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VAMC taken off CARES list

Sen. Hutchison to formally announce decision in press conference today

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has removed the Big Spring VA Medical Center from its Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) list, dispelling the cloud of uncertainty that has hung over the facility, its employees and veterans in West Texas for almost 3-1/2 years.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, chairman of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, is to formally announce the decision at 3:30 p.m. today at the hospital. She will be joined by Dr. Jonathan B. Perlin, under secretary for health for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

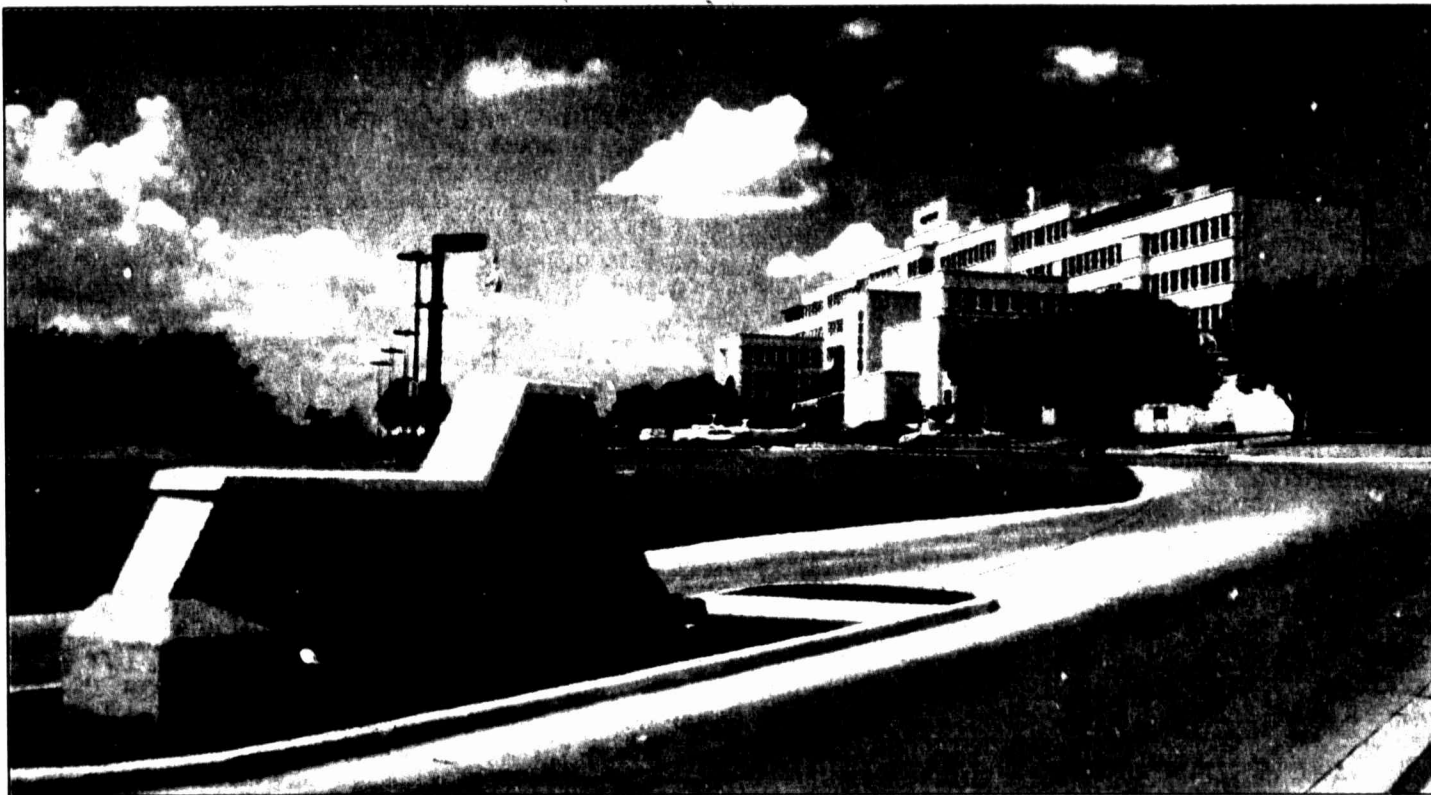
"This announcement is welcome news for the dedicated staff, patients and the entire area," Sen. Hutchison said in a press release. "The Big Spring

"The Big Spring facility has many valuable assets that will serve the community for years to come."

—U.S. Sen Kay Bailey Hutchison

facility has many valuable assets that will serve the community for years to come. With the capacity for growth to enhance services and its central location to the veteran population in the region, Secretary Nicholson and the Veterans Administration made the right decision to keep it open.

The fate of the Big Spring facility has been uncertain since December of 2002 when the CARES commission was established to realign the DAV's health care sys-



HERALD photo
U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison has announced that the Big Spring VA Medical Center has been removed from the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) list, bringing the uncertainty surrounding the facility's future to a close. Hutchison is expected to formally make the announcement at the local VAMC today at 3:30 p.m.

tem. Among its recommendations was a feasibility study to see if the Big Spring VAMC should

be closed and services moved to Midland-Odessa. That study led to another and eventually

PricewaterhouseCoopers was contracted to review all information and make a recommendation. In

May of 2005, the process began with a series of See **VAMC**, Page 3A

Personnel matters top CISD agenda

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — School trustees here will consider several issues in executive session when they hold their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. today in the administration building board room.

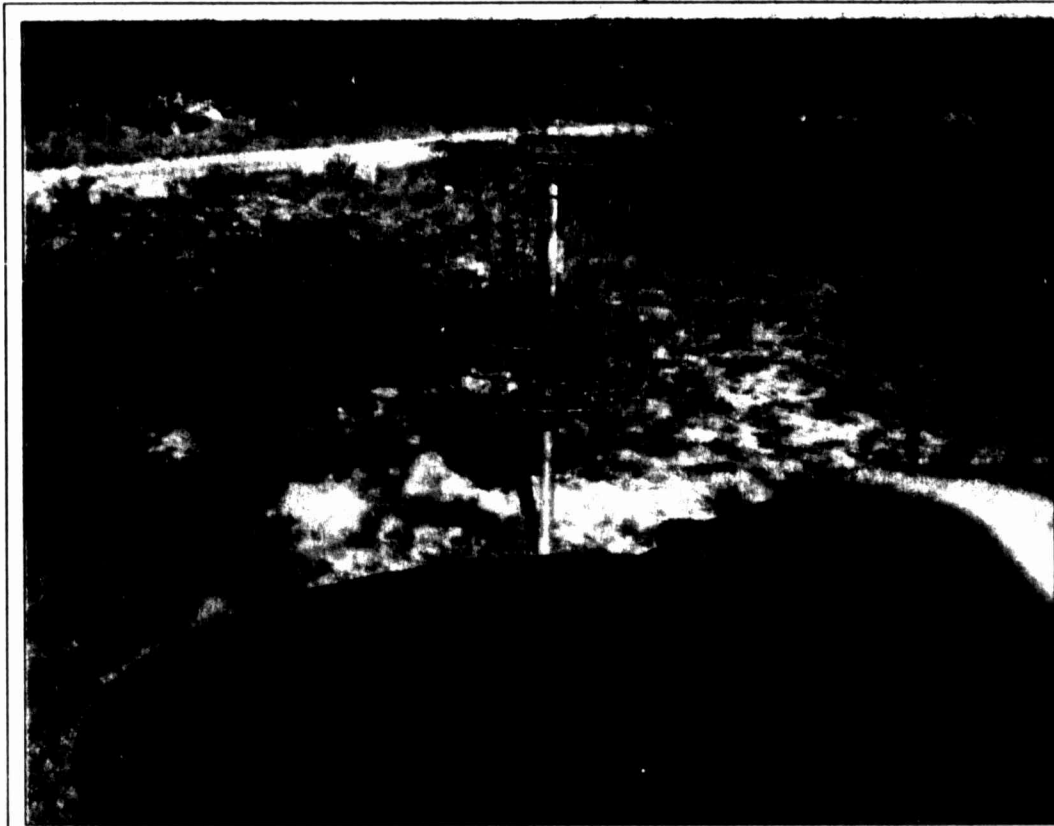
Trustees will conduct their quarterly evaluation of Coahoma ISD Superintendent Jerry Johnson in executive session, as well as consider resignations, retirements and employments.

In addition, Robby Dickenson, head softball coach at Coahoma High School, is scheduled to discuss issues relating to that program with trustees. Johnson said that item may or may not be discussed in closed session.

In open session, trustees will hear a report from officials with Siemens Building Technologies on ways to save money on energy expenditures.

In March, the City of Big Spring entered into an agreement with Siemens in which the

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Courtesy photo
Discs will sail Saturday and Sunday, as the second annual West Texas Disc Golf Champions Tournament gets under way at Comanche Trail Park. The tournament is made up of three rounds of 27 holes, with a 7 a.m. registration and an 8 a.m. players meeting Saturday.

Not your father's golf

Disc golf championships in Big Spring this weekend

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

If the idea of throwing your "putter" across the green during a friendly game of golf sounds like a good time, the second annual West Texas Disc Golf Champions Tournament might be just the thing for you.

Disc golfers from all over West Texas — and beyond — will gather in Big Spring Saturday for the annual tournament, which features a unique style of golf.

"Instead of running around hitting a ball with a stick, you're throwing what See **DISC GOLF**, Page 3A

Drug dealer gets 15 years

Local man sentenced to 12 years for DWI. See Page 3A.

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring woman was sentenced to 15 years in prison following her conviction on drug charges in 118th District Court Wednesday afternoon.

The jury took a little more than an hour to reach its decision on punishment for Carrie Ann Rahat, who was convicted on a second-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Rahat had pleaded guilty to the charge to start Wednesday's trial, so the major issue to be decided was punishment. As a first-time felony offender, Rahat could have received probation if her sentence was 10 years or less.

Possible punishment for a second-degree felony conviction ranges from between two and 20 years in prison, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Trial testimony showed

"(Keith) has told you that this was her first offense. No it wasn't. She had been doing this for months. This was the first time she was caught."

—District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson

that Rahat was arrested by Big Spring police shortly after she sold an unspecified amount of crack cocaine to an undercover informant Oct. 18 in Big Spring.

Based on the sale, police obtained a warrant to search her residence on Linda Lane. There, they discovered slightly more than 23 grams of crack cocaine, along with various other paraphernalia associated with the production and sale of the material and a list of

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STORMS RIP NORTH TEXAS

DALLAS (AP) — Thunderstorms raged through North Texas early today, causing scattered damage and leaving up to 85,000 people in the dark.

About 70,000 remained without power around the Dallas-Fort Worth area just after daybreak, said TXU Electric Delivery spokeswoman Carol Peters. All available crews have been dispatched for repairs, which could take 24 hours to complete, she said.

Numerous Dallas intersections were left without functioning traffic lights, complicating the area's morning commute.

Rescue crews had to lead motorists from vehicles stalled in standing water.

WATER INCONVENIENCE

The Water Utilities Department with the city of Big Spring will be replacing water valves on 16th Street Saturday, with work set to begin at 10 p.m. and continue until service is restored.

Residents in the following areas may experience no or low water pressure:

- 16th Street from Johnson to Lancaster;
- Runnels from 16th Street to 13th Street;
- Sheppard from 16th Street to 18th Street;
- Main from 16th Street to 18th Street;
- Scurry from 15th Street to 16th Street.

For more information, call 264-2392 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

LEGAL AID SEEKS HELP

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is seeking private attorneys to volunteer in one of two monthly legal clinics. The clinics are held every first and third Wednesday of each month.

Volunteers are asked to participate in one clinic a month for about two hours in the afternoon.

Legal Aid of Northwest Texas will be providing short informative sessions at 11 a.m. May 4 and May 17 at the Northside Community Center, 108 E. NE Eighth Street. If you cannot attend but would like more information, contact Pete Fierro, EJVP coordinator, at 432-686-0647 or 800-926-5330.

Obituaries

Robert Mitchell

Robert Mitchell, 74, of Sand Springs died Wednesday, April 19, 2006, at the Hospice Midland Inpatient Unit at Midland Memorial Hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Goldye Moad

Goldye Moad, 98, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 19, 2006, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

• **HOWARD COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS** plans a Water Wise Plant Sale booth at the Spring Clean Flea Market May 6 with West Texas hardy plants for sale and people who'll be glad to talk and answer questions.

• **AN ACCOUNT FOR JACK HANSON** has been established at T&P Credit Union for donations to assist with expenses related to his heart surgery. Call 399-4562 or 399-4770 for more information.

• **FORSAN ELBOW ELEMENTARY** pre-kindergarten and kindergarten pre-registration continues through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Elbow elementary. Call 398-5444 for more information.

• **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.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE STUDENT ART SPRING SHOWCASE** continues with a reception from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. today. For more information, call Stacy Slaten at 264-5115.

• **WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES HANDS-ON ENERGY WORKSHOP** is 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. April 25 downstairs in the Howard County Library.

• **ACKERLY LUNCH BUNCH** meets at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 29 at Gale's Sweet Shoppe 1200 E. Fourth St. Lunch will be served at noon; cost is \$7.25 including drink and dessert. RSVP to Betty Pitts 267-1449 or Sissy Jones 213-4452.

• **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.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996 10th YEAR REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Mindy at 267-6524 or 267-7631.

• **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 Stout at 325 574-2150, or e-mail 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.

• **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.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms and showers in the evening...Then mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Some thunderstorms may be severe with large hail and damaging winds in the evening. Lows in the mid 50s. Light and variable winds becoming north around 10 mph after midnight. The chance of rain is 50 percent.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning...Then partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 70s. Northeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon.

Friday night...Increasing clouds. Lows in the upper 50s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Saturday...Decreasing clouds. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Monday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

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

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

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

Police blotter

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

- **CHAD PERKINS**, 27, of Anton, was arrested Wednesday on warrants from Parmer and Bailey counties.
- **DAVID PATTERSON**, 29, of 1401 Princeton, was arrested Wednesday on 10 local warrants.
- **BILLY COSTLOW**, 22, of Woodville, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 of Washington.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 800 block of Andree.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 600 block of Holbert.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 3600 block of Calvin.

Sheriff's report

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

- **MICHAEL OSCAR YANEZ**, 33, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- **DANIEL GONZALES**, 31, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury - family violence.
- **CLYDE JAMES NORTHCUTT JR.**, 43, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for terroristic threats.
- **TIMOTHY CURTIS FRANKLIN**, 28, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **CARRIE RAFAT-SAMA**, 35, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 5200 block of Dawson.

Fire/EMS

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

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 600 block of Holbert. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2500 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 900 block of Sgt. Paredez. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3000 block of Sherrod. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of East 17th Street. Service was refused.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-8-14-35-39. Bonus Ball: 17. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$32 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-11-13-28-37. 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: 1-2-4

Support Groups

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets at the Spanish Inn on Northwest Third Street at 6 p.m. today. For more information, call 398-5522.

TUESDAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. The next meeting is March 28. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Tena at 267-1883 or Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

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.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Rannels.
- LULAC Chapter 4791 meet at 6 p.m. in the board room of the YMCA. Agenda items include Cinco de Mayo preparations. For more information, contact Raul Marquez at 267-0203 or e-mail lulac_jennifer@cox.net.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- 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 Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- RSVP Volunteer Appreciation Banquet begins at 5:45 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

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Jury draws the line at 6 DWI convictions

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

A 118th District Court jury apparently decided that six drunk-driving convictions was more than enough for a Big Spring man.

Humberto Briseno was sentenced to 12 years in prison for felony driving while intoxicated following a one-day trial in District Court Tuesday afternoon.

Felony DWI is usually punishable by between two and 10 years in prison, but Briseno's conviction was enhanced by a prior prison term for unlawfully carrying a weapon on licensed premises, which raised the possible punishment to between two and 20 years in prison.

Testimony during the trial showed that Briseno was stopped by a Howard County deputy for driving the wrong way on Fourth Street on April 29, 2000.

Department of Public Safety Sgt. Jason Hester, who assisted on the traffic stop, testified that he smelled alcohol on Briseno's breath and noticed two

open containers of beer in the defendant's car.

Hester subsequently administered a field sobriety test on the defendant. Briseno failed all three portions of the field test, was arrested and transported to county jail, Hester testified.

Assistant District Attorney Robin D. Orr, who prosecuted the case, said that Briseno had five prior DWI convictions stretching back to the early 1980s.

"To me, he was just a bomb ready to go off, and I suggested to the jury that they had the power to stop that," Orr said.

Orr added that he believed that the number of prior drunk driving convictions weighed heavily on the jurors' minds.

"One of the things I found important was the five prior convictions, and that they covered such a long period of time," he said. "In other words, (Briseno) just didn't get it — and I think the jury understood that."

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public hearings. A decision was expected by year's end or early 2006. However, last November, Congress passed legislation calling for further study of all VA health care facilities in the wake of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. According to a press release from Hutchison's office Wednesday, that "further study" has determined there are needs which can be best be served by keeping the Big Spring facility open.

News that the Big Spring VA Medical Center has been taken off the CARES list was greeted with cheers and great emotion this morning. "This is absolutely fantastic news. I don't think anything could be better," said Shelley Smith, chief executive officer for West Texas Centers for MHMR and a member of the VA



Smith

Task Force. "I think they recognized our centralized location and the needs of the veterans in this vast geographic area the facility serves.

"Like the VA Task Force put forth all last year, there are many services our community can provide for veterans," she added. "I believe the task force and the community have demonstrated the tremendous need for that facility to remain in Big Spring. It's in the best interest of the veterans."

Joe Concienna, another member of the task force, said it's not only good news for the community, but great news for those who served this country.

"This is wonderful news! It is also the correct decision for our region's veterans. Our VA hospital serves veterans in one of the largest geographic areas in the U.S.," said



Concienna

Concienna, who served as president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce during the public hearings last year. "The Big Spring VA is a vibrant, functioning hospital and it would have been wrong not to use this facility and its staff for services to benefit our veterans in the future. The Big Spring VA and our community should continue to explore ways that we may continue to enhance our service to our veterans. Again, this is great news."

Today's announcement will be held in the second-floor day room (Room 219) of the Big Spring VA Medical Center, 300 Veterans Blvd. The public is welcome to attend. U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer was also making plans to be at the 3:30 p.m. announcement.

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potential customers, testimony showed.

In a statement to police, Rahat admitted both ownership of the cocaine and that she had been selling the substance for a period of some months.

Arguing in her defense, Sweetwater attorney Trey Keith noted that Rahat was a first-time offender, had cooperated with

authorities and would have to abide by close supervision and testing while on probation, all the while having a potential prison sentence hanging over her head.

"If she can successfully complete her probation, fine. If she can't, then she will still be subject to prison time. This would not be a slap on her wrist," Keith told the jurors.

But the "commercial enterprise" nature of Rahat's drug operation

was what District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson hammered on while arguing against probation in his closing arguments to the jury.

"(Keith) has told you that this was her first offense. No it wasn't," Wilkerson said. "She had been doing this for months. This was the first time she was caught."

The seized amount of cocaine was sufficient for more than 100 street transactions, Wilkerson

said.

"That's in excess of 100 units of sale that she had in her possession, packaged and ready to go — which she said she sold to her circle of acquaintances," Wilkerson said. "Apparently, her circle was so large that she needed a ledger to keep track of it."

After the trial, Keith was understandably disappointed in the verdict.

"I believed that the jury might give her probation in this case, so I'm sur-

prised by the verdict," he said.

Also understandably, Wilkerson expressed satisfaction with the jury's decision, and complimented the Big Spring Police Department for its handling of the case.

"I think (the verdict) speaks well of the quality of the investigation and the evidence produced by the Big Spring Police Department," Wilkerson said. "As a result, we had a high-quality case to present to the jurors."

"I don't think there was any residual doubt about the guilty conduct of the defendant," he added, "specifically, that she was in the business of selling drugs and had developed a rather sophisticated operation. This was her livelihood, instead of just her selling some extra stuff she just happened to have."

DISC GOLF

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looks kind of like a Frisbee at a metal basket," said Greg Brooks, local disc golf enthusiast and spokesman for the tournament.

And while the discs these "golfers" use my resemble a Frisbee, Brooks said they're very different.

"You wouldn't want to play catch with one of these. They might take your fingers off," said Brooks with a laugh. "These discs are designed to fly a lot further, like between 500 to 600 feet. The world record right now is 800 feet."

"The discs are a lot like golf clubs. There are different types of discs for different distances. There are drivers, which go the furthest, and then putters, which are used for close distances."

Brooks said the tournament is expected to draw nearly a hundred competitors.

"Last year, we had about 60 disc golfers at the tournament," said Brooks. "However, we were competing with another tournament in San Angelo on that same

The tournament is made up of three rounds of 27 holes — two rounds Saturday and one Sunday — with a 7 a.m. registration and an 8 a.m. players meeting.

day. This year there aren't any conflicts like that, so we're expecting between 80 and 100 competitors."

Brooks said he was first bitten by the disc golf bug when a friend moved to Dallas.

"My friend and I had always tossed around a Frisbee, and when he moved to Dallas, his home was right down the street from a disc golf course," said Brooks. "When I went to visit him, we played and that was it. We were hooked."

Brooks said it was only a matter of time before he found a way to bring the sport back to Big Spring.

"I came back and designed my own course," said Brooks. "It's really grown since then. Three years ago, an 18-hole course was put in at Comanche Trail Park, and since that time has grown into a 27-hole course. We also have a 9-hole course at Birdwell Park."

"Big Spring has more disc golf baskets than any other city in West Texas. We've really been ahead of the game when it comes to disc golf, and we have the best courses in West Texas."

The tournament is made up of three rounds of 27 holes — two rounds Saturday and one Sunday — with a 7 a.m. registration and an 8 a.m. players meeting.

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company audited the city's utility programs and found ways officials could save more than \$500,000 a year by making its facilities more energy-friendly.

Tonight, trustees will hear a similar proposal, Johnson said.

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- Reports on a combined kindergarten-first grade classroom at Coahoma Elementary, the junior high school cheerleader program and district enrollment.

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OUR VIEWS

Treat yourself to the ball and make history

It's not that often that we get to dress up — we mean *really* dress up — in Big Spring. But there is one event each year where we "put on the ritz" and are treated like royalty. It's the Silver Wings Ball, the annual gala to benefit the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

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We hope you will consider doing something special for yourself by having a night of dancing and dining while at the same time doing something extra special for the museum. Tickets are \$50 a person and may be obtained at the museum or by calling 264-1999.

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History will be hard on Rumsfeld

It's me, Carl von Clausewitz, here to speak about der Krieg — oops, the war — between Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and the retired generals.

I ordered Herr Pinkerton to take the day off, because I know a lot about war. I wrote the book on the subject. Literally.

If my name doesn't ring a bell, then you probably never served in the armed forces, at least not as an officer — because, I'm proud to say, my writings are enshrined in just about every military academy in the world. But I hope that even you civilians will keep reading, because although I've been dead for 175 years, what I have to say concerns all Americans today.

Perhaps my most famous saying is this: "War is nothing but the continuation of policy with other means." That is, war is just another way for a nation to influence another nation. You Americans have been trying to influence Iraq for a long time now, including by fighting two wars. I'm here to assess how you're doing.

I was interested, for example, in the words of one of Rumsfeld's critics, retired Gen. John Batiste, on CNN: "When we violate the principles of war," he said, ignoring "unity of command and unity of effort, we do that at our own peril." That Batiste fellow has obviously given me a close reading; I wrote a lot about unity of command and effort. And I'll also have you know that in 1812 I wrote a book titled "Principles of War." War has three purposes, I declared. First, "to conquer and destroy the armed power of the enemy"; second, "to take possession of his material and other sources of strength"; and third, "to gain public opinion." That's right, almost two centuries ago, I under-

stood that as much as anything, war was about persuasion — persuading the enemy to give up.

So how do I assess Rumsfeld's performance? Has he eliminated the enemy's armed power? Just as important, has he persuaded the foe to stop fighting?

The answer is no, not after three years of fighting. Rumsfeld seems not to have absorbed one of my key dicta: "War does not consist of a single short blow." That is, if you want to win, you have to fight longer and harder than the enemy. Mind you, I'm not squeamish about casualties; I was in the Prussian Army as we fought Napoleon over two decades. That's when I decided to study war, on the theory that if you're going to fight, it's better to win than to lose.

And war is a waste if you don't win your political objective. If America's goal had been merely to remove Saddam Hussein from power, well, that was accomplished in April 2003.

But President George W. Bush wanted much more; he pledged the same year that "the establishment of a free Iraq at the heart of the Middle East will be a watershed event in the global democratic revolution." And so the big

Clausewitzian question: Has the United States committed the resources necessary to achieve that goal? The answer, obviously,

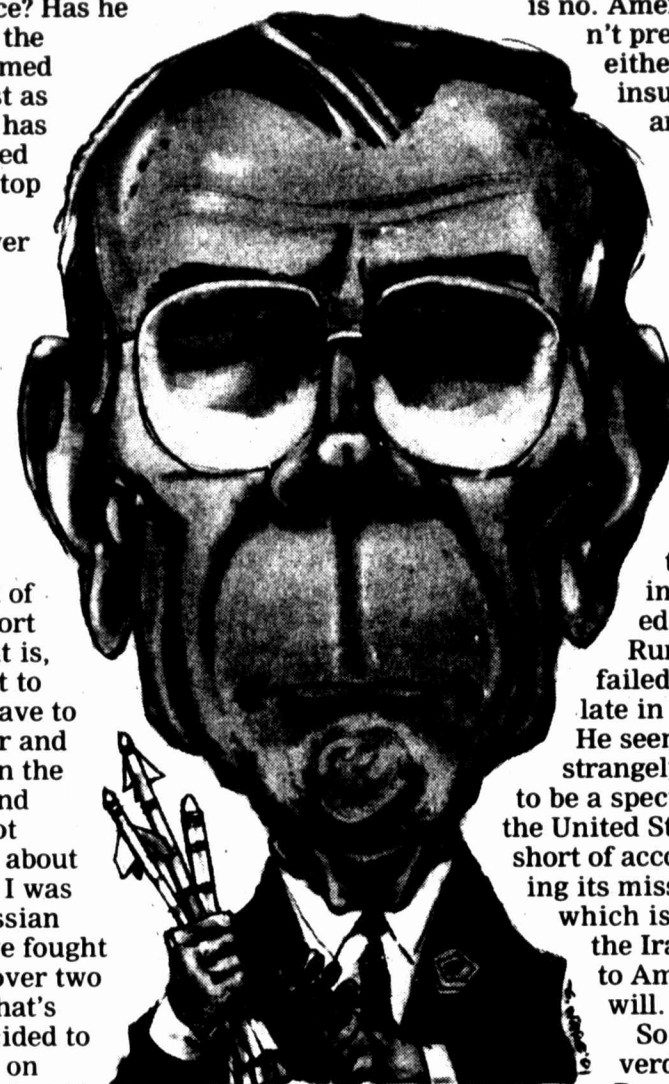
is no. America wasn't prepared for either a robust insurgency or an emerging sectarian conflict. That's OK; I'm the guy who coined the phrase "fog of war." Yet, even as the fighting escalated, Rumsfeld failed to escalate in response. He seems strangely willing to be a spectator as the United States falls short of accomplishing its mission, which is to make the Iraqis bend to America's will.

So history's verdict on Rumsfeld will be harsh. But what about these half-dozen generals who are attacking their ex-boss? With the exception of Anthony Zinni, the other five kept their criticism well hidden until recently. And three of them served Rumsfeld in Iraq. So those generals, too, are going to have to do a lot of explaining when they come before the high court of history, up here in Valhalla.

James P. Pinkerton is a columnist for Newsday.



JAMES P. PINKERTON



Stepping over the Arab line

I was unceremoniously fired this month by my Saudi newspaper, a leading English-language daily called *Arab News*.

It didn't matter that I had been the senior columnist on the op-ed page for nine years or that my work was quoted widely in the European and American media, including the *Washington Post*. What mattered was that I had committed one of the three cardinal sins an Arab journalist must avoid when working for the Arab press: I criticized the government.

The other two? Bringing up Islam as an issue and criticizing, by name, political leaders in the Arab or Islamic world for their brazen excesses, dismal failures and blatant abuses.

Never mind that a newspaper cheapens and debases the idea of the journalistic enterprise when it enjoins its commentators against being critical of the government that it is supposed to be a watchdog over. Never mind the absurdity of preventing your contributors from touching on the issue of Islam, a social ideology whose embrace by jihadists is the top news story in the world today. And never mind that Arab society — a society that remains broken in body and spirit more than a half-century after independence — needs very much to engage in serious self-assessment and to promote an open debate in the media among intellectuals, academics, political analysts and others about why Arabs have failed all these years to meet the challenges of modernity.

But those are the stringent, not to mention pathetic, rules that determine how the Arab press conducts its business. You play by these rules or you're cut off. The problem is that if stringing words together is the only way you know how to make a living, you end up eating humble pie and playing the game by whatever rules they set for you.

Sometimes all it takes is a phone call to someone high up in your paper from a semiliterate government official who couldn't run a lunch counter, or a fundamentalist imam who hasn't read a half-dozen decent books in his life, or perhaps a disgruntled diplomat at a Muslim or Arab embassy in

Riyadh who didn't like what you had to say in your column about his country. The result is the same: Your career is ruined.

Sometimes, if you're lucky, you will have an editorial page editor who likes your work, and he'll cut you a bit of slack and lobby on

your behalf behind the scenes, often at the risk of losing his own job. But even in this case, three strikes and you're out.

My first provocation was — horror of horrors — to criticize Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak after he cracked down on human rights activists several years ago. My second occurred soon after the failure of the Camp David accords when I called for the resignation of Yasser Arafat as head of the Palestinian Authority.

My last was to write about the atrocities Indonesia had committed during its occupation of East Timor from 1975 to 1999. For that transgression, my Saudi paper showed no mercy. I was out the door. No questions asked, no explanations given. You don't write about atrocities committed by an Islamic government — even when they're already documented in the history books — and hope to get away with it.

But this is not just the story of an Arab journalist losing his job. It is a story with implications for the current American administration's efforts to "introduce" the Arab countries to democracy, of which independent, free media are a major building block.

What Arabs, including those masquerading as their newspaper editors, have yet to learn is that a free press, a truly free press, is a moral imperative in society. Subvert it, and you subvert the public's sacrosanct right to know and a newspaper's traditional role to expose. If the Western democracies work better than many others, it is because to them the concept of accountability, expected from the head of state on down, is a crucial function of their national ideology.

What Arabs have yet to learn, in

addition to that, is that newspapers are not published to advance the political preferences of proprietors, or the commentary of subservient analysts who turn a blind eye to the abuse of power by political leaders running their failed states.

Democracy may be a political system, but it is also a social ethos. How responsive can a country be to such an ethos when its people have, for generations, existed with an ethic of fear — fear of originality, fear of innovation, fear of spontaneity, fear of life itself — and have had instilled in them the need to accept orthodoxy, dependence and submission?

The Arab world today, sadly, remains a collection of disparate entities ruled for the most part by authoritarian regimes that rely on coercion, violence and terror to rule, and that demand from their citizens submission, obedience and conformity. And that includes those citizens who call themselves "journalists," to whom, by now, responsibility to truth and logic has become irrelevant.

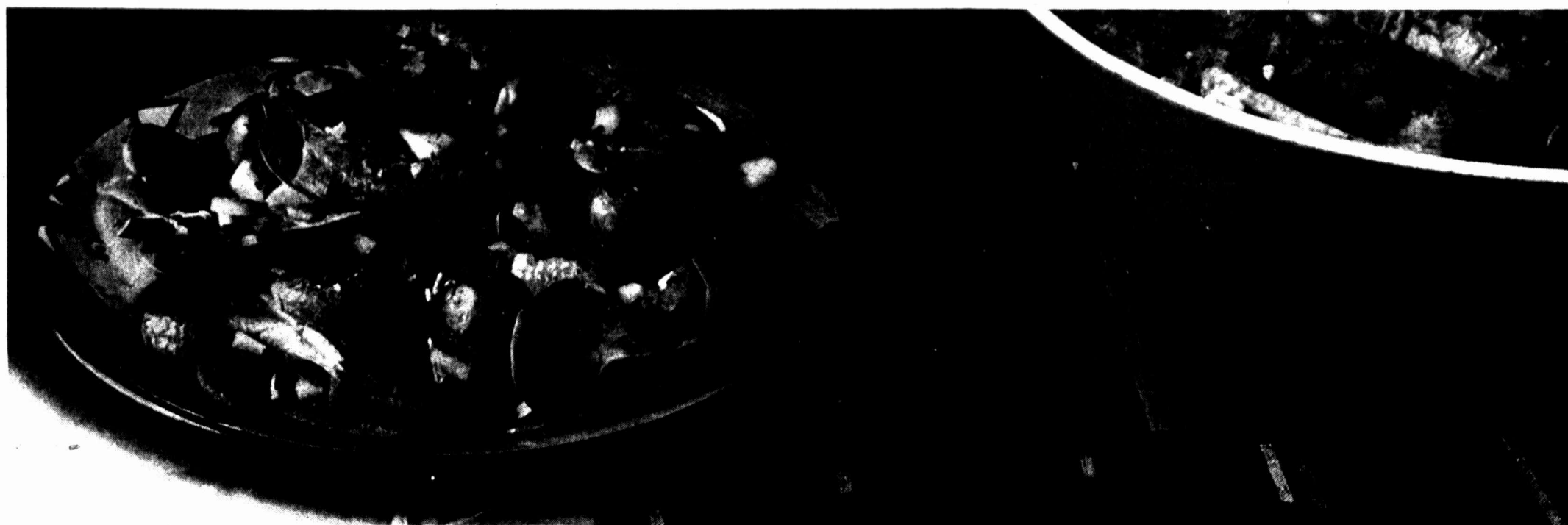
In this atmosphere, it is regarded as an example of reportorial acumen to write on the op-ed pages of prominent Arab journals about how the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks were the work of Israeli agents, how the death of Princess Diana was the result of some diabolical plot by British intelligence to end her life rather than see her married to an Arab Muslim, how Monica Lewinsky was an agent-in-place, put in the White House by the "Jewish lobby" — and so on with other infantile whimsies.

For Arabs, there is still a great divide between word and world. You can embrace conspiracy theories with impressive ease, and be accorded by your editors the right to pontificate about any foolish thing you want, but don't dare write about the malfeasance of political leaders in Egypt and Palestine, or the atrocities of a fellow-Muslim government in East Timor. The price you must pay for such offenses if you work for the Arab press is heavy indeed.

—Fawaz Turki is a journalist living in Washington and the author of several books, including "The Disinherited: Journal of a Palestinian Exile."



FAWAZ TURKI



FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

Wiley Mullins is a man with a wellness mission. As this former-brand-manager-turned-entrepreneur watched his friends and family suffer from stroke, diabetes, heart disease and obesity, Mullins knew these conditions could be turned around with better lifestyle choices. He lost more than 55 pounds himself to improve his own health.

Acknowledging that the pleasures of the table can be a pitfall of fat, sodium, cholesterol and calories, Mullins launched a Web site that highlights nutrition research, nutritional wisdom and delicious encouragement to eat more fruits and vegetables.

"Most of us tend to eat the same three or four vegetables over and over," says Mullins. "Yet current nutrition science says we need to eat widely from the produce section. Check your supermarket for produce you've never tried. And remember: The richer the color, the higher the nutrient content."

Removing barriers to good eating is part of Mullins' mantra. "Think you can't afford good nutrition? It's right there in the fresh produce aisle — convenient, affordable and available," according to Mullins. "Look for already-cut, ready-to-go fruits and vegetables. For example, Birds Eye Fresh, known for their line of fresh fruit and vegetables, recently introduced Table Toppers. It's a top quality line of fresh cut vegetables that are as easy to use as they are good for you. Simply open the bag and prepare. For all of us short on time, produce offerings like these are life savers."

Recognizing that many traditional family-favorite vegetable dishes include fat and salt, Mullins developed a line of low-sodium seasoning and spice blends that offers delicious, down-home tastes without butter, bacon, ham or other added fat. They can be found right in the produce department, appropriately stocked with their produce partners.

To support his enthusiastic promotion of produce, Mullins has introduced America's Wellness Team. Endorsed by the National Medical Association, the largest professional group of African-American physicians, America's Wellness Team offers nutrition and wellness advice for consumers through a free monthly electronic newsletter on www.unclewileys.com.



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- **Clever Cooking:** Bake, stew or grill instead of frying.
- **Spice It Up:** Substitute non-fat, low-sodium seasonings like cayenne pepper, curry, paprika and spice blends for salt.

Register for America's Wellness Team at www.unclewileys.com and tap into healthy lifestyle tips, delicious recipe ideas and current nutrition wisdom. And for additional creative recipes, visit www.birdseyefresh.com.



Spinach, Grape and Mandarin Orange Salad With Honey-Lemon Dressing

- 2 cups Birds Eye Fresh Table Toppers Baby Spinach
- 1/2 cup halved Birds Eye Fresh Red Seedless Grapes
- 1/2 cup drained Mandarin orange segments
- 1/2 cup diced seeded, unpeeled cucumber
- 1/4 cup diced Birds Eye Fresh Red Onion
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/8 cup olive oil
- 1 to 2 teaspoons Wiley's Citrus-Garlic Salad Jazz

In large serving bowl, toss spinach, grapes, orange, cucumber and onion. In small jar with tight-fitting lid, shake together honey, lemon juice and olive oil to blend well. Pour dressing over salad; toss and sprinkle salad with Citrus-Garlic Salad Jazz. Serve immediately.

Serves 4

Easy Sweet Potato Fries

- 1 (16-ounce) bag Birds Eye Fresh Table Toppers Sweet Potato Fries
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 packet Wiley's Sweet Potato & Yam Spice

Heat oven to 450°F. In large bowl, toss sweet potato fries with oil. Spread on baking sheet and sprinkle evenly with spice. Bake 15 to 20 minutes; stir occasionally, until tender.

Serves 4

"Outrageous" Chicken Creole

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts (about 1 1/2 pounds), cut into 1-inch strips
- 1 cup water
- 1 (14-ounce) can diced tomatoes with basil and garlic
- 1 cup Heinz 57 Chili Sauce
- 1 1/2 cups chopped green pepper
- 1 cup chopped Birds Eye Fresh Celery
- 1 cup chopped Birds Eye Fresh White Onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 packet Wiley's Dirty Rice Seasoning

Place chicken and water in medium skillet. Cook chicken in water over moderate heat 10 to 12 minutes, until no longer pink. Drain and discard any remaining water from skillet; add tomatoes, chili sauce, green pepper, celery, onion, garlic and seasoning. Cook over moderate heat and simmer covered 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Great over rice or pasta.

Serves 4

Green Bean & Carrot Medley

- 1 (12-ounce) package Birds Eye Fresh Table Toppers Premium Cut Green Bean & Carrot Medley
- 2 tablespoons Wiley's Beans & Peas Seasoning
- 1 cup water

Place all ingredients in saucepan; bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat; simmer covered 8 to 10 minutes, stirring occasionally until vegetables are tender.

Serves 4

Mid-year Kia Optima offers more power and safety features

By ANN M. JOB

For The Associated Press

Kia's Optima midsize sedan is a "sleeper," often overlooked by shoppers seeking an affordable, family car that can handle many tasks.

But a redesigned, more powerful version — albeit with weird model year nomenclature in some references — is expected to bring more attention to the pleasantly styled, unassuming, five-passenger Optima.

Best of all, the 2006.5 Optima, as the new, mid-year model is called by Kia officials, retains a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of just under \$17,000. Indeed, the \$16,995 price for a base, new, 2006.5 Optima with four-cylinder engine and manual transmission is just \$5 more than the 2006 Optima it replaces.

It also compares favorably with other low-priced mid-size sedans such as the \$16,990 starting price for a 2006 Chevrolet Malibu LS with

four-cylinder engine. The base, 2006 Pontiac G6 with four cylinder starts at \$16,990, too.

But the base Malibu and G6 don't have all the standard safety features of the new Optima, which include six airbags, tire pressure monitor and active, anti-whiplash, front head restraints on every car.

At the same time, the Malibu LS and base G6 come standard with automatic transmission, while a 2006.5 Kia Optima with automatic starts at \$18,250.

There are two trim levels of the new Optima.

The LX has manual ventilation controls, base AM/FM/CD audio and six-way, manually adjustable driver seat while the EX comes with automatic climate control, Infinity audio system with MP3 player and six-CD changer and eight-way, power driver seat, among other things.

Leather-trimmed seats and power sunroof are available only in the EX as \$1,300 and \$800 options,

respectively. A five-speed manual is offered only in the LX with four-cylinder engine.

Consumers, however, can choose between a four-cylinder and a V6 engine with automatic in either trim level.

Optimas with four-cylinder engine and automatic transmission are expected to make up most of the U.S. sales, and this configuration was in the test Optima EX.

The styling is more upscale now, though still mainstream enough that the test car did not attract attention on the streets.

It rode smoothly, with a more controlled ride than earlier Optimas. The power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering comfortably kept the front-drive car on track without the driver making a lot of adjustments of the wheel.

There wasn't a lot of outside noise that entered the interior. But engine noise came through on acceleration, and I noticed increased road noise when driving the four-cylinder Optima

with standard 16-inch tires versus an Optima with optional, 17-inch tires.

Now with 161 horsepower — up 15 percent from its predecessor — the Optima's 2.4-liter four cylinder provides more power than the Malibu and G6.

The Optima's peak torque is 163 foot-pounds at 4,250 rpm, and while it doesn't rocket the car forward in sporty fashion, it provides decent pickup to merge into many traffic situations and get going from a stop without any sluggishness.

The four cylinder also doesn't have much of the buzzy sound that's heard from some other small engines.

In government fuel economy ratings, the new Optima ranks fourth among gasoline, internal combustion-only midsize sedans, after the 2006 Hyundai Elantra, Honda Accord and Kia Spectra.

Specifically, the Environmental Protection Agency reports a rating of 24 miles a gallon in city

driving and 34 mpg on the highway in a new Optima with either manual or automatic transmission.

In real world driving that wasn't necessarily focused on maximizing fuel use, the test car got more than 24 mpg in combined city/highway driving.

And it didn't signal it needed a fillup until it had traveled 364 miles.

The Optima's satisfying, 185-horsepower, 2.7-liter V6 is less thrifty with fuel and has a rating of 22/30 mpg.

The new interior has an upscale appearance when compared with earlier models.

Buttons and knobs are nicely sized, well-arranged and reminiscent of those in a Lexus.

Rear-seat legroom of 37.8 inches is commendable, rear door windows go down all the way and the rear, pull-down, center armrest sits up nicely

from the seat and has two covered cupholders.

The rear seatback folds down, though not completely flat, so long items can extend from the good-sized, 14.8-cubic-foot trunk.

The black material lining the trunk of the test car, however, looked thin and cheap and was already wrinkling in some areas.

I also noticed there wasn't even a hint of leather smell in the test car, even though the vehicle had the optional leather package.

The 2006.5 designation is a Kia label that will appear on all advertising and marketing material to distinguish this Optima from the 2006 Optima that has been sold since last fall.

The new car went into production in South Korea too early to qualify as a 2007, company officials said.

Advertisers focus on Hispanics, now largest minority

By KORTNEY STRINGER

Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — If you're an African American who's feeling ignored by the nation's advertisers, there might be a reason.

After Hispanics zoomed past blacks as the nation's largest minority group in 2000, some of the country's big marketers went from almost ignoring Latinos to literally tripping over themselves to reach them. At the same time, some cut back on marketing to blacks.

"As always in advertising, old is out and new is in," said Mike Bernacchi, a marketing professor at University of Detroit Mercy. "Black America was on top of the heap of minorityville until the 2000 Census data, then we started seeing more Hispanic ads."

Indeed, ad spending on Spanish-language network and TV stations such as Univision and Telemundo was up 11 percent last year compared with 2004, and Spanish magazines saw a 12 percent increase in ad spending, according to TNS Media Intelligence. Meanwhile, overall ad spending on Black Entertainment Television rose 2 percent and black-oriented magazines such as Essence and Black Enterprise saw an 8 percent rise.

According to TNS, in 2005 companies such as General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. — two of the country's biggest marketers to minorities — cut spending in black media about 7 percent and 30 percent, respectively, from a year earlier.

During the same period, TNS said GM increased its spending in Spanish media — excluding Spanish radio — 48 percent and Ford almost doubled spending in the mar-

ket. Marc Perry, a Ford multicultural marketing manager, declined to discuss the carmaker's ad spending.

"Ford remains very strategic and aggressive in marketing efforts to reach blacks, Hispanics and Asians," he said.

GM spokeswoman Ryndee Carney also declined to give figures, but said GM increased spending for black and Hispanic media. She said that automaker tries to reach blacks through general market media as well.

To be sure, most advertisers market to blacks, Hispanics and other minorities through traditional mass media such as TV networks like NBC and mainstream magazines such as Better Homes and Gardens, records show.

And during this year's broadcast of Super Bowl XL on ABC, Toyota rolled out a TV ad that showed a Hispanic father and son in a 2007 hybrid Camry.

It wasn't until fairly recently that advertisers really paid much attention to the Hispanic market, which had been a particularly tough nut for them to crack.

The market covers a diverse group of people including Cubans, Mexicans and Puerto Ricans, and marketers were slow to understand language and cultural differences. Many were undercounted in the United States because of illegal immigration.

But the 2000 U.S. Census revealed that the nation's 35.3 million Hispanics had surpassed blacks as the largest minority. They make up 12.5 percent of the nation's population compared with 12.3 percent for blacks. Almost overnight, Hispanics were hot for advertisers.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Sylvia Strikes Again

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ Q 9 4
♥ K 8 7 2
♦ Q 6
♠ A Q J 10

WEST
♦ 6 5
♥ J 3
♦ K 7 5 4 2
♠ K 9 8 3

EAST
♦ 3
♥ Q 10 9 6 4
♦ A 10 9
♠ 6 5 4 2

SOUTH
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♥ A 5
♦ J 8 3
♠ 7

The bidding:
South West North East
2♦ Pass 3♦ Pass
4♦ Pass 6♦

Opening lead — six of spades.

Sylvia was never shy in the bidding. When she had a good hand, she would bid it to the hilt — and then some. She had no use for part-scores, Sylvia's theory being that bidding games won rubbers, and it was impossible to dissuade her from this view.

This philosophy naturally got her into considerable hot water, though it did on occasion produce a fine result. Thus, when Sylvia held the South

hand at the club one day, she opened two spades. It was a far cry from a forcing two-bid, but Sylvia wanted to make sure of getting to game.

North couldn't stop short of six, considering that he had an opening bid facing a strong two-bid, so he leapt to slam. Had West led a diamond, the slam would have foundered, but West led a trump.

It did not take Sylvia long to play the hand. She reasoned that it wouldn't do much good to take a club finesse through West, because even if it worked, she would still lose two diamond tricks.

Accordingly, she won the trump lead in her hand, played a club to the ace and returned the queen. When East followed low, Sylvia discarded, but, being Sylvia, she discarded a heart instead of a diamond!

Sylvia took the king and had no doubt about which suit to return. He assumed from Sylvia's heart discard that this was the weak spot in her hand, and therefore shifted to the jack of hearts.

Sylvia won the heart with the ace, crossed to dummy with a trump, discarded her J-8-3 of diamonds on the J-10 of clubs and king of hearts, and so added another chapter to the saga of her distinguished career.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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IN BRIEF

HC rodeo team sets annual crawfish boil

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

The price for a crawfish boil ticket is \$15. Tickets can be purchased the day of the event or ahead of time by calling Howard head rodeo coach Greg Kernick at 432-816-9477.

BSGSA announces opening ceremonies

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be having opening ceremonies Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Teams will be announced, batting and base running contests will be held for each division, Air Extreme games will be on site and hotdogs and other food items will be sold.

Forsan's athletic banquet date set for early May

The Forsan, all-sports banquet will take place May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

Tickets for the banquet are \$10 and can be purchased in the high school office, but must be purchased by Thursday, April 27.

Ragball touney set to benefit Relay For Life

A Relay For Life ragball tournament will take place at the Big Spring ISD Softball Field Saturday and Sunday. Registration for the tournament will take place Saturday at 10 a.m. and teams must consist of five men and five women.

The cost of the tournament will be \$10 per player.

For more information or to sign up a team, call Angel at the Big Spring Bus Barn at 264-4108.

BSHS volleyball meeting announced

Big Spring head volleyball coach Jason McAden will be holding a parent-player meeting April 27 in the Athletic Training Center at 6:30 p.m.

Anyone who wants to play volleyball and is entering seventh through 12th grade should attend.

For more info, contact McAden at (325) 207-4937.

KBSB golf touney set for Saturday

Keep Big Spring in the heat of the golf season with the KBSB Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at the Big Spring Country Club on Saturday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

American Air gives away free tickets at Mavs game

By DAVID KOENIG

DALLAS — American Airlines took a page out of Oprah Winfrey's play-book Wednesday night and gave vouchers for free flights to everyone at the Dallas Mavericks' final game of the regular season.

Mavericks owner Mark Cuban and American executive Dan Garton announced the giveaway to an estimated 19,000 fans between the first and second quarters. Fans jumped to their feet and cheered.

Garton, American's executive vice president of marketing, declined to say how much the promotion will cost the airline. Its parent company reported Wednesday that it lost \$92 million in the first three months of the year.

A television contest also gave home viewers the chance to win an additional 1,000 vouchers. If every fan at the game plus those at home redeem the vouchers, they could have a face value of more than \$3 million, based on the average \$79 one-way fare on American's Love Field service.

Garton, however, said the cost would be much

less, partly because not everyone will use the vouchers. He also said some people with vouchers will bring along a paying companion.

The gesture came on "Fan Appreciation Night" at the American Airlines Center, but it had more to do with American's fight with Southwest Airlines Co. for supremacy in local air travel.

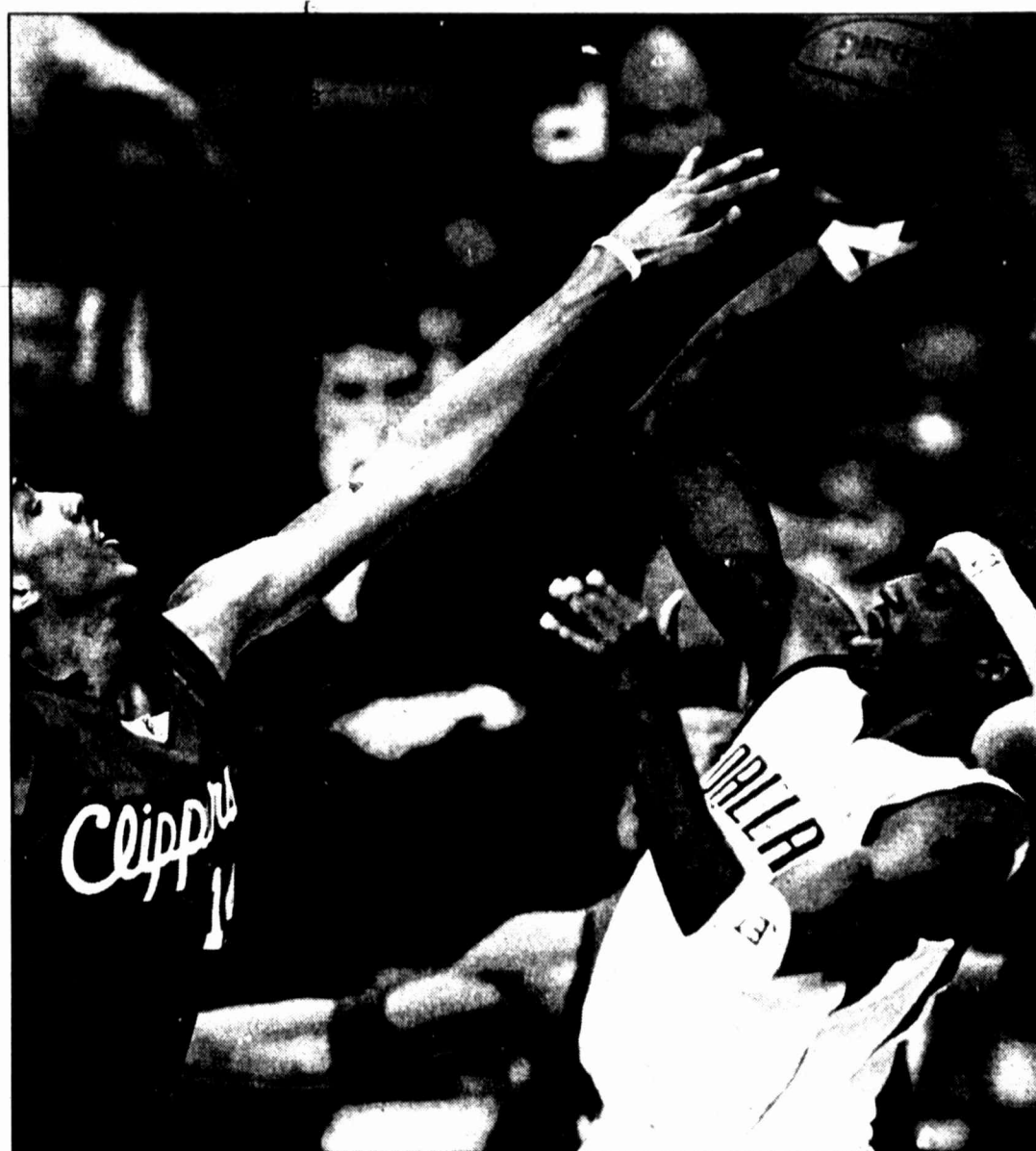
The free roundtrip tickets are restricted to flights that depart or arrive at Love Field. There are no blackout dates, but reservations are required seven days in advance and the tickets must be used by November.

"It's a big promotion for us," Garton said. "It's worth a lot if we get 20,000 people to fly on those flights."

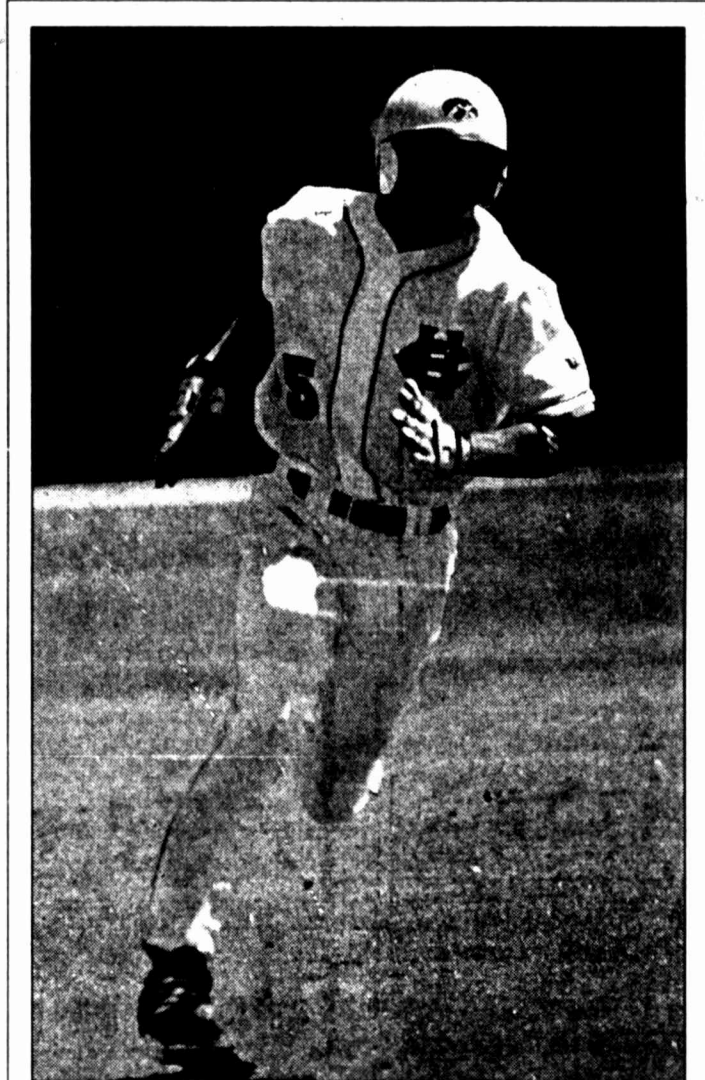
Garton said some of Wednesday night's fans might have been planning to fly on Southwest but will use the American vouchers instead.

"This is not desperation," he said. "It's just aggressive competition."

Cuban was asked how the giveaway by American, a unit of AMR Corp., compared to Winfrey's gift of automobiles to the studio audience at one of her shows.



Dallas Mavericks' guard Jason Terry (31) shoots over Los Angeles Clippers' guard Shaun Livingston (14) at the American Airlines Center in Dallas Wednesday. The game was the season finale for both teams. The Clippers won the game, 85-71, but Dallas held out superstar Dirk Nowitzki. The NBA playoffs begin this weekend.



Howard freshman David Fonseca runs the bases during the Hawks' 18-4 win over Western Texas College last Saturday at Jack Barber Field. Howard will host WJAC rival Odessa College Saturday in a doubleheader beginning at noon. The Hawks will also play two games at Odessa Friday.

What's in your golf bag?

The media made a big deal during Master's week about Phil Mickelson having two drivers in the bag for the tournament. Dave Pelz has said for years that it might be a good idea to carry two putters.

How do you determine the best set make-up for you? The only solid truth is that the conventional idea of ordering your set from the rack is done. Let me help you with some basic guidelines.

Irons have changed considerably during the last 20 years. Most clubs are cast now with big sweet spots and perimeter weighting. Lofts have made the most significant difference in the game.

Twenty years ago, a pitching wedge had 52 degrees of loft. Today's pitching wedge has anywhere from 46 to 48, depending on the manu-

facturer. Four degrees is roughly equivalent to 10 yards with the average golfer. This means that your pitching wedge is going almost as far as your 8-iron did 20 years ago. The stronger lofts have also rendered your long irons obsolete. Four-irons have the same loft as 2-irons from the past. The change is exciting with the ability to hit shots further, but it will create gaps for you to fill.

The USGA allows you 14 clubs. How do I determine the best set composition?

During a regulation round of golf, you will hit 36 putts and 14 drivers. 50 of your shots will be hit using two clubs. The other half, or less, will be hit with the other 12. Roughly, 75 percent of your shots will be hit from inside 100 yards. The clubs you use from inside 100 yards should be your highest priority. Start with a sand wedge you are comfortable with. I use a 58-degree. Then step your clubs in four degree increments until the longest iron you are comfortable with. For most people this will be a

4- or 5-iron. At the Master's, only eight players carried a 2-iron and only 23 of the 90 players carried a 3-iron.

The latest rage in golf is the hybrid club. These clubs fill the void between your irons and woods. They are available in a wide range of lofts and are much easier to hit consistently. Continue your four degree loft gaps until you get to your fairway woods.

Keep in mind that each club has a purpose. They are intended to achieve a specific yardage.

As you play your home course, keep track of how many times you are various distances as well as how often you hit each club. If certain clubs are not being used, consider replacing them with a club that will help more often. Slower swing speeds can expect tighter gaps.

Some manufactures use five degree increments on ladies' clubs. Manufacturers make clubs for the masses. You have to find what is best

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LARRY BRYAN

Seattle comes back to beat Texas

By GREGG BELL

SEATTLE — Carl Everett punctuated the first signature hit of his Seattle career by triumphantly raising both hands skyward well before his game-winning home run clanged off the facing of the second deck beyond left field.

Everett's three-run homer capped a five-run ninth inning as the Seattle Mariners rallied to beat the Texas Rangers 9-6 on Wednesday night.

"This team is just tired of losing," said Everett, who is 8-for-17 with two doubles, a homer and five RBIs in his last four games. "They'll do anything to win."

"There's no doubt in my mind we have a good ball-

club. We just have to put it all together. Tonight, we did. It just took us a while."

The Mariners scored four runs off Texas closer Francisco Cordero (1-2). "Coco is our closer," said Rangers catcher Gerald Laird. "We live and die with him. I think he is great. Sometimes you have a night you can't find the rhythm."

Ichiro Suzuki, who had four hits to break out of a 5-for-32 slump, was hit by a pitch to lead off the ninth. Jose Lopez followed with a double before Raul Ibanez's sacrifice fly made it 6-5. Richie Sexson then had an RBI single to tie the game.

Kenji Johjima singled to chase Cordero before

Everett connected for his third homer of the season off reliever C.J. Wilson.

J.J. Putz (1-0) pitched an inning for the victory.

Suzuki was 4-for-4 to raise his average from .177 to .227.

"This is the most excited I've been in two seasons," Suzuki said through an interpreter — referring to the win.

He was far more reluctant to talk about his hitting.

Kevin Millwood, the 2005 AL ERA leader, held Seattle to three runs and looked poised for his second straight victory before the rally. He gave up a career-high 12 hits — including all four of Suzuki's singles — but

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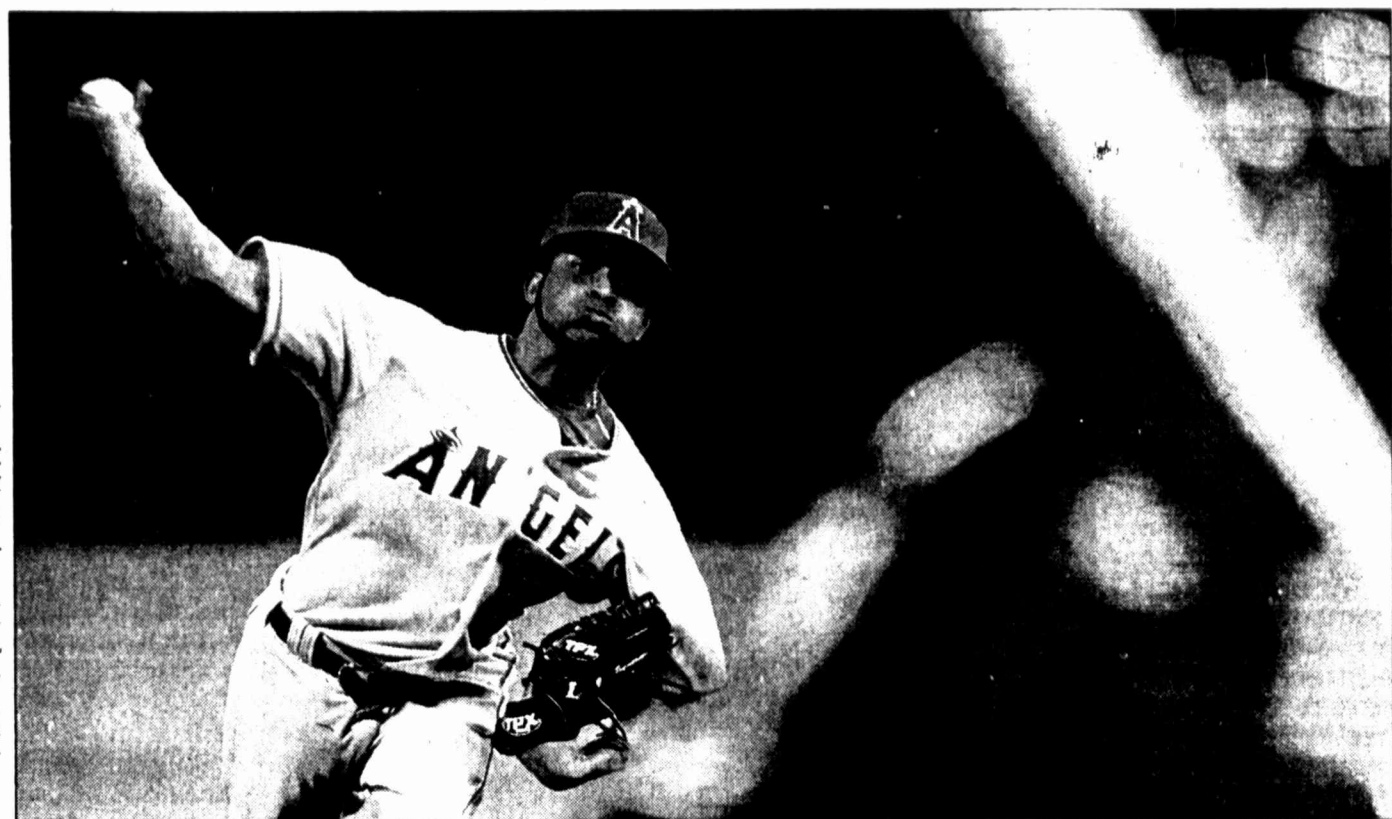
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LA Angels' pitcher Ervin Santana, left, pitches to Minnesota Twins' Tony Batista during the second inning at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minn., Wednesday. The Twins won, 12-10, in 10 innings.

TEXAS

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still had a 6-3 lead when he left two batters in eighth.

"Against a lot of people, that would probably be an 0-for-4," Millwood said of Suzuki.

Hank Blalock had three hits and three RBIs for Texas, which lost for the second time in six games.

Everett and Adrian Beltre had back-to-back doubles off reliever Antonio Alfonseca to bring Seattle within 6-4 in the eighth inning. But with two on and two out, pinch hitter Roberto Petagine grounded out to reliever Akinori Otsuka to end the threat.

It was the first extra-base hit and RBI this season for Beltre.

An announced crowd of 17,613 watched on a pleasant spring night. It was

the lowest attendance at Safeco Field, which opened in July, 1999.

Texas built a 4-1 lead in the fifth on consecutive doubles from Michael Young and Mark Teixeira and a RBI single by Blalock.

In the bottom of the inning, Seattle loaded the bases. With the sparse crowd noisy for the only time, Raul Ibanez popped out to end Seattle's threat.

Blalock made it 6-1 with a two-run single off reliever Julio Mateo.

Millwood escaped more trouble after Suzuki's fourth hit scored Seattle's second run in the seventh. The right-hander got Jose Lopez to hit a comebacker that turned into an inning-ending double play.

Seattle opening day starter Jamie Moyer remained winless through four starts. He allowed four runs in six innings.

Duke Lacrosse players' attorney rejects all deals from prosecution

Gonzaga superstar declares for NBA draft; 49ers add another first-round draft selection

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — An attorney for one of two Duke University lacrosse players charged with raping a stripper at a team party strongly rejected any sort of deal with prosecutors, proclaiming again his client's innocence.

Attorney Bill Cotter said that Collin Finnerty, who along with fellow sophomore Reade Seligmann was indicted Monday on charges of first-degree rape, sexual offense and kidnapping, has left Durham, although he wouldn't say where he went.

Both Finnerty and Seligmann posted \$400,000 bond after their pre-dawn arrests early Tuesday, and were released within hours.

School officials have declined to say whether it plans to discipline either of the players, although they have noted the university has historically suspended students charged with a felony.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Gonzaga All-America forward Adam Morrison declared for the NBA draft, passing up his senior season for a chance to be a lottery pick.

The 6-foot-8 floppy-haired, mustachioed forward, led Division I in scoring last season at 28.1 points per game.

The West Coast Conference player of the year, Morrison edged Duke's J.J. Redick for

this year's national scoring title.

AUTO RACING

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Former Indianapolis 500 winner Pat Flaherty and former car owner Al Dean will be inducted into the Auto Racing Hall of Fame at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway next month.

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Dean's cars won 38 Indy-car races from 1953-67, including 17 each with Mario Andretti and Jimmy Bryan.

BASEBALL

PHOENIX (AP) — Barry Bonds was fined \$5,000 by Major League Baseball for wearing wristbands that violated apparel rules because of their size and logo design.

Bob Watson, baseball's vice president for on-field operations, confirmed that a letter was sent to Bonds Tuesday. Bonds has appealed the ruling, Watson said.

PRO BASKETBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA Entertainment president Adam Silver was appointed to the role of deputy commissioner, replacing Russ Granik as the league's No. 2 man behind David Stern.

Silver was elected unanimously during the league's two-day Board of Governors meetings and will take office July 1.

Granik announced in October he would step down following this season, his 30th with the league and 22nd in his current role.

PRO FOOTBALL

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers added a second first-round pick in next week's NFL draft by trading their second- and third-round picks to Denver for the 22nd overall selection.

The 49ers, who already have the No. 6 pick after last season's 4-12 finish, sent the 37th and 68th overall choices to the Broncos, giving San Francisco two first-round picks for the first time since 2000.

HOCKEY

NEW YORK (AP) — NHL attendance was up 2.4 percent from the last season before the lockout, with the league setting records for average and total fans.

The NHL played to 91.7 percent of capacity, drawing 20,854,169 fans for 1,230 regular-season games for an average of 16,955. In 2003-04 — the last season before the lockout — the league drew 20,356,199 for an average of 16,550.

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NBA/NHL playoff matchups and schedule

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- No. 1 Detroit vs. No. 8 Milwaukee: Game 1, Sunday in Detroit at 6 p.m.
- No. 2 Miami vs. No. 7 Chicago: Game 1, Saturday in Miami at 7 p.m.
- No. 3 New Jersey vs. No. 6 Indiana: Game 1, Sunday in New Jersey at noon
- No. 4 Cleveland vs. No. 5 Washington: Game 1, Saturday in Cleveland at 2 p.m.

Western Conference

- No. 1 San Antonio vs. No. 8 Sacramento: Game 1, Saturday in S.A. at 4:30 p.m.
- No. 2 Phoenix vs. No. 7 L.A. Lakers: Game 1, Sunday in Phoenix at 2:30 p.m.
- No. 3 Denver vs. No. 6 L.A. Clippers: Game 1, Saturday in Denver at 9:30 p.m.
- No. 4 Dallas vs. No. 5 Memphis: Game 1, Sunday in Dallas at 8:30 p.m.

Stanley Cup Playoffs

Eastern Conference

- No. 1 Ottawa vs. No. 8 Tampa Bay: Game 1, Friday in Ottawa at 6 p.m.
- No. 2 Carolina vs. No. 7 Montreal: Game 1, Saturday at Carolina at 6 p.m.
- No. 3 New Jersey vs. No. 6 New York: Game 1, Saturday in New Jersey at 2 p.m.
- No. 4 Buffalo vs. No. 5 Philadelphia: Game 1, Saturday in Buffalo at 6 p.m.

Western Conference

- No. 1 Detroit vs. No. 8 Edmonton: Game 1, Friday in Detroit at 6 p.m.
- No. 2 Dallas vs. No. 7 Colorado: Game 1, Saturday in Dallas at 2 p.m.
- No. 3 Calgary vs. No. 6 Anaheim: Game 1, Friday in Calgary at 9 p.m.
- No. 4 Nashville vs. No. 5 San Jose: Game 1, Friday in Nashville at 7 p.m.

Brewers take down Astros, avoid sweep

HOUSTON — Andy Pettitte is becoming this year's version of Roger Clemens: When he pitches, the Houston Astros don't get too many runs.

Pettitte lost to the Brewers for the first time since 1996 despite allowing only two runs in Milwaukee's 7-2 victory over the Astros on Wednesday night.

"We went through this all last year," Pettitte said. "The offense is what it is. I feel like I should throw a shutout every time out. If I give up two runs and we score one, then I didn't do my job."

Coming off a 5-1 loss at

Arizona, Pettitte (1-3) struck out eight and walked one in seven innings, allowing seven hits. Houston has scored 12 runs in his four starts — seven came in his lone victory, against Washington on April 9.

Pettitte gave up a go-ahead double to Damian Miller in the seventh. Pettitte had won six straight starts against Milwaukee since a 7-5 loss for the New York Yankees on July 19, 1996.

He dropped to 7-3 against the Brewers despite lowering his season ERA from 6.35 to 5.25.

Chris Capuano (2-2)

allowed two runs and five hits in 7 2-3 innings with eight strikeouts and two walks to help Milwaukee stop a three-game losing streak.

He had been 0-2 in three career appearances at Minute Maid Park coming in.

Houston's Morgan Ensberg homered in his fifth straight game, tying a team record, and raised his season total to seven.

With the score 1-all and two outs in the seventh, Rickie Weeks and Jeff Cirillo singled, and Miller followed with a double down the right-field line.



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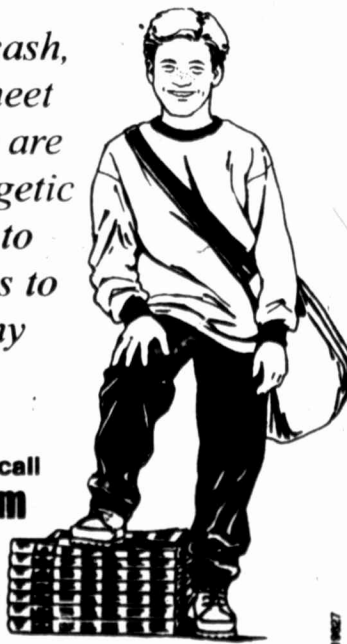
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Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Venus, the "It Girl" of the sky, is flirting up a storm with Jupiter, aka "Daddy Warbucks." The generous showering of affection from this adorable connection can be put to use in the area of personal relationships. Saying "yes" more often is favored. Yes to lingering, loving looks. Yes to whispered poetry.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The cosmos urge you to review the contents of your life and make a wish list. Leave the list under your pillow. If, as you go about your day, you can't remember what you wrote down, you probably don't need it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Love is an unruly creature, and that's how you like it. You're not about to turn the darling beast into a submissive house pet. You let romance take its course.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To the rest of the world you seem impulsive, but really, you've figured much out in advance. After you've contemplated your options and planned your strategy, you feel free take part in spur-of-the-moment activities.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If your request is clear, it will be answered. The best way to make sure your request is clear is to either write it out or speak of it with the most evolved human you know. Nail the subtle distinctions in your wording - this is key.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A party you'll be throwing in weeks to come requires planning. Get your theme and guest list in shape. Anyone who isn't invited in the first round will be miffed, so get to everyone at the same time to avoid hurt feelings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're in a playful, sensual and colorful mood - there are so many shades of you to get to know. It's no wonder you've captured the intrigue of a Libra or an Aquarius.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The work scene is highly competitive, but do your homework, and you win hands-down. There's a lingering fear connected to your success. Don't worry - true friends continue to stick by you, even if you surpass them financially.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A sort of "dos and don'ts" list affects you now. However, not much, and not for long. You have been known to rebel against rigid decrees, and by tonight, your rebellion is in full force.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). This is why you're so smart: Education is eternally interesting to you. At some point today, you could be the only one left awake in a room full of people who are nodding off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've got what it takes, but the real trick is knowing when it's needed. Even at the time you're unsure of yourself, someone else isn't.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's totally unnerving to lose things like keys and phones, but use the mishap as an opportunity to put better organizational systems in place. A basket next to your front door could save you hours a year of searching time!

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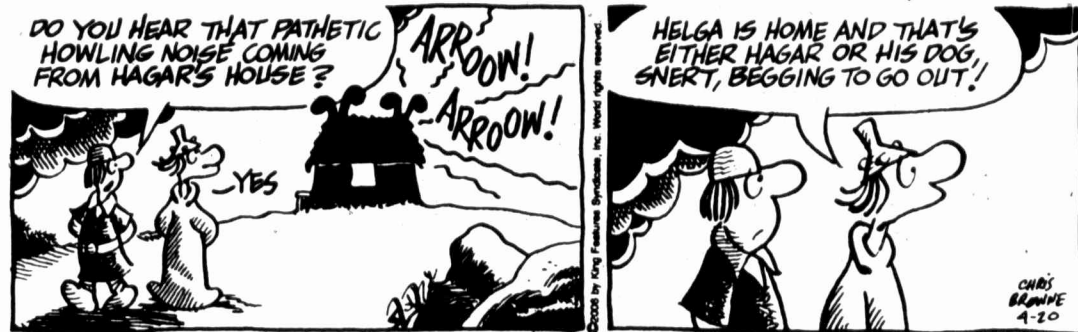
"WHAT DID YOU LEARN IN SCHOOL TODAY, SPORT?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"How much would it cost to see a sunset if God decided to charge for it?"

HAGAR



DO YOU HEAR THAT PATHETIC HOWLING NOISE COMING FROM HAGAR'S HOUSE? YES. HELGA IS HOME AND THAT'S EITHER HAGAR OR HIS DOG, SNEERT, BEGGING TO GO OUT!

BLONDIE



MAYBE WE SHOULD INVITE THE WIVES OVER TO PLAY POKER WITH US. ARE YOU NUTS?! WHY WOULD WE DO THAT?! BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALL OUR MONEY!

BC



MY COUSIN SCRUGGY WON A SCHOLARSHIP TO A MED SCHOOL. HOW DID HE SWING THAT? HE ACED THE FINALS IN "SCRIBBLING 101."

WIZARD OF ID



IS THE SQUAB FRESH? IT WAS JUST DELIVERED THIS MORNING. WHERE DO YOU GET IT? FROM A ROOFING CONTRACTOR.

AGNES



AGNES, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BE ALLERGIC TO MATHEMATICS. THERE MUST BE SOMETHING ELSE. SAY A NUMBER. FIVE. SEE? I'M FINE. NOW, SAY ANOTHER NUMBER AND TELL ME TO MAKE THEM FIGHT WITH EACH OTHER. NUMBERS DON'T FIGHT WITH EACH OTHER. HEY, MAYBE NOT IN YOUR WORLD, BUT IN MINE, THEY BICKER LIKE TWITCHY-TAILED SQUIRRELS!

HI AND LOIS



FIRST I DROPPED MINE ON THE FLOOR, AND THEN IT SORTA TURNED INTO A GAME. WHO WON? WE DON'T KNOW YET.

THE OTHER COAST



THIS IS A HORSE MEAT RESTAURANT? I CAN'T EAT HORSE! IT WOULD BE LIKE EATING MR. ED, OR BLACK BEAUTY, OR... THE HORSE YOU LOST TWO GRAND ON AT THE KENTUCKY DERBY? CAN I HAVE MINE BARBECUED?

SNUFFY SMITH



GOODNESS, ARE THEM TRIPLETS, MIZ DUGGS?! YES, THAT'S APRIL, MAY AN' JUNE!! MERCY ME, THAT SHORELY WUZ ONE LONG LABOR!!

BEEBLE BAILEY



THIS IS A SMART BOMB. DOES ANYONE KNOW WHAT A SMART BOMB IS? YES! A BOMB THAT DOESN'T GO OFF UNTIL ALL THE LEADERS HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL OTHER SOLUTIONS.

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, April 20, the 110th day of 2006. There are 255 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 20, 1999, the Columbine High School massacre took place in Littleton, Colo., as two students shot and killed 12 classmates and one teacher before taking their own lives.

On this date: In 1812, the fourth vice president of the United States, George Clinton, died in Washington at age 73, becoming the first vice president to die while in office.

In 1836, the Territory of Wisconsin was established by Congress.

In 1889, Adolf Hitler was born in Braunau, Austria.

In 1945, during World War II, allied forces took control of the German cities of Nuremberg and Stuttgart.

In 1968, Pierre Elliott Trudeau was sworn in as prime minister of Canada.

In 1971, the Supreme Court upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation in schools.

In 1972, the manned lunar module from Apollo 16 landed on the moon.

In 1978, a Korean Air Lines Boeing 707 crash-landed in northwestern Russia after entering Soviet airspace and being fired on by a Soviet interceptor. Two passengers were killed.

In 1980, the first Cubans sailing to the United States as part of the massive Mariel boatlift reached Florida.

In 1986, following an absence of six decades, Russian-born pianist Vladimir Horowitz performed in the Soviet Union to a packed audience at the Grand Hall of the Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Moscow.

One year ago: President Bush signed a bill making it harder for debt-ridden people to wipe clean their financial slates by declaring bankruptcy.

Birthdays: Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens is 86. Actress Nina Foch is 82. Actor Leslie Phillips is 82. Actor George

Takei is 69. Singer Johnny Tillotson is 67. Actor Ryan O'Neal is 65. Bluegrass singer-musician Doyle Lawson (Quicksilver) is 62. Rock musician Craig Frost (Grand Funk; Bob Seger's Silver Bullet Band) is 58. Actress Jessica Lange is 57. Actor Clint Howard is 47. Country singer Wade Hayes is 37. Actor Shemar Moore is 36. Rock musician Mikey Welsh is 35. Actress Carmen Electra is 34. Actor Joseph Lawrence is 30.

Thought for Today: "Taste. You cannot buy such a rare and wonderful thing. You can't send away for it in a catalogue. And I'm afraid it's becoming obsolete." — Rosalind Russell, American actress (1911-1976).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Goes out with
 - 6 Like lightning
 - 10 Glasgow girl
 - 14 Residence
 - 15 Ratio words
 - 16 At the peak of
 - 17 All charged up
 - 18 Bibliography abbr.
 - 19 Soccer legend
 - 20 German refusal when the workday starts?
 - 22 Humorist Barry
 - 23 Little bit
 - 24 Yelled from the bleachers
 - 26 Annoy
 - 30 Use plastic
 - 32 Homeric work
 - 33 Jalopy
 - 34 Oddjob's creator
 - 37 Diplomatic agreement
 - 38 Wall Street unit
 - 39 Gawk at
 - 40 Yellowstone beast
 - 41 Make amends
 - 42 Cowboy's "Yippee!"
 - 43 Skateboarding mishap
 - 45 Fasten securely
 - 46 Paint basecoat
 - 48 Caught onto
 - 49 High, in combinations
 - 50 Fairway warning in the afternoon?
 - 57 Trick
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- 59 Left the depths
 - 60 Score after deuce
 - 61 Rig on the road
 - 62 Looked a long time
 - 63 Adjacent
 - 64 Be optimistic
 - 65 Onlookers
 - 10 Peke, e.g.
 - 11 Had a late supper?
 - 12 Puzzle out
 - 13 Running back's asset
 - 21 Pit contents
 - 25 Substance for smelting
 - 26 Old King Cole request
 - 27 Holy Land airline
 - 28 Orders to attack in the evening?
 - 29 Sylvester, to Tweety Bird
 - 30 Stretch one's neck
 - 31 Hounds' quarry
 - 33 Karate maneuver
 - 35 Shampoo ingredient
 - 36 Element #10
 - 38 Sea urchin's cousin
 - 39 Feedbag morsel
 - 41 Verb for you
 - 42 Power rating
 - 44 Customer
 - 45 Big snake
 - 46 Wrap material
 - 47 Avoid adroitly
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 - 52 Win going away
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 - 54 Move like the Blob
 - 55 Software buyer
 - 56 National League team

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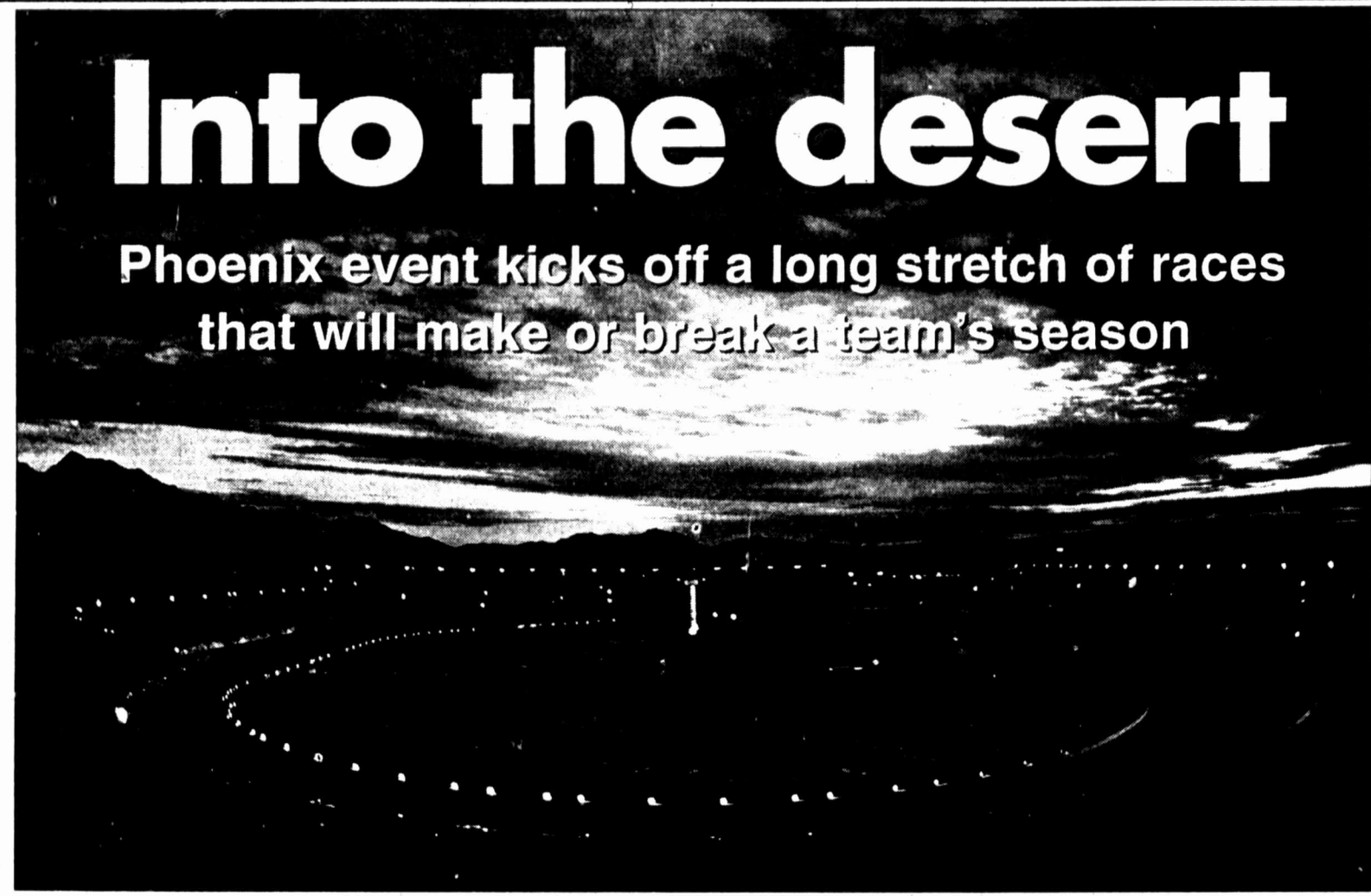
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Into the desert

Phoenix event kicks off a long stretch of races that will make or break a team's season

For NASCAR Nextel Cup drivers, Phoenix International Raceway marks the beginning of a stretch of 13 points races in a 14-week span.

BY DAVID POOLE
Knight Ridder Newspapers

When the Nextel Cup Series returns to action Saturday night at Phoenix International Raceway, its teams begin a stretch of 13 points races in 14 weeks.

The non-points NASCAR Nextel All-Star Challenge at Lowe's Motor Speedway occupies the other weekend in that stretch, so the next weekend off for Cup teams doesn't come until the end of July.

By that time, they'll be 20 races into the season, leaving just six events beyond that to decide who'll make the Chase for the Nextel Cup and who won't.

If you're on the outside of the top 10 right now, it's still early.

"We were just knocking on the door of the top 10, and then with one bad race we dropped back to 17th," said Kurt Busch, who lost ground with a 34th-place finish at Texas Motor Speedway. "If we have a couple of good races in a row, that will put us right back in position to be steadily right there and ready for the top 10."

"There's a long way to go. Once you get to June and start running into the summer months at Dover, Pocono and Michigan, that's when we start worrying about where we are in position for points."

That could work for Busch, who right now stands 123 points out of 10th in the standings. The last time he raced at Phoenix he won — a year ago this weekend in the track's first spring race. He never got the chance to go for a fifth straight top 10 at Phoenix in the fall after being suspended for the season's final two races by Roush Racing.

But only four of the drivers in last year's Chase are in the top 10 right now. One of last year's title contenders, Rusty Wallace, has left the Cup Series. But Busch and four others are on the outside looking in, and at least three of



Kurt Busch won the spring race at Phoenix International Raceway last season.

them seem to need a sense of urgency to get things turned around in the right direction.

There's already been a big change for Carl Edwards, who's 22nd after seven races and will have Wally Brown as his new crew chief beginning this weekend in the Subway 500 at Phoenix. His former crew chief, Bob Osborne, has been shuffled over to the No. 26 team to try to jumpstart Jamie McMurray's season.

Greg Biffle, meanwhile, is one spot behind Edwards in the standings and 406 points behind leader Jimmie Johnson. And Jeremy Mayfield, who has been in Chase in each of its first two years, is already at the point of crisis at 35th in the standings and 295 points out of 10th place.

For those drivers who are in the top 10 right now, the coming weeks offer a chance to solidify their hold on a spot in the Chase.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. missed the Chase last year, but right now he's sixth in the standings going into two of his best tracks, historically. He crashed at Phoenix last fall and finished

40th, but before that he'd scored four straight top-five finishes there including a pair of victories. And before finishing 15th and 40th at Talladega last year, he'd finished first five times and second twice in the previous seven races there.

But Earnhardt Jr. doesn't want to count on only running well where he has before.

"I want to be in the groove all the time," he said. "We've had great-driving cars every week. I want to continue to go to the track (and) not be scrambling to get in the ballpark."

"We do have a couple of tracks coming up that we do traditionally run well on. Then there's a stretch in the summer where we've struggled, like at Michigan, Pocono and Sonoma, places like that. I'm looking that far ahead really trying to prepare myself and hopefully have a better opportunity and a better finish at a lot of those tracks."

Jeff Gordon missed the Chase last year, too. Like Earnhardt Jr., he hasn't won a race this year. But he is eighth in the standings and Gordon, a four-time Cup Series champion, believes the best is yet to come for his team under first-year crew chief Steve Letarte.

"This is what I was expecting," Gordon said. "I knew over the off-season that we were not going to come out of the box as 'the team to beat.' I still believe, and probably believe it even more now, that we're still in such a learning curve that by the summer, I think we will be one of the teams to beat."

"I think you're going to see some huge improvements out of our performance, of really competing with the guys. I think we've got big gains that we still know are out there for us. I think other teams have — I'm not saying they peaked, but I think they're at a level I think we can get to and really be up to, you know, being one of the top teams hopefully before the Chase and then more importantly if we do, being in the Chase with a chance to win the championship, not just a team in the Chase."

THIS WEEK'S RACE

SUBWAY FRESH 500

Where: Phoenix International Raceway a paved 1-mile flat oval located in Avondale, Ariz.

When: Saturday at 8:25 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 8:40 p.m. Friday.

TV: Fox.
Radio: Motor Racing Network.
Purse: \$4,906,887.

Last year's winner: Kurt Busch.

Worth mentioning: There have been 11 different pole winners in the past 13 races at Phoenix. Ryan Newman is the only repeat pole winner since 1994.

Mark Martin has eight top-five and 13 top-10 finishes in 19 races at Phoenix, more than any other driver.

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jeff Gordon are winless so far in 2006. Which of the two will get to Victory Lane first?

Cast your vote at:
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

What do you make of the confrontation between a pair of drivers' "significant others" during the Nextel Cup race at Texas?

Number of votes: 6,934

Response	No. of votes	Percent
I liked it. Emotion isn't limited to drivers and team members.	3,640	52%
It was no big deal.	2,141	31%
How WWE. NASCAR needs to step in with penalties.	1,153	17%

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of April 9:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Jimmie Johnson	1063	21. Jamie McMurray	675
2. Matt Kenseth	1048	22. Carl Edwards	662
3. Kasey Kahne	1017	23. Greg Biffle	657
4. Mark Martin	1017	24. J.J. Yeley	652
5. Tony Stewart	968	25. Joe Nemechek	649
6. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	951	26. Jeff Green	642
7. Kyle Busch	950	27. Robby Gordon	637
8. Jeff Gordon	911	28. Scott Riggs	635
9. Kevin Harvick	869	29. Bobby Labonte	601
10. Casey Mears	845	30. Ken Schrader	597
11. Dale Jarrett	828	31. Dave Blaney	589
12. Elliott Sadler	804	32. Kyle Petty	585
13. Clint Bowyer	750	33. Michael Waltrip	558
14. Denny Hamlin	747	34. Sterling Marlin	555
15. Martin Truex Jr.	744	35. Jeremy Mayfield	550
16. Jeff Burton	741	36. Terry Labonte	516
17. Kurt Busch	722	37. David Stremme	457
18. Ryan Newman	711	38. Scott Wimmer	470
19. Reed Sorenson	701	39. Kevin Lepage	408
20. Brian Vickers	684	40. Travis Kvapil	319

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of April 15:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Kevin Harvick	1284	11. Jason Leffler	876
2. Denny Hamlin	1128	12. Jason Keller	871
3. Clint Bowyer	1075	13. Greg Biffle	849
4. J.J. Yeley	1028	14. Kenny Wallace	830
5. Carl Edwards	963	15. Ashton Lewis	820
6. Paul Menard	962	16. Jamie McMurray	816
7. Jon Wood	943	17. Reed Sorenson	811
8. Johnny Sauter	914	18. Todd Kluever	777
9. Kyle Busch	905	19. Matt Kenseth	770
10. Burney Lamar	901	20. Darryl O'Quinn Jr.	758

NEXT RACE: Friday, Basha's Supermarkets 200, Avondale, Ariz.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of April 1:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Mark Martin	720	6. Erik Damell	552
2. Ted Musgrave	665	7. Jack Sprague	544
3. Todd Bodine	662	8. Mike Bliss	544
4. David Reutimann	576	9. Dennis Setzer	531
5. David Starr	556	10. Flick Crawford	508

NEXT RACE: April 29, Dodge Ram Tough 200, Madison, Ill.

STOP 'N' GO

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Much has been made of the influx of Nextel Cup drivers into the Busch Series this season, a point which cannot be disputed by the facts. But there are other things to consider. Would just as many fans attend those races or watch them on TV if drivers like Kevin Harvick, Carl Edwards, Greg Biffle, Matt Kenseth and Reed Sorenson were not

around? And of the four highest ranked drivers not running full-time in Cup, all but one — Johnny Sauter — are directly connected to a Cup team or owned by a Cup driver. Not exactly a bunch of outsiders.

It's funny to hear people complain about the wing that is used on NASCAR's "car of tomorrow" and how it doesn't look like a stock car. Well, I see a lot more wings on cars on the street than I do rear spoilers. And if the racing is better, who cares?

WHO'S HOT

- **Kasey Kahne:** From famine to feast this season.
- **Kevin Harvick:** Commanding lead in Busch Series, ninth in Cup points. That should help contract negotiations.
- **Tony Stewart:** Love him or hate him, he's going to be a factor again in the championship chase.
- **Dodge:** Three Cup wins in 2005. Three in first seven races of 2006.

WHO'S NOT

- **Carl Edwards:** Is a crew chief change already a sign of serious trouble?
- **Greg Biffle:** Runs good enough to win, but has little to show for it.

— Jim Utter

In post-war, pre-hype NASCAR, Louise Smith was a contender

When Bill France Sr. came to Greenville, S.C., in 1946 to promote a racing show at Greenville-Pickens Speedway, he was looking for local drivers whose entry into his event might lure people to buy a ticket.

He started asking people in the area's racing circles if there were, for instance, any women around who might want to race.

There were no women driving at the track at that time, but it didn't take long for somebody to think of a young lady who might fit right in.

Louise Smith, who died Saturday at the age of 89, was always crazy about cars, especially ones that would go fast.

She was born in Georgia, but moved to Greenville when she was 4. Her father and brothers were

mechanics, so the love of cars ran in her blood. One day, when she was still a little girl, Louise got into her dad's Model T and took off.

She figured out the "go" part of driving without much problem.

The "stop" part was another thing altogether. She crashed the car straight into the chicken house.

During her teenage years, Smith found it necessary to learn how to outrun the

local constabulary, who felt she never had quite mastered the proper go-to-stop ratios.

That's where she got the reputation that led to the local racers suggesting France look her up in 1946, and that's how Smith came to be a

competitor in the first automobile race — at least an organized one — she ever saw.

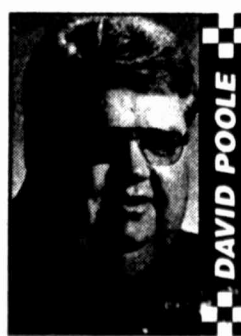
Smith drove a 1939 Ford modified coupe in the race and finished third. For the next 10 years, she raced all over the eastern United States and Canada, competing in modifieds, sportsman cars and in 11 races in what would eventually come to be the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series — including three of the nine events in the first year of that series in 1949.

Although she never finished better than 16th in NASCAR's top series, she won 38 races at various levels in her career. In 1998, she became the first woman elected to the National Motorsports Press Association's Stock Car Racing Hall of Fame. A year later, she was inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Her funeral was held Monday in Greenville.



Louise Smith, shown in this undated file photo, was the first woman to be inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame in 1999.



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