for the first time since Bristol last August ending a 14-race absence, the longest of his career.

### POLL POSITION

#### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

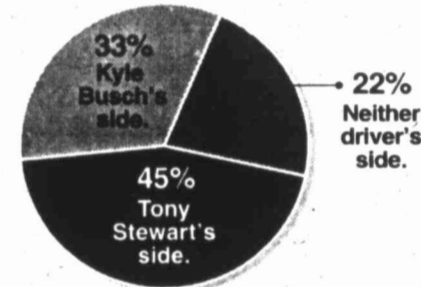
When and where do you expect Dale Earnhardt Jr. to score his next victory in NASCAR's top series?

Cast your vote at: [www.thatracin.com](http://www.thatracin.com)

#### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

If you had to pick sides in the Kyle Busch-Tony Stewart row, which side would you choose?

Number of votes: 12,332



### STOP 'N GO

#### RANDOM THOUGHTS

Say what you will about rookies, but this year's Nextel Cup class seems to be backing up the preseason hype. At least one of the rookies has finished in the top 10 in every race this season. Clint Bowyer has the best finish of the group, a sixth at Daytona.

In the "no one has noticed" category for \$100: Dale Jarrett is ninth in points and has top-10 finishes in two of the four races so far.

This week should go a long way in determining if Casey Mears will be a legitimate contender this season. Mears, fifth in points, has finished 21st or worse in all six races at Bristol.



Jarrett

— Jim Utter

### BY THE NUMBERS

#### NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of March 20:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Jimmie Johnson	690	21. Greg Biffle	394
2. Kasey Kahne	640	22. Joe Nemechek	382
3. Matt Kenseth	612	23. Kevin Harvick	378
4. Mark Martin	600	24. Kyle Petty	357
5. Casey Mears	554	25. Reed Sorenson	353
6. Jeff Gordon	539	26. Ken Schrader	348
7. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	534	27. Kurt Busch	346
8. Kyle Busch	530	28. Terry Labonte	346
9. Dale Jarrett	490	29. Michael Waltrip	330
10. Clint Bowyer	471	30. Carl Edwards	327
11. Jeff Burton	466	31. Jeff Green	322
12. Tony Stewart	464	32. Scott Riggs	315
13. Elliott Sadler	461	33. Dave Blaney	307
14. Brian Vickers	456	34. Jeremy Mayfield	280
15. Martin Truex Jr.	442	35. David Stremme	271
16. Jamie McMurray	422	36. Brent Sherman	268
17. Ryan Newman	421	37. Kevin Lepage	266
18. J.J. Yeley	417	38. Bobby Labonte	245
19. Robby Gordon	415	39. Sterling Marlin	244
20. Denny Hamlin	409	40. Scott Wimmer	186

#### BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of March 18:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Kevin Harvick	772	11. Johnny Sauter	577
2. J.J. Yeley	755	12. Ashton Lewis	568
3. Jamie McMurray	698	13. Jason Keller	559
4. Clint Bowyer	664	14. Paul Menard	558
5. Denny Hamlin	649	15. Todd Kuever	549
6. Jason Leffler	639	16. Reed Sorenson	544
7. Carl Edwards	614	17. Mark McFarland	488
8. Bumpy Lamar	606	18. Kyle Busch	487
9. Jon Wood	598	19. Matt Kenseth	470
10. Greg Biffle	595	20. Kenny Wallace	464

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Sharpie Mini 300, Bristol, Tenn.

#### TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of March 17:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Mark Martin	580	8. Jack Sprague	432
2. Todd Bodine	535	7. Rick Crawford	423
3. Ted Musgrave	495	6. Erik Damell	422
4. David Paulmar	458	9. Jon Wood	408
5. Johnny Benson	433	10. Mike Bliss	389

NEXT RACE: April 1, Kroger 250, Martinsville, Va.

BIG SPRING

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## 28 years of rodeo for e

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Coahoma kindergarten students were surprised and moving Thursday morning, the class presented the 28th annual Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo in fine fashion.

Complete with about every rodeo you can think of, pole bending to the ring — pint-sized cowgirls and cowboys showed their hard work in a thing kindergarten teacher Kathy said has become Coahoma tradition.

"We started this back in 1978, so it's a long run," said Jenkins. "We started out with just a couple events. When we moved to this new building, we decided to do it in And just like (Clements) said, gets better every year."

"It started out developmental, the kids could do a few activities and memorize the song was music, active learning, and turn to be a community they won't let us stop."

While the annual is a chance for parents to see their children perform in front of hundreds of guests in the gymnasium, Nicholas



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