

VAMC to host fun run, walk

Herald Staff Report

A couple of ophthalmologists at the West Texas VA Health Care System — known locally as the Big Spring VA Medical Center — are challenging runners and walkers to help area veterans.

Drs. Wade Graham and Jorge Corona are inviting runners and walkers in West Texas to participate in the second annual Veterans' Fun Run.

The run and walk are set for Saturday in Comanche Trail Park and will benefit the Veteran's Eyeglass Fund. The fund purchases glasses for veterans who are not eligible for eyeglasses and cannot afford them.

The Veterans' Fun Run is a 5K run or 5K walk — participants' choice. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m. and the events will begin at 9 a.m. The \$15 registration fee includes a T-shirt for each participant.

Both the run and walk

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Herald photo/Steve Reagan
Bauer Elementary fourth-grader Tristan Hill, center, is congratulated by Kentwood Elementary Principal Karen Saunders and Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs after being named Grand Champion at Wednesday's Cowboy Poetry Roundup at Big Spring High School.

Cowpoke poetry hitches yearnin' with some learnin'

□ Grand Champion poem, Page 3A.

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

About 700 Big Spring students, their parents, teachers and administrators gathered at the high school to hear about ropin' and ridin', taters and beans, and tales of faithful horses and pretty gals.

The annual Cowboy Poetry Roundup attracted a record number of entrants and participants this year, said Carl Condray, resident cowboy poet and one of the guiding forces behind the event.

And it's all in the name of learning and fun, he said.

"It's beyond belief what these children can do," Condray said. "It's almost cruel, but they're learning, and they're having fun, too."

Kentwood Elementary Principal Karen

Saunders noted that by organizing and teaching cowboy poetry to local fourth graders, Condray was integrating many of the areas tested in state exams — reading, writing, technology, math — in a fun, effective format.

"Writing scores were really great this year, and I think the cowboy poetry class was a big cog in that wheel," Saunders said. "I think what (Condray) has done here is an exhibit of what schools that are truly successful can do — integrate curriculum in a manner that motivates children."

Grand Champion Poet was Tristan Hill of Bauer Elementary for his poem, "Cowman." He received an assortment of prizes, including a \$100 savings

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Moore board OKs studies

With idea of addressing landfill, railway projects

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The board of directors for Moore Development for Big Spring approved several thousand dollars for studies on two local projects during its Wednesday evening meeting.

The board approved \$6,000 be allotted for a fatal flaw study of approximately 300 acres of property located adjacent to the Sid Richardson Carbon Black Plant on Midway Road.

According to Todd Darden, director of public works for the city of Big Spring, the property is currently owned by Moore Development and is being looked at as a possible site for a new municipal landfill.

"This fatal flaw investigation is designed to go in

and see if the property is suitable for an industrial site or a landfill," said Darden. "Several things have to be studied to make that determination, including the depth of the water table and soil stability. This is one of the requirements for opening a new landfill facility."

The study, which will be conducted by the engineering firm of Parkhill Smith and Cooper, would determine the next step in the process, according to Darden.

"The next step in the process involves about \$250,000 for the permit process," said Darden. "So it's easy to see why we feel it's best to have this study before we move any further."

Darden said the city plans to move its composting facility to the new site if possible, freeing up what he described as very desirable space in the

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Herald photo/Steve Reagan
Law enforcement personnel from throughout West Texas carry the torch that will light the flame at the Special Olympics meet in Arlington away from the Howard County Courthouse Wednesday afternoon.

Flame of hope passes through city

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Ignoring steaming temperatures, area law enforcement officials, accompanied by a small throng of local residents, carried the "fire of hope" through Big Spring

Wednesday afternoon.

As they have for more than 20 years, local police officers and sheriff's deputies participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Benefiting Special Olympics.

Operating in relays, the officers are carrying a torch which will be

used to light the flame at Friday's Special Olympics Summer Games in Arlington.

Aside from raising awareness for Special Olympics, the event also is used to help raise money for the

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MEMORIAL ACTIVITIES

• Second annual Veterans' Fun Run, 9 a.m. Saturday at Comanche Trail Park. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. \$15 per person, T-shirt included. 5K walk and 5K run.

• The 23rd Annual Howard County Memorial Day Ceremony, 2 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Memorial Park.

• Permian Basin Ride to Remember, approximately 11 a.m. Monday at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum tribute, noon Monday, balloon release, ice cream.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

• Borden County High School, 7 p.m. Friday, Borden County auditorium.

• Coahoma High School, 7 p.m., Friday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• Forsan High School, 8 p.m. Friday, Forsan High School gym.

• Big Spring High School, 8 p.m. June 2, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



LESS OF A PERVERT?

SIDNEY, Neb. (AP) — A judge said a 5-foot-1 man convicted of sexually assaulting a child was too small to survive in prison, and gave him 10 years of probation instead. His crimes deserved a long sentence, District Judge Kristine Cecava said, but she worried that Richard W. Thompson, 50, would be especially imperiled by prison dangers.

"You are a sex offender, and you did it to a child," she said. "That doesn't make you a hunter."

He will be electronically monitored the first four months of probation, was told to never be alone with someone under age 18 and told to get rid of his pornography.

Obituaries

John W. Watkins



John W. Watkins, 82, of Big Spring died Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church and the Rev. Elwin Collom, chaplain with Home Hospice, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

John was born July 23, 1923, in Tye Valley, San Saba County, to William and Jennie Watkins. He married Gussie Leach May 9, 1946, in San Saba.

John moved to Big Spring in 1955 from Brownwood to work at the VA Medical Center and worked there for 26 years, retiring in 1980. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. John served in the United States Army from November 1942 until Dec. 31, 1945. He was with the 5th Evacuation Hospital in Germany.

John enjoyed fishing and outdoor activities. He was a very caring man who helped many people during his years at the VA Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Gussie Watkins of Big Spring; two sons and one daughter-in-law, John Douglas and Darlene Watkins of Lubbock and Larry Wayne Watkins of Big Spring; two daughters and one son-in-law, Mildred and DeLloyd Hooser and Patty Cate, all of Big Spring; six grandchildren, Tammy Trevino of Lubbock, Stephen Watkins and wife, Kendy of Lubbock, Kevin Cate of Midland, Erika Cate of Big Spring, Kristy Galvan and husband, Theo of Morton and Kaci Hooser of Fort Worth; one brother, Barney Watkins of Houston; four great-grandsons; one great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

The family suggests memorials be made to Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, 810 E. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720 or to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh Street, Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Dorothy Lucille Long

Dorothy Lucille Long, 83, former Big Spring resident, died Sunday, May 21, 2006, at a Santa Cruz, Calif., hospital. Graveside funeral services are 3 p.m. Saturday, May 27, 2006, at the Peace Chapel in Trinity Memorial Park with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating.

The family will receive friends Saturday at the funeral home from 1 p.m. until service time.

She was born Feb. 5, 1923 in Lamesa and married Henry A. Long in 1942. He preceded her in death in 1979. She grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School. She moved to San Jose, Calif. from Texas in 1962 and to Watsonville, Calif., in 1989.

She was also preceded in death her parents, Perry and Anna Belle Bradford, two sisters, Debra Felts and Wanda Gillihan and one brother, Bobby H. Bradford.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Bob Pacini of Redding, Calif., and Janet and Gene Shalayda of South Seaside Park, N.J.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Kathy Long of Felton, Calif., and Russell and Lori Long of Capitola, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be sent to Hospice Caring Project, 940 Disc Dr., Scotts Valley, Calif., 95066.

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

Take Note

• **TICKETS FOR A PURPLE 1968 VW BEETLE** are available for \$20 each, with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. The car will be awarded during the Martin County Relay For Life June 2. For information, call 756-4126 or 631-6388.

• **FIRST BANK OF WEST TEXAS IS SUPPORTING THE UNITED WAY** of Big Spring and Howard County by donating proceeds it receives from the June 3 community-wide garage sale in Coahoma. If anyone has any items that they wish to contribute to the sale, they are encouraged to bring them by either the bank in Coahoma, located on the I-20 service road, or to the bank in Big Spring across from Big Spring Mall. If you have large items, call Lori Martinez at the bank at 394-4256 to arrange delivery.

• **THE PET PATROL** helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

• **COAHOMA LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE** is June 3. To participate, register at The Lil' Sooper Market or by calling Brian Klinksiek at 394-4395. Deadline to register is May 27. Registration fee is \$15.

• **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.

• **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.

Police blotter

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

• **ANGELA DUGGER**, 28, of 801 W. FM 700, was arrested Wednesday on a local citation and a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **APRIL HENDERSON**, 35, of San Angelo, was arrested Wednesday on a Concho warrant and charges of forgery and theft.

• **TIMOTHY UNDERWOOD**, 29, of 1107 Lamar, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• **NATICIA BARFIELD**, 19, of Lamesa, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft.

• **SCOTT BROWN**, 25, of Tawakoni, was arrested Wednesday on charges of theft and public intoxication.

• **HENRY BARFIELD**, 32, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft.

• **KATHRENE CHAVARRIA**, 35, of 800 S. Nolan, was arrested Thursday on a Howard County warrant.

• **CHRISTOPHER MYRICK**, 32, of 3200 Fenn, was arrested Thursday on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.

- in the 1200 block of Gregg Street.

• **FORGERY** was reported in the 400 block of Runnels.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1100 block of 13th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

• **ELIZABETH ANN PIONNTKOWSKI**, 41, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of driving while license invalid and no vehicle registration.

• **IRENE JIMENEZ HINOJOSA**, 41, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for driving while license invalid, bondsman off bond for theft and bondsman off bond for theft by check.

• **JULIE CANTU**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a Class C offense.

• **PAM K. GRUIS**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for a Martin County warrant and a probation violation.

• **PAUL BROTT**, 27, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

• **COLBY SHAWN WARD**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid/suspended - enhanced.

• **MARTIN GALINDO CASTANEDA**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **LUIS ALBERTO GARFIAS**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, disobeying a stop sign and displaying an expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.

• **JARROD LEE MEJIA**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **OLAF LACY TWEEDIE**, 34, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of evading arrest or detention, tampering with governmental records and fraudulent use/possession of identifying information.

• **JOE MARTINEZ**, 43, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a parole violation.

Fire/EMS

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

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 4000 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of East 15th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

• **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2500 block of Chanute. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of West Robinson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.

• **MEDICAL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.

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.

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TODAY

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Coahoma High School graduation, 7 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

• Borden County High School graduation, 7 p.m., Borden County High School auditorium.

• Forsan High School graduation, 8 p.m., Forsan High School gym.

• 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

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

• YoungLife Car Cruise Night at Sonic Drive-In, FM 700. Call 213-4819 for more information.

SUNDAY

• Howard County Memorial Day Ceremony, 2 p.m., Trinity Memorial Park.

Around Town

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM LEGENDS AND LEGACIES ANNUAL EVENT IS JUNE 20.** The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

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

• **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms! Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 15 to 20 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Saturday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

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

Sunday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Memorial day...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-22-33-41-49-50. Number matching six of six: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$11 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-6-8-22-28.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$28,428.

Winning tickets sold in: Dallas.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-8-0

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Post Office honors

children recovery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amber Hagerman was honored by the U.S. Postal Service for her role in the recovery of a missing child.

The Amber Alert response to Amber's rounding community alert police to suspicious hours of the crime.

The Postal Service ceremony in Washington National Missing Child help inform even on gram, it can make a "child," Postmaster of Postal Service stated.

Amber's mother, second ceremony in daughter was kidnapped, made Amber proud.

Illustrated by art stamp depicts a moment, says, "Amber Alert" be available nationwide.

Man convicted of

after decades on

KERRVILLE (AP) — A man convicted of shooting his wife more than 20 years in prison on Wednesday.

David O. Borrayo, claim that the shooting at Kerrville landfill center.

Authorities captured San Antonio apartment alias "Frank Cavill" and fence-builder. A his residence.

Borrayo vanished after eroded from \$50,000 to \$22, 1983.

Witnesses testified garbage truck driver that afternoon. He not come back, but he shot his boss.

Former Kerrville that Hentze said as shot him. Borrayo Kerrville that night.

Borrayo admitted drinking that day at gun.

"I was mad," he guess."

Rural highways to

AUSTIN (AP) — Y things bigger and better.

State transportation Thursday to boost rural highway from armadillos and feral avoid becoming road.

It would be the h country.

And while state moderate it, safety warn it will cost live a time of spiking fuel.

"We studied it," Chairman Ric Will state where higher.

The 80 mph limit rural counties in Interstate 10 between miles of Interstate 2 interchange at the end.

While drivers on of Sonora, highway er speeds will cause.

"This will result pretty clear about the for the Insurance In get someplace faster.

"You can repeal to repeal the law of physics at these excessive Smith, Texas director group Public Citizen."

But state transportation raise the limits if that.

The affected roads through the West Texas compared to other.

Studies found 85 ways are already covered Ranson, deputy



Post Office honors missing children recovery efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ten years after 9-year-old Amber Hagerman was kidnapped and murdered, the Postal Service is issuing a stamp that honors the child recovery system that bears her name.

The Amber Alert system, created in 1996 in response to Amber's death, is designed to notify surrounding communities of an abduction so people can alert police to suspicious activity within the first few hours of the crime.

The Postal Service was unveiling the stamp at a ceremony in Washington on Thursday, which is National Missing Children's Day. "If this stamp can help inform even one citizen of the Amber Alert program, it can make a difference in the safety of a child," Postmaster General John E. Potter said in a Postal Service statement.

Amber's mother, Donna Norris, was attending a second ceremony in Arlington, Texas, where her daughter was kidnapped. The stamp "would have made Amber proud," Norris said in the statement.

Illustrated by artist Vivienne Flesher, the new stamp depicts a mother and child embracing and says, "Amber Alert saves missing children." It will be available nationwide Thursday.

Man convicted of murder after decades on the lam

KERRVILLE (AP) — A fugitive who spent more than 20 years in hiding has been convicted of murder for shooting his boss in 1983.

David O. Borrayo, 49, was sentenced to 30 years in prison on Wednesday after the jury rejected his claim that the shooting of Alan C. Hentze at the Kerrville landfill constituted voluntary manslaughter.

Authorities captured Borrayo in September at his San Antonio apartment, where he'd lived under the alias "Frank Cavilla" and worked as a handyman and fence-builder. A Crime Stoppers tip led police to his residence.

Borrayo vanished in 1984 after his bond was lowered from \$50,000 to \$10,000.

Hentze, 31, was gunned down at his office on Dec. 22, 1983.

Witnesses testified during the trial that Borrayo, a garbage truck driver, returned drunk with his crew that afternoon. Hentze told the workers to leave and not come back, but Borrayo later returned with a pistol and shot his boss, witnesses said.

Former Kerrville police Lt. Danny Cortez testified that Hentze said as he lay injured that Borrayo had shot him. Borrayo was arrested at his home in Kerrville that night.

Borrayo admitted during the trial that he had been drinking that day and shot Hentze with his brother's gun.

"I was mad," he told the jury. "I was enraged, I guess."

Rural highways to get boost to 80 mph

AUSTIN (AP) — Yeehaw! Texans who brag they do things bigger and better are about to go faster too.

State transportation officials are expected Thursday to boost speed limits on two stretches of rural highway from 75 mph to 80, leaving wandering armadillos and feral hogs a split-second less time to avoid becoming roadkill.

It would be the highest posted speed limit in the country.

And while state officials say the roads can accommodate it, safety and energy conservation advocates warn it will cost lives and hit drivers in the wallet at a time of spiking fuel prices.

"We studied it," said Transportation Commission Chairman Ric Williamson. "These are parts of the state where higher speeds is a safe decision."

The 80 mph limit will be confined to 10 mostly rural counties in West Texas: a 432-mile stretch of Interstate 10 between El Paso and Kerrville, and 89 miles of Interstate 20 between Monahans and the I-10 interchange at the cusp of the Jeff Davis Mountains.

While drivers on I-10 can blow by the sleepy town of Sonora, highway safety advocates warn the higher speeds will cause more fatal crashes.

"This will result in more deaths. The research is pretty clear about that," said Russ Rader, spokesman for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. "You get someplace faster but at what cost?"

"You can repeal the speed limit law, but you can't repeal the law of physics. People don't survive crashes at these excessive speeds," said Tom "Smitty" Smith, Texas director of the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen.

But state transportation officials say they wouldn't raise the limits if they believed it was a safety hazard.

The affected roads are mostly straight as they shoot through the West Texas flatlands and get little traffic compared to other parts of the state.

Studies found 85 percent of drivers on those highways are already cruising between 76-79 mph, said Carol Ranson, deputy director for traffic operations.



Gilbert Barraza of the Big Spring Police Department holds up a check for \$4,000 collected locally that is earmarked for the Special Olympics during a news conference on the steps of the County Courthouse Wednesday afternoon.

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organization, which celebrates the accomplishment of special needs athletes.

BSPD officer Gilbert Barraza, who has spearheaded local efforts, said Howard County residents supported the effort marvelously, and to dramatize that point, he lifted an oversized check for \$4,000 which will be given to Special Olympics.

"Big Spring did a great job raising money this year," Barraza said.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run began in 1985 and has grown to become the largest fundraising and public awareness campaign for Special Olympics Texas, officials said.

An estimated 2,500 law enforcement officials are expected to participate in the run, which is expected to travel more than 3,000 miles to its destination.

"This event is very special," BSPD Chief Lonnie Smith said. "I'm glad that law enforcement officials joined hands for such a worthy cause."

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POETRY

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bond and a gold belt buckle.

Best of school winners were Tucker Durham (Kentwood); Amy Winters (Moss); Jose Garcia (Marcy); Elida Gutierrez (Bauer); and Jasmine Gonzalez (Washington).

"Eight-second riders" (second-place winners) were Joe Juarez, Brett Borman, Gabie Trevino, Herman Rosemond, Gary Wayne Ellet, Aric Rutledge, Chance Atkinson and Carmen Leon.

"Also placed winners" (third-place winners) were Clayton Cooper, Devin Roberson, Catherine Harris, Cassidy Cervantes, Marisela

The following is the cowboy poem "Cowman," written by Bauer Elementary fourth-grader Tristan Hill, which was judged Grand Champion at the Wednesday's Cowboy Poetry Roundup:

Cowman

I wish I was a cowman,
In charge of a big cowboy clan,
I would lend a helping hand,
Taking care of this here land.
I would take charge of everyone,
Scream and yell until the whole thing's done.
One by one the cattle would be tended,
And all the broken fences mended.
To picture it is quite a scene.
Cattle grazing on grass so green,
Cowboys eating taters and beans.
By the stream filling their canteens.
A cowboy's work will always be,
For that I'll give my guarantee.

Rodriguez, Baily Pittman, Marissa Garza, L.J. Hoey, Valerie Petrowski, Tyler Stromberg, Izzak Zamora, Izai Melendez, Tavaris Walker, Bryan Valle, Juan Lara and Reyna Magallanes.

Immigration legislation facing final Senate vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators are betting the U.S. would benefit from giving most illegal immigrants the chance to become American citizens — highlighting their resolve to pass a landmark immigration overhaul.

With approval expected by mid-day, the Senate first had to work through several amendments that did not threaten the overall measure.

"I will be voting for it," Majority Leader Bill Frist said after senators finished work late Wednesday. Frist, R-Tenn., said the Senate would have a strong bill to take to negotiations with the House.

Opponents made a last-ditch attempt Wednesday to derail the bill, contending it violated spending limits. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said the bill would bust the budget. Supporters countered that immigrants will be working and contributing more than they will cost. "The economy is as

good as it's ever going to get in your lifetime," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. The estimated 12 million immigrants in the country have assimilated into the economy "and it's humming," he said. The effort was defeated 67-31.

As they finished up the details, senators had an eye on the difficult task of reconciling their bill with the House's version, which deals only with enforcement.

"If there are some unneeded and unwanted complexities in this legislation, they could probably be smoothed out,"

said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., one of the main architects of the bill.

Appearing this morning on CBS's "The Early Show," McCain said he did not consider any provisions immune from discussion in coming talks with the House.

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OUR VIEWS

Give real thought graduates, this is an important time

It is once again graduation time. Just a couple of weeks ago, Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf undertook the annual ritual. And already the area's high school seniors are receiving their diplomas.

Grady, Garden City, Sands and Stanton seniors received their diplomas last weekend, and this Friday, the seniors at Coahoma, Forsan and Borden County will have their ceremonies.

Coahoma graduates will march at 7 p.m. in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. At the same time, Borden County's graduates will receive their diplomas in the high school auditorium. Forsan's ceremony will be at 8 a.m. in the high school gym.

This season brings to mind more than caps, gowns and "Pomp and Circumstance." It is often said, but it is true: Graduation is not just the end of another school year. It is a once-in-a-lifetime chance for a new beginning.

For some, it is the opportunity to take on the responsibility of a job and a more independent life. For others, it is the end of one season of school and the move on to another level of education or training.

For the high school graduate, this is definitely a turning point. Many of them will look back in 10 years or even 20, and say, "What if I had ...?" or "Why didn't I ...?"

That is why we urge all of our area high school seniors to take this time seriously. Yes, it is a busy time, but you absolutely must take time to stop and really think about where you are going. The decisions you make today will affect you for years to come, perhaps for a lifetime.

Congratulations to all our area graduates! You have accomplished something which you and your family can be proud.

Now is the chance for you to set the stage for your future. Be sure your decisions are made with the long term in mind.

While you may not like the idea of more books, more studying or even just one more test, the fact is that today, education beyond high school is usually essential to getting a good job. That does not mean the traditional college education is your only answer. In fact, there are many options, but be sure you check them out and make your plans as soon as possible.

You will be glad you did, and our community, your home, will be the better for it.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

This life, Lord, is not the same when we walk with you, it becomes wonderful and peaceful.

Amen

MSM never tires of anti-war propoganda

With the mainstream media's (MSM's) conspiratorial role in highlighting the bad news, suppressing the good news and repeating the Democrats' propaganda, it's no wonder a large chunk of the American people have bought into the Democrats' revisionist history of the Iraq War.

NBC's Tim Russert, who is far from the most administration-unfriendly member of the MSM, gave a seminar on liberal media bias with his interview of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice Sunday on "Meet the Press."

Russert said that when the war began in March 2003, 70 percent of the public approved of how President Bush was handling the war, but now only 32 percent approve.

"What happened?" asked Russert. When Dr. Rice responded that it is discouraging for Americans to see violence on their TV screens day in and day out, but harder to see the "quiet progress on the political front," Russert wasn't satisfied. He then launched into the Democrats' talking points.

"But it's more than just seeing violence on the screen," said Russert. Would you not agree that Americans have seen some misjudgments: no weapons of mass destruction, a misreading of the level, intensity of the insurrection, whether we'd be greeted as liberators, sectarian violence, cost of the war?

Russert also quoted, approvingly, from the British magazine "The Economist," which wrote, "Mr. Bush 'oversold the pre-war intelligence on Iraq' [and] betrayed America's own principles in Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib."

Russert clearly wasn't just playing the devil's advocate. He didn't present these charges against

Bush as debatable perceptions, or opinions, but objective facts, the most egregious being that Bush oversold the case for WMD.

Russert did not say, "I realize that all the foreign intelligence agencies for all other major countries unanimously agreed with our assessment of Iraqi WMD, that the CIA told President Bush that the WMD case against Saddam was 'a slam dunk,'" that bipartisan investigative commissions concluded that President Bush had not pressured the intelligence agencies to exaggerate their intelligence, that Saddam was violating the Gulf War treaties and U.N. resolutions, that Saddam was shooting at our planes in the no-fly zones, that Saddam was openly defying U.N. weapons inspectors and that he was behaving as though he had something to hide."

Nor did Russert allude to the fact that Saddam had WMD, used them on his own people and agreed, after the first Gulf War, not only to discontinue his WMD program and destroy his existing stockpiles, but to prove to the United States and its allies that he had done so. Instead, he submitted a bogus 12,000-page document full of lies.

In addition, Russert most conspicuously did not share the fact that scores of Democratic leaders, beginning with Bill Clinton, spoke very clearly and often about the unambiguous existence of Saddam's WMD and that they supported a policy to seek a change of his regime.

Russert did not mention that these Democrats, having access to the very same intelligence as President Bush, voted to authorize him to militarily attack Iraq. Russert also failed to note that this congressional war resolution contained multiple reasons for going to war against Iraq — not just WMD — and that despite John Kerry's later lies to the contrary, was not conditional on President Bush further exhausting

diplomatic avenues or even more weapons inspections.

And in mentioning the "costs of the war" as one of Bush's "misjudgments," Russert also conveniently omitted the fact that from early on, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld steadfastly refused to be pinned down on the projected "costs of the war" because they were "unknowable." Also interesting was Russert's water-carrying for the Democrats on the Iran issue, as when he asked whether we'd have an easier time dealing with Iran if we did not have the complication of Iraq. In other words, doesn't the "fact" that Bush lied on Iraq WMD mean that no one will believe him on Iran WMD?

A better question would have been, "Knowing what we now know about how Democrats retrospectively distorted the circumstances leading up to the Iraq War, especially portraying Bush as having lied about WMD, and knowing their fair weather support for our mission in Iraq and how they soured the public on it, wouldn't it be very difficult to get the public to support an attack of Iran's suspected nuclear facilities?"

Russert also mouthed the Democrats' talking point that the Guantanamo prison is "wrong" and giving "America a black eye around the world." Dr. Rice correctly responded that we can't release known terrorists who will just "go back to killing Americans." Maybe it's just me, but I would think this last one would be a no-brainer, even for liberals.

With media megaphones like Russert it's amazing Bush has any support left for the war at all.

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Are we left to ask, 'Now what?'

Looking at the wreckage of the Bush administration leaves one with the depressed query, "Now what?" The only help to the country that can come from this ugly and spectacular crack-up is, in theory, things can't get worse. This administration is so discredited it cannot talk the country into an unnecessary war with Iran as it did with Iraq. In theory, spending is so out of control it cannot cut taxes for the rich again; the fiscal irresponsibility of the Bushies is already among its lasting legacies.

As we all know, things can always get worse, and often do. I rather think it's going to be up to the Democrats to hold the metaphoric hands of this crippled administration until it limps off stage. The Republican National Committee has a new scare tactic for the faithful: You must give to the party, or else the Democrats will spend the next two years investigating the administration (horror of horrors). Those who recall the insanely trivial investigations of the Clinton years may indeed regard this as the ultimate waste of time and money (as even Ken Starr concluded, there never was anything to Whitewater), but in fact it could be a therapeutic use of the next biennium. In fact, the offenses are not comparable.

Suppose we really did stop to investigate why and how and who is responsible for the lies, the deformed policies and the inability to govern of this administration.

There is a wealth of lessons to be learned about the dangers of ideological delusion and of contempt for governance.

Trouble is, the world is not apt to hold still for two years. It seems to me pointless to impeach Bush. In the first place, the Republicans so trivialized impeachment into partisan piffle, it would look like little more than payback. In the second place, I believe Dick Cheney is seriously off the rails, apparently deeply paranoid — let's not put him in charge. The minimum we should expect of Bush in return for dropping impeachment (or not) is that he cease breaking the law. Despite the opinions of Dick Cheney, Alberto Gonzales, David Addington, etc., the president of the United States does not have the authority to set aside the law.

(If Bush were impeached, I would use as evidence his astounding statement in March that the matter of getting American troops out of Iraq "will be decided by future presidents and future governments of Iraq." What a contemptible statement.)

It would be easier to contemplate a two-year holding period if Bush hadn't already wasted so much time. Of particular note in this department is "the inconvenient truth" — global warming. Wasting eight years in the face of what we already knew when Bush came in is not only insane, but also unforgivable. A recent poll showed the majority of Americans feel the war in Iraq will be the overriding issue of Bush's presidency. I suspect future historians will fixate on his global warming record — not only doing nothing to stop it, but letting the hole get deeper,

as well.

Barring emergency, I suspect the wisest thing Democrats can do in the next two years is to begin steadily undoing what Bush hath wrought — on tax and spending, on global warming, and on surveillance and other illegal lunges for power. George W. Bush ran in 2000 as a moderate. He did not bother to inform us at the time that he felt the government of this country needed a much stronger executive above the law. Congress has sat by passively while this administration accrued more and more power. If members of Congress think the legislative branch should be equal, it's time for them to stir their stumps.

Am I jumping to conclusions? Can Karl Rove yet steer his party away from electoral disaster in the fall? I learned long ago never to call elections closer than six weeks out, and normally I stick to that rule. But I do not think George W. can be put together again, so Rove's only option is go negative against the Democrats — no surprise there. At this point, they could attack Democrats on almost anything, but that would leave the large question, "Compared to what?" And, we must watch out for those voting machines.

It would be interesting to see an election in which Bush is not a factor and the whole fight is over what Tom DeLay and the K Street Project have made of the Congress. If ever a gang of corrupt jerks deserved to be held accountable, this one does.

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2007 Cadillac utility vehicle

By ANN M. JOB

For The Associated P

The Cadillac Escalade is the full-size sport utility vehicle with the reputation as the "king of the road" on America's roads, be losing its crown time soon.

An early introduction of the 2007 model that's in the rooms now, the Escalade is even bolder and expressive than its predecessor. It's longer and wider, a good deal heavier than the 2006 model, the new, streamlined Escalade doesn't make the Escalade appear any er.

But the headlamp is more striking and the grille is larger and noticeably more prominent under the Horsepower goes from 300 in the 2006 Escalade now, thanks to a new liter overhead valve Glittery 22-inch chrome, of course, that are the largest offered from the factory. Add the kind of flair formerly was reserved for 'Slades owned by celebrities who customized wheels after their purchase.

Starting manufacturer suggested retail including destination charge, for the Escalade is \$54,725. Two-wheel-drive model new Escalade with wheel drive starts at \$57,280.

Competitors include the first full-size Mercedes-Benz SUV, the 2005 Class, which starts at \$55,675 and has a four-wheel drive, a 2006 Lincoln Navigator which starts at \$50,100 a two-wheel-drive model. Introduced in 1999, Cadillac's first SUV Escalade quickly became an iconic SUV in America. Feature numerous music and Escalades are driven by professional at Hollywood elite and celebrities.

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Big on power

2007 Cadillac Escalade sport utility vehicle is 'king of bling'

By ANN M. JOB

For The Associated Press

The Cadillac Escalade, the full-size sport utility vehicle with the reputation as the "king of bling" on America's roads, won't be losing its crown anytime soon.

An early introduction 2007 model that's in showrooms now, the new Escalade is even more bold and expressive than its predecessor. It's a tad longer and wider and a good deal heavier than the 2006 model, though new, streamlined styling doesn't make the new Escalade appear any larger.

But the headlamps are more striking now, the grille is larger and there's considerably more power under the hood. Horsepower goes from 345 in the 2006 Escalade to 403 now, thanks to a new, 6.2-liter overhead valve V-8.

Glittery 22-inch wheels — chrome, of course — that are the largest ever offered from the factory add the kind of flair that formerly was reserved for 'Slades owned by celebrities who customized their wheels after their vehicle purchase.

Starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, for the 2007 Escalade is \$54,725 for a two-wheel-drive model. A new Escalade with all-wheel drive starts at \$57,280.

Competitors include the first full-size Mercedes-Benz SUV, the 2007 GL-Class, which starts at \$55,675 and has standard four-wheel drive, and the 2006 Lincoln Navigator, which starts at \$50,145 for a two-wheel-drive model.

Introduced in 1999 as Cadillac's first SUV, the Escalade quickly became an iconic SUV in America. Featured in numerous music videos, Escalades are driven by professional athletes, Hollywood elite and other celebrities.

But you don't have to be a celebrity to enjoy the newly improved ride, luxurious appointments and new features.

The test vehicle, with

all-wheel drive and the 22-inch wheels, rode and handled with impressive composure, especially considering it weighed more than 5,500 pounds and stretched nearly 17 feet long.

With a new, stronger frame and chassis underneath and a revamped suspension, the Escalade kept many road bumps away from passengers. The ride was well-managed and rather refined for an SUV, with less jostling and bobbing for passengers.

And there was no rude reminder of the big, heavy wheel and tire at each corner, though I expected to feel and hear that unpleasant sensation of "unsprung weight" there. Instead, the Escalade suspension handled that weight admirably and kept the ride smooth.

There was good on-center feel from the power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering and the Escalade held its line surprisingly well in curves and twists. There's still some body sway in these maneuvers, of course, but the body lean isn't as pronounced as it was in earlier models.

Passenger safety in large, heavy SUVs traditionally is a hallmark, and the 2007 Escalade earned the top, five-star rating in federal government frontal crash tests. Side tests haven't been reported yet, but standard safety items include frontal and curtain air bags, traction control and stability control.



By the numbers

2007 Cadillac Escalade AWD
BASE PRICE: \$53,850 for 2WD model; \$56,405 for AWD model.
AS TESTED: \$67,105.

TYPE: Front-engine, all-wheel-drive, seven-passenger, full-size sport utility vehicle.

ENGINE: 6.2-liter, overhead valve V-8 with VVT.

MILEAGE: 13 mpg (city), 19 mpg (highway).

TOP SPEED: NA.

LENGTH: 202.5 inches.

WHEELBASE: 116 inches.

CURB WEIGHT: 5,818 pounds.

BUILT AT: Arlington.

OPTIONS: 22-inch chrome wheels \$2,995; information packages (includes rearview camera and navigation system) \$2,495; rear-seat entertainment system \$1,295; power sliding sunroof \$995; premium paint \$995; climate package (includes heated and cooled front seats and heated steering wheel) \$625; second-row seat power release \$425.
DESTINATION CHARGE: \$875.

The Escalade is one of several new full-size SUV siblings from parent company General Motors Corp. The others include the Chevrolet Tahoe and GMC Yukon. But the Escalade is the only one to get the 403-horsepower, 6.2-liter V-8.

This engine, mated to a six-speed automatic transmission that for the first time allows drivers to shift forward gears on their own without a clutch pedal, delivers



power strongly and smoothly.

Peak torque is improved to 417 foot-pounds at 4,400 rpm, so when the accelerator went to the floor, the test Escalade wasted no time in racing forward to pass other vehicles on the highway.

Cadillac officials tout this Escalade as the most fuel efficient ever. With a rating of 19 miles a gallon on the highway, the 2007 Escalade with all-wheel drive is better than the 2006 Escalade's 17-mpg rating.

But city mileage rated at 13 mpg is the same as for the comparable, earlier vehicle, and filling the 26-gallon tank with the Escalade's recommended fuel of premium gasoline could lead to a bill of at least \$80 at today's prices.

Engine sounds are hale and hearty during accel-

eration but don't intrude much otherwise. Indeed, the interior of the Escalade tester was impressively quiet.

That is, unless the Escalade's stereo, a Bose 5.1 surround system, is on. Cranked up some, this system's clear tones and strong sounds were so awesome, I found I was in a musical reverie in no time.

But I had to keep alert for driving and, most especially, for staying within the speed limit. This Escalade's power just comes on so smoothly, it's easy to get going faster than you know.

Seats have a special, Nuance leather trim, which feels smooth and rich — not at all like some of the cheaper leather grains. I noticed that the leather smell in this Cadillac, like all

Cadillacs it seems, is sweeter and more pungent than in many other vehicles. Some people like this stronger leather smell, but others would prefer it be toned down a bit.

One optional feature that's not to be missed is the power release for second-row seats. With the touch of a button, each of the outer seats folds and flips out of the way to make it easy for people to climb into the third-row seats.

GM is the first with this feature in a passenger SUV, and it's oh-so-much easier than fussing with levers and having to heave the seat forward on your own.

Also worth considering is the optional rear-view camera, which helps drivers see what's behind them as they back up.

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City begins large-item pick up program Friday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

It's spring cleaning time in Big Spring once again, as city officials and employees get ready for the annual large item pick up campaign, which begins Friday.

Todd Darden, director of public works for the city, said the program has become popular over the last several years.

"It's a widely used program," said Darden. "We're trying to target people who are elderly, handicapped or otherwise don't have the means to get these large items to our landfill. This is a service the city is going to provide as a courtesy to those people and give them the opportunity to get things off of their property they might not be able to otherwise."

There's no charge to use the program, which gets under way Friday in municipal District 1 — represented by City Councilwoman Stephanie Horton. However, residents do need to be aware of what can and cannot be picked up.

"Some of the more typical items we pick up are tree branches, appliances

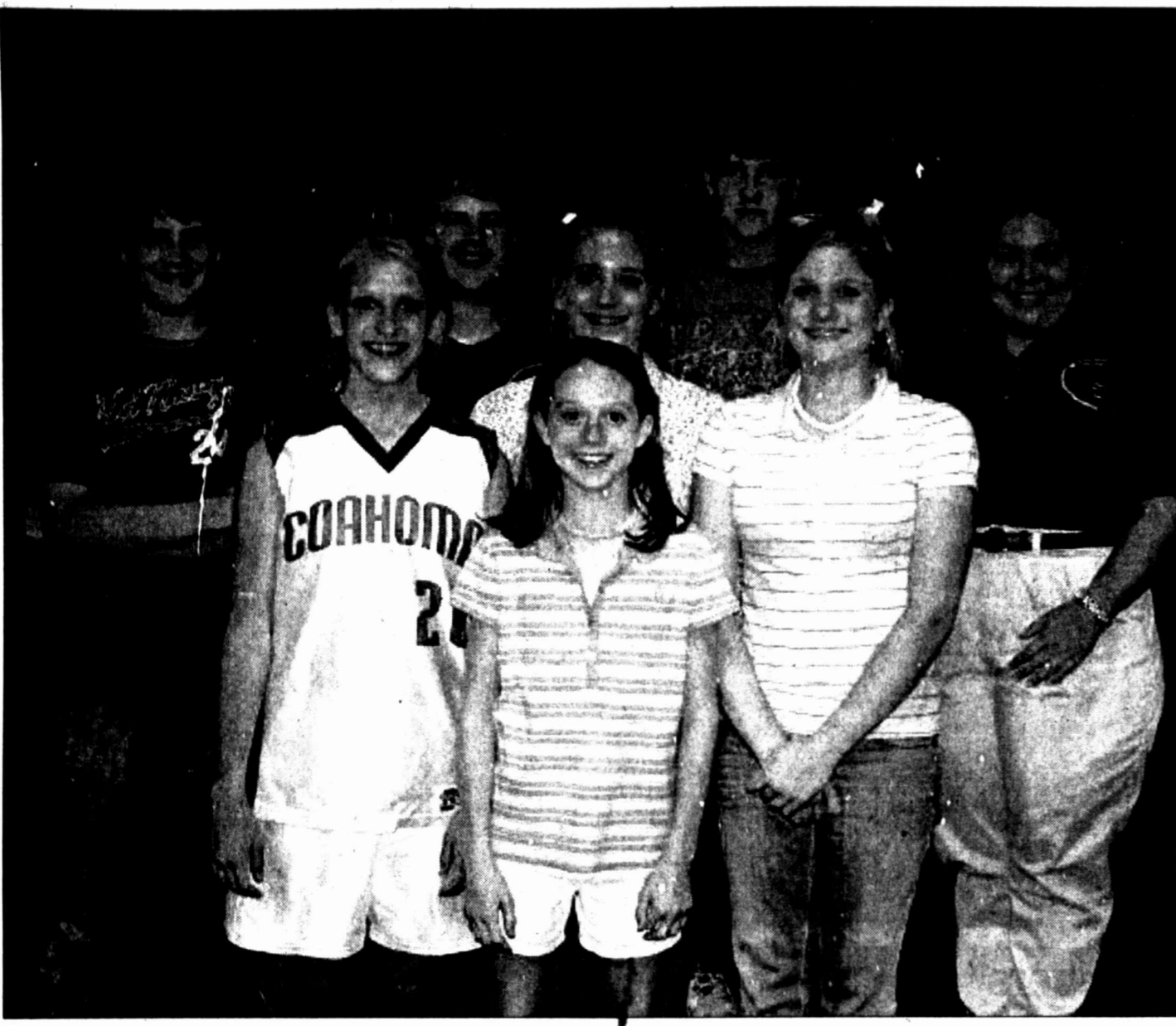
that don't work anymore, couches and mattresses," said Darden. "We can't pick up any household hazardous waste. That means any kind of chemicals, including lawn chemicals, car batteries and tires and things of that nature."

Darden said customers need to be aware of gas, water and electricity meters and lines when they put their large items out to be picked up in an effort to protect their services and the city employees helping with the program.

"If you cover the meters up, it's hard for us to know where they are," he explained. "Using the equipment makes the pick up go quicker and we want to make sure our employees are safe while they are picking these things up."

All items must be by the curb in the city's right-of-way no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pick up.

For more information on the large item pick up program and maps of the six city districts, visit the city Web site at www.ci.big-spring.tx.us, or contact the city at 264-2504.



2006 officers for the Howard County 4-H Club are, left to right, back row, Judso, Chevallier, parliamentarian; Logan Gaskins, first vice-president; Harrison Chevallier, third vice-president; and second row, Teryn Bibb, president; Shelby Jones, secretary; Kelsey Jones, treasurer; Karl Myers, Food and Consumer Science Extension Agent; and third row, All Knight, reporter. Not pictured are Hannah Weber, second vice-president and Lindsey Deel, historian.

VAMC

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will be divided into various categories, including a youth group. Medals will be presented to the first three places in each category.

Registration on the day of the event will be head-

quartered at the Alice Haynes Pavilion near Kid's Zone. Those who would like to register in advance may contact Dr. Graham or Dr. Corona at 264-4868 or 1-800 472-1365, ext. 4868 or 7177.

The event is being sponsored by the VA Employee Association. For more information, contact Iva Jo Hanslik,

community relations coordinator, at 264-4824.

The VAMC will hold Memorial Day services in conjunction with the Howard County Memorial Day Ceremony at 2 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Memorial Park, five miles south of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87.

MOORE

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McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, where it is currently located.

Moore Development Executive Director Kent Sharp said talks with officials from the Sid Richardson plant and Alon USA, which is also located nearby, have been promising.

"I think it fits with what's already out there," said Sharp. "And the neighbors feel it fits as well. They have concerns with what is located nearby because of contamination concerns, so a facility like a landfill is ideal for them."

Darden told the board if the fatal flaw study goes well, he expects to go to the council with the pos-



Sharp

Parkhill Smith and Cooper — on city plans for a railway spur that would bring rail access to the west side of the airpark.

Airpark Director Col. Jim Little said the study will be necessary to determine whether the current route for the spur can handle the elevation near the northwest corner of the facility.

"They have very strict rules they have to follow when it comes to the ele-

vation." Little told the board members. "When we first talked to them about the study, they told us it would cost between \$8,500 and \$13,000 to do the study. However, since then they have told us it could be done for much less than that because some of the data gathered during previous studies can be reused."

The study will be used to determine the best route for a railway to service the west side of the airpark, which is being designed in conjunction with the truck reliever route planned for the same area in the coming years, part of the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor.

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Bryan breaks down putting, how to improve

As a professional, I give many lessons. Ninety percent are addressed at ball striking while the rest fall on the short game. Why is it that we spend so little time addressing the majority of the game?



LARRY BRYAN

In a regulation round of golf, you would hit 36

putts, 14 drivers and spread the remaining 22 shots between the other 12 clubs. Yet, we pound ball after ball to find that 10 extra yards. A six-inch putt counts the same as a 300-yard drive.

If you want to improve, start at the hole and work back. Putting is referred to as the "great equalizer" because anybody can do it. Everybody has the ability to be a great putter, but you have to learn the skill.

Putting starts with attitude. Great putts some-

times miss and bad ones go in. Dave Pelz spent many hours studying putting. He found there are far more variables than just the ability to hit the ball on line. The surface of the green, condition of the ball and wind are just a few of the variables. You need to remain realistic in your expectations.

The PGA Tour average from five feet is 80 percent. That means the world's best miss two out of 10 from five feet. The tour average from less

than 10 feet is 86 percent. The tour average from less than 25 feet drops to 5.7 percent. When you count all putts putted from inside 25 feet, less than six of 100 go in! We must be realistic about our abilities.

Where the professionals really start to separate themselves is in their ability to avoid 3-putts. Retief Goosen has had six 3-putts this year in 28 rounds of golf. Brian Gay leads this statistic with only 10 3-putts in 53 rounds. Tiger Woods is

well off the pace with 21 3-putts in 22 rounds. Misses happen, but 3-putts are unacceptable. The key is speed control. Putting is 10 percent line and 90 percent distance.

The difference between a good putter and a bad one is not the ones that go in, but rather the ones that miss. Good putters will leave the ball around the hole. Putts that miss the hole completely should only finish 18 inches past the hole.

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Phoenix delivers first blow with comeback win

• Harris, Diaw deliver career games; Nash sparks Suns' late run

By JAIME ARON

DALLAS — Steve Nash was done distributing.

Even though he had set up three straight baskets and was nearing his career playoff high in assists, the Phoenix Suns were losing by nine points — and time was running out in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals.

So the two-time MVP took things into his own hands.

Nash scored 10 straight points, fed Shawn Marion for a go-ahead dunk then wound up being somewhat of a decoy on the deciding play, a turnaround jumper by Boris Diaw with a half-second left that helped give the Suns a 121-118 victory over the Dallas Mavericks Wednesday night.

"For much of the second half, I was trying to facilitate our other guys and take mismatches into the post," Nash said. "Our guys were playing great down there, so I really wanted to let them go for it."

"But it was important to make some shots and be aggressive. So, I guess, in a way, I tried to be a little more aggressive."

The former Dallas star finished with 27 points and 16 assists, the most by anyone this postseason and one shy of his most ever in the playoffs.



Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki (41) tries to block a shot by Phoenix Suns' Steve Nash (13) during the second half of Game 1 of the NBA Western Conference Finals Wednesday at the American Airlines Center in Dallas. The Suns won the game and now lead the best-of-seven series 1-0.

More importantly, the Suns claimed home-court advantage and showed that for all the changes they've made since last year's playoffs, they can still use and inside-outside combination to beat the Mavericks — even if that inside role is now being filled by Diaw instead of the injured Amare Stoudemire.

Diaw scored a career-high 34 points, capped by his 7-foot turnaround

jumper after faking defender Jerry Stackhouse out of position.

"It was a heck of a shot," Stackhouse said.

The Mavericks led 114-105 with 3:43 left when Nash got rolling, hitting a pair of 3-pointers, a layup and two free throws. After a dunk by Marion put the Suns ahead, the Mavericks went up by a point with 4.8 seconds left on a jumper by Devin

Harris, who set a career high of his own with 30 points.

As the Suns set up for an inbounds pass, Nash realized Dallas was ready for the play they'd called. Nash was going to call timeout, but instead let Tim Thomas throw the ball to Diaw to see what he could do.

The result was further proof why Diaw was voted the NBA's most improved player and why

Phoenix is back in the conference finals for a second straight year despite having had Stoudemire for only three games.

"At one point there was a label on him that he was a soft, noncompetitive player," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said. "I'm telling you he's just the opposite. ... He's one of the most competitive guys

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Sooners, Longhorns advance at tourney

• Nebraska gets by Baylor in first round

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Buck Afenir had three RBIs to help lead Kansas to a 7-2 victory over Oklahoma at the Big 12 Conference baseball tournament Wednesday.

The Jayhawks (39-23) got off to a quick start when Jared Schweitzer doubled in Matt Baty in the first inning and they never trailed. Kansas scored all of its runs before the Sooners (39-18) got on the scoreboard with Chuckie Caufield's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the fifth.

Afenir finished 2-for-3, including a two-run homer in the fourth that widened the Jayhawks advantage to 5-0. Baty went 3-for-5 with a home run.

Oklahoma picked up their second run when Kody Kaiser doubled in the eighth scoring Aaron Reza. Kaiser went 2-for-4

to lead the Sooners.

Kodiak Quick (11-4) picked up the win in seven innings of work, allowing one earned run for the Jayhawks.

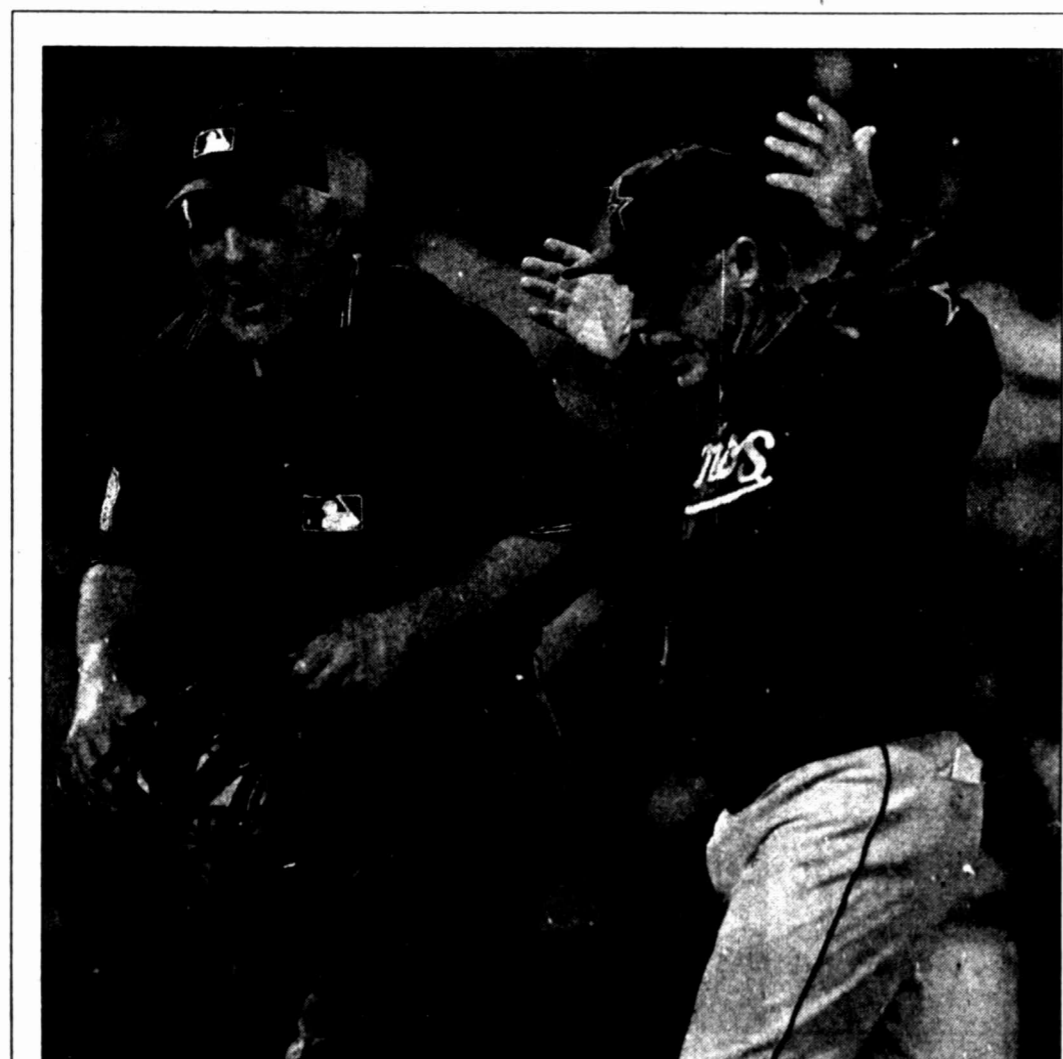
P.J. Sandoval (6-5) pitched two innings, allowing five hits and three runs, all earned, to take the loss for Oklahoma.

Texas 4, Texas Tech 0

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Kenn Kasperek threw six shutout innings and Hunter Harris had three hits to lead top-seeded Texas to a 4-0 win against Texas Tech at the Big 12 baseball tournament Wednesday.

Harris' triple with two outs in the third inning started a three-run rally for the Longhorns. Tech starter Miles Morgan (6-7) then hit Nick Peoples with a pitch, and Drew Stubbs and Chance Wheelless followed with

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Houston Astros manager Phil Garner (right) argues with home plate umpire Larry Young about a balk call against his pitcher Roy Oswalt, during sixth inning action with the Washington Nationals at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C., Wednesday. The balk call stood and the Nationals defeated the Astros, 5-1.

KRT photo/Steve Deslich, Knight-Ridder Tribune

IN BRIEF

B.S. Sandlot team to hold car wash

The Big Spring Sandlot 14-and-under softball team will hold a car wash Saturday in the Wal-Mart parking lot, beginning at 8 a.m.

Funds from the effort will help pay for the boys' participation in the Texas Youth Slow Pitch State Tournament, set for July 14-16 in Lubbock.

The team will also play in the 19th annual Hub City Youth NIT World Qualifier in Lubbock June 2-4.

Sidewinders to hold summer program

The YMCA Sidewinders team will be holding its Summer Gymnastics Program at the YMCA tonight from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The program will include kidnastics, beginner girl's gymnastics, tumbling, pre-team, and Sidewinder team performances.

The public is invited to attend. The gymnastics program at the YMCA is under the direction of Desiree Best.

Big Spring C.C. to host tourney

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a golf tournament Saturday and Sunday June 3-4 starting at 9 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

The parent-child tourney is a two-person scramble with a shotgun start both days and there will be a trophy division and an open division.

The entry fee is \$80 for the open division and \$40 for the trophy division plus the price of a golf cart, but private carts are welcome.

The tournament will be flighted by first-day scores of both divisions. Parents can play with more than one child and the entry fee for a second team is half price.

For more information or to sign up a team, contact the pro shop at 267-5354.

B.S. to hold tennis events in June

Big Spring High School's tennis camp and Black and Gold Shootout will take place June 5-10.

For more information, contact Big Spring tennis coach Kathy Boland at 264-4135.

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we have, just an intelligent basketball player that knows how to play."

Dirk Nowitzki had 25 points and 19 rebounds, but the Mavericks blew their late lead with a spurt of turnovers and a lack of defensive stops when they needed them most.

"We were just bad tonight in a lot of different areas that we have to improve on in a hurry," coach Avery Johnson said.

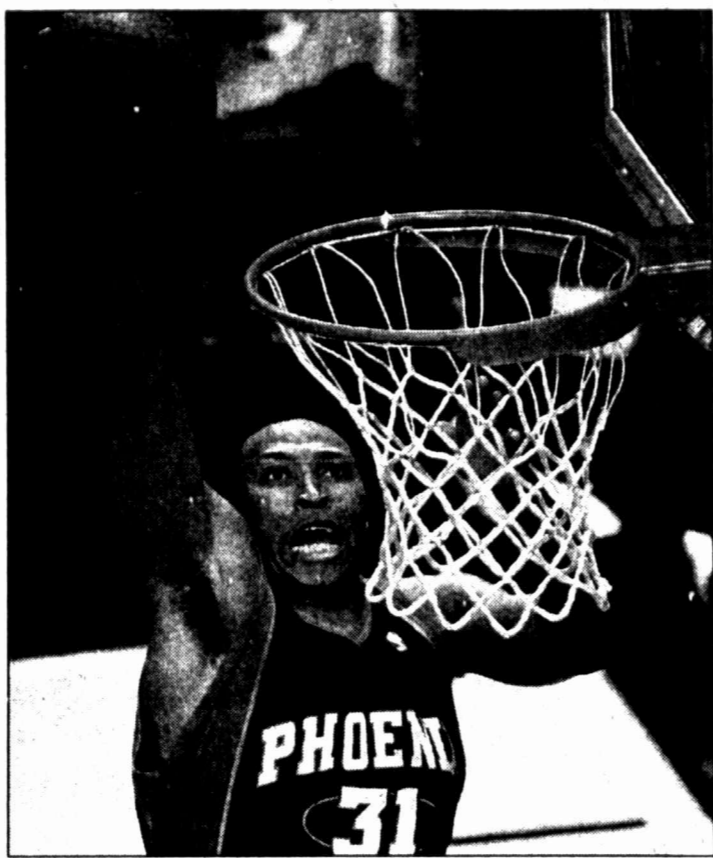
Dallas fans might not be able to take more of these heart-stopping finishes. The Mavericks were coming off a second-round series against San Antonio that included six games decided at the end, including Game 7 in overtime.

One consolation for the Mavs is that they also lost the opener to the Spurs. Another is that Game 2 is in Dallas Friday night.

For Phoenix, this furious finish stuff is becoming fun.

The Suns lost all seven regular-season games decided by three points or less, then dropped another early in the playoffs. But now they've won two nail-biters, having also beaten the Clippers 94-91 in Game 3 of the previous round.

Both teams lost starters to leg injuries — Josh Howard for Dallas (sprained right ankle) and Raja Bell (strained left calf) for Phoenix. The Suns also are concerned



KRT photo/Ben Noey, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Shawn Marion dunks in the first half as the Phoenix Suns play the Dallas Mavericks Wednesday at the American Airlines Center in Dallas during Game 1 of the NBA Western Conference Finals.

about Marion, who had 24 points and 13 rebounds but appeared to hurt his left ankle in the final minutes.

Asked if he'll be able to play Game 2, Marion said, "Hey, I don't have a choice."

Howard is having an MRI on Thursday to determine if and when he'll return. Bell left the locker room on crutches. "I felt it pop," he said. "It's pretty painful. But I've got to be optimistic. I want to play."

Johnson said Howard's absence creates "a big void" on both ends of the court. Besides covering Marion, he's one of

Dallas' best attackers. He scored six points in his six minutes.

Although both teams were coming off Game 7 wins Monday night, there was no emotional or physical letdown either way. The track meet everyone expected was off and running from the start.

It was 62-58 at halftime and both teams were making at least half their shots.

They were even more accurate in the third quarter, surpassing the Game 1 scoring total from the Eastern Conference final between Miami and Detroit before the fourth even began.

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♥ J 9 6 4
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♥ 7 5
♣ K 9 4 3
♦ J 10 9

SOUTH
♦ K 8 7 5
♥ A Q 3
♦ Q 10 7
♣ A Q 6

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 ♣ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 3 NT Pass

Opening lead — eight of clubs.

The devoted student of the game has the play of certain card combinations firmly implanted in his memory banks, but seldom finds the opportunity to apply this knowledge in practice. Such plays are seen mostly in books and theoretical discussions, but rarely at the table. Nevertheless, when the circumstance for their use actually arises, the player is expected to rise to the occasion and find the winning course of action.

Take this case from a district final of the 1995 North American Open Pairs. North-South arrived at three notrump after a Stayman sequence revealed that South had four spades

and North, by inference, had four hearts. West therefore led a club, which gave nothing away.

Declarer won the club with the ace, led the diamond queen and finessed after West followed low. East won with the king and had to decide what to do next.

A spade shift was clearly indicated, but which spade to return was the key question. Most Easts in this situation would mechanically lead the deuce, leaving the defense helpless after declarer followed low. Indeed, if West did not cash the spade ace after winning the first spade with the ten, South would almost certainly have scored the rest of the tricks.

Alternatively, some Easts might return the spade queen at trick three, which would limit declarer to nine tricks after he ducked the queen and also played low on the next spade.

But at one of the tables, East was Charles Coon, well-known New England expert who had seen this situation both in theory and in practice many times before. After winning the diamond king, Coon unerringly returned the nine of spades, leaving declarer with no recourse.

If South covered the nine with the king, he would go down immediately, while if he ducked the nine, Coon would next lead the queen to produce the same result. South was a goner either way, and he could only rue his ill fortune in having drawn Coon as his opponent on this deal.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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consecutive RBI singles. Stubbs then scored as Wheeler was picked off first base.

Texas' fourth run scored on a double-play grounder by Stubbs.

Kasperek (4-2) gave up only five singles and Randy Boone and Austin Wood combined for three hitless innings of relief.

Nebraska 3, Baylor 2 OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Nebraska used five pitchers and got home runs from Ryan Wehrle and Jeff Christy to beat Baylor 3-2 in the opening game of the Big 12 baseball tournament.

The Cornhuskers (40-14) scored what proved to be the winning run with an eighth-inning rally that started with two-out and no one on base.

Pinch-hitter Nick Sullivan walked to start the winning rally and Bryce Nimmo went to second on a wild pitch, then scored on a single by Andrew Brown.

Tony Watson (9-1) pitched one-third of an inning, getting the only Baylor hitter he faced on a ground out to end the eighth.

BRYAN

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The number one flaw I see in amateurs on the green is length of stroke. Most people have a comfort zone on how far back to take the putter. The result is a backstroke that results in deceleration on short putts and rapid acceleration on long ones.

The distance of the putt should dictate the length of stroke. Short putts require a short stroke with long putts requiring a long one. Use the gen-

eral rule of taking the putter back one inch for every foot the putt is long. Work on making your acceleration through the ball smooth.

Next week, I will talk more about the mechanics of a good stroke and give you some drills to practice. In the meantime, be realistic about your expectations.

Larry Bryan is the Director of Golf at the Big Spring Country Club. He can be reached at 267-5354 (BS Country Club pro shop) or larryj@crcom.net.

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Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHEIS
It's human nature to cater behavior to the company one is with: When in Rome ... But in light of recent planetary arrangements, it's simply too powerful a time to fight your natural resonance. On the eve of the new moon, it's lucky to feel energized even if others are muted, and it's favorable to be impressed among the mostly mild.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everyone behaves best when people are watching, but the true test of self-love is how you treat yourself when no one else is around. Take the time to feed yourself a picture-perfect meal (instead of eating over the sink).

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You view life from the top of the world — as though you have an endless supply of time, love and money to lavish on your every whim. Your generosity of spirit attracts people who actually do have quite a lot of all of the above.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your friends pitch in to help you with a request — and if you ask at the right time (when there is nothing competing for their attention), you only have to ask once.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll have the choice to be inclusive or exclusive. The former is much more fun. Someone a wee bit strange makes a peppy addition to your crowd, nonetheless.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A trial-and-error process labors on. You can hardly wait to advance to a trial-and-correct process, or maybe no trial at all followed by total success. With a few small changes in your approach, you'll soon be there.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be amazingly lucky when you simply say less. Your silence will be so much more than the absence of words. It will swirl around you like a shimmering shroud of intrigue or support you like a silk suit of confidence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're giving and giving, and you want nothing in return. Well, almost nothing. You'd actually appreciate it very much if the recipient of your kindness was exceedingly grateful. Is that so much to ask?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No matter how you train someone to take your place, it's not totally possible. Some things you still must do yourself. Knowing what those things are will bring happy results today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're feeling protective — aware of what you have and ready to do what is necessary to keep it. Exercise caution around new people, filtering out the potentially dangerous and/or annoying ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The stars suggest that your support system is due for a tune-up. Either have a talk with existing "members," telling them how you'd like to be helped, or go out and make new friends to add to the team.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Wonderful accomplishments can come from partners who don't always agree. Tonight, even the worst of enemies have the potential to join together peaceably and possibly make an auspicious deal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The workload is intense. It's all about pacing yourself today. Your journey will be rather pleasant if you: 1) slow down, 2) bring your music, and 3) take a break every hour and a half.

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7	PM Movie: Charlie's	Movie: Charlie's
	Thriller	Thriller
8	PM Angels: Full	Angels: Full
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	Nightline	Nightline
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7	Ent. Tonight	Movie: Charlie's	La Fea Mas Bella	So You Think You Can Dance (CC)	NUMB3RS (CC)	Tierra de Pasos	Name is Earl	Friends (CC)	Update/Israel	Live From Lincoln Center	Conspiracy Files (CC)	Movie: Ronin	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Tiger College Hill	Movie: Tiger Cruise (CC)	Announced	NBA Basketball:	Movie: The
8	Angels: Full Throttle	Angels: Full Throttle	Barrera de Amor	Dance (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investig.	Corazon Partido	Name is Earl	Movie: Stepmom	Light of the Southwest	(CC)	Conspiracy Files	UFC 60 Countdown	The Ultimate Fighter	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Tiger	Empire New Even Stevens	Baseball Tonight	Conference Final Game 2	Movie: The Hulk (CC)
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12	AM Live (CC)	Extra (CC)	Sonadoras	My Wife-Kids	Show	Mania Celeste	Conan O'Brien	Update/Israel	Update/Israel		Conspiracy Files	Movie: Ronin	MXC	College Hill	Sister, Sister	Paintball	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	Movie: Darklight

DENNIS THE MENACE

"Mom, next to Mrs. Wilson, you're the best cook in the whole neighborhood."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"PJ is always trying to get things that are out of reach."

"We all do that, Billy."

HAGAR

"My wife's hobby is sewing."

"What does she sew?"

"Right now she's putting the finishing touches on a slipcover for my catapult!"

BLONDIE

"How'd you happen to open this diner?"

"I was up for a role in a Hollywood movie..."

"But when it went to Brad Pitt, I came out here and opened this place."

"I'll never ask that again!"

"He'll never ask me that again!"

BC

"Who was the most organized woman you've ever known?"

"That would be my Aunt Minnie!"

"... She used to stamp expiration dates on her leftovers."

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, May 25, the 145th day of 2006. There are 220 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 25, 1787, the Constitutional Convention was convened in Philadelphia after enough delegates had shown up for a quorum.

On this date:

- In 1810, Argentina began its revolt against Spain.
- In 1844, the first telegraphed news dispatch, sent from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore, appeared in the Baltimore Patriot.
- In 1895, playwright Oscar Wilde was convicted of a morals charge in London; he was sentenced to prison.
- In 1935, Babe Ruth hit the 714th and final home run of his career, for the Boston Braves, in a game against the Pittsburgh Pirates.
- In 1946, Transjordan (now Jordan) became a kingdom as it proclaimed its new monarch, King Abdullah Ibn Ul-Husseini.
- In 1961, President Kennedy asked the nation to work toward putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade.
- In 1968, the Gateway Arch, part of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis, was dedicated.
- In 1976, U.S. Rep. Wayne L. Hays, D-Ohio, admitted to a "personal relationship" with Elizabeth Ray, a committee staff member who claimed she'd received her job in order to be Hays' mistress.
- In 1979, 275 people died when an American Airlines DC10 crashed on takeoff from Chicago's O'Hare airport.
- In 1986, an estimated 7 million Americans participated in "Hands Across America," forming a line across the country to raise money for the nation's hungry and homeless.

Birthdays:

Lyracist Hal David is 85. Former opera singer Beverly Sills is 77. Former White House news secretary Ron Nessen is 72. Country singer-songwriter Tom T. Hall is 70. Actor Sir Ian McKellen is 67. Actress Dixie Carter is 67. Country singer Jessi Colter is 63. Actress-singer Leslie Uggams is 63. Movie director and puppeteer Frank Oz is 62. Actress Karen Valentine is 59. Rock singer Klaus Meine (The Scorpions) is 58. Actress Patti D'Arbanville is 55. Actress Connie Sellecca is 51. Rock singer-musician Paul Weller is 48. Actor-comedian Mike Myers is 43. Actor Matt Borlenghi is 39. Actor Joseph Reitman is 38. Rock musician Glen Drover is 37. Actress Anne Heche is 37. Actresses Sidney and Lindsay Greenbush ("Little House on the Prairie") are 36.

Answer to previous puzzle:

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OLE AREA DOLLED
PLEASE WHITE
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PAINE SORTA LOU
INSTRUCTION CARD
CEL SPRAT TOMGS
AWES PAL COW
AHM COILSUP
GROVER IRON APE
LOWERCASE LETTER
ITEM UNITE WINK
BONE TASER INDY

WIZARD OF ID

"Can I interest you in some life insurance?"

"I have too much now."

"And what constitutes too much?"

"I'm afraid to go to sleep before she does."

AGNES

"Trout, how long have we been wearing these big-cuff cowboy gloves to school?"

"Two weeks."

"Yes! And I can feel the mighty rumblings starting! Rumblings which will grow into a mighty quake! A quake that will set the entire fashion industry into chaotic upheaval!"

"Do you feel the rumbling too? The mighty, mighty rumbling?"

"I feel my hands prunning up."

HI AND LOIS

"Jason has a 4.0 GPA and 800 SAT scores. He's class president and captain of the track team."

"He'll probably go to an Ivy League college."

"Can I call you for a job in ten years?"

THE OTHER COAST

"Strolling on this remote beach, it feels like civilization is a million miles away."

"Actually, it's only six feet away..."

SNUFFY SMITH

"Got ennythin' that's good fer poison ivy, Silas?"

"Yep, but if I wuz you I wouldn't waste my money!!"

"That plant grows like a weed!!"

BETLE BAILEY

"He's making a wreck of me, sir."

"I think you need a few days away from him."

"In fact, I think we'll all feel better."

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ACROSS

- Worthless material
- Tool for Tiger
- Relaxing resort
- 1945 summit site
- Tropical porch
- Sweetie pie
- "Take it or leave it!"
- French cathedral city
- Get by
- Angler's carryall
- Humdinger
- Every bit
- Stat for a QB
- NYSE event
- Plaines, IL
- Offer the use of
- Not reactive
- Physics calculation
- Calls to cabbies
- '70s tennis star
- Rig radios
- Opponent of Wade
- Alphabetic sequence
- Vintner's vessel
- Of the kidneys
- Dobermans, often
- Many
- Actress Garson
- Theme of this puzzle
- Bit of advice
- Children's song refrain

DOWN

- Salon application
- Didn't face the music
- Former
- Bundle-of-joy deliverer
- With caution
- Scales up
- Dogie catcher
- Auntie's husband
- Tik-Tok of Oz author
- Gladiator gear
- '50s skirt appliqué
- Drives up the wall
- Dancer Duncan
- Conked out
- Biathlon wear
- Bath powder
- Shaving-cream additive
- Kinsmen
- PED
- For each
- Ultimate
- Hypotheticals
- New Deal agcy.
- Hoop holder
- Carnival city
- Cassini of fashion
- Analogy phrase
- Goon
- Strong desires
- Summer-camp activities
- Wisconsin city
- Woodstock's buddy
- Showroom neighbor, often
- Three, to Hans
- Utterly perfect
- ABA member
- Wrinkly citrus fruits
- Wine settlings
- Not cut it
- Green
- expansive
- Deck cleaner
- Greek vowel
- Bobbsey twin

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POWER 100

Ranking the most influential people in NASCAR racing

By DAVID POOLE
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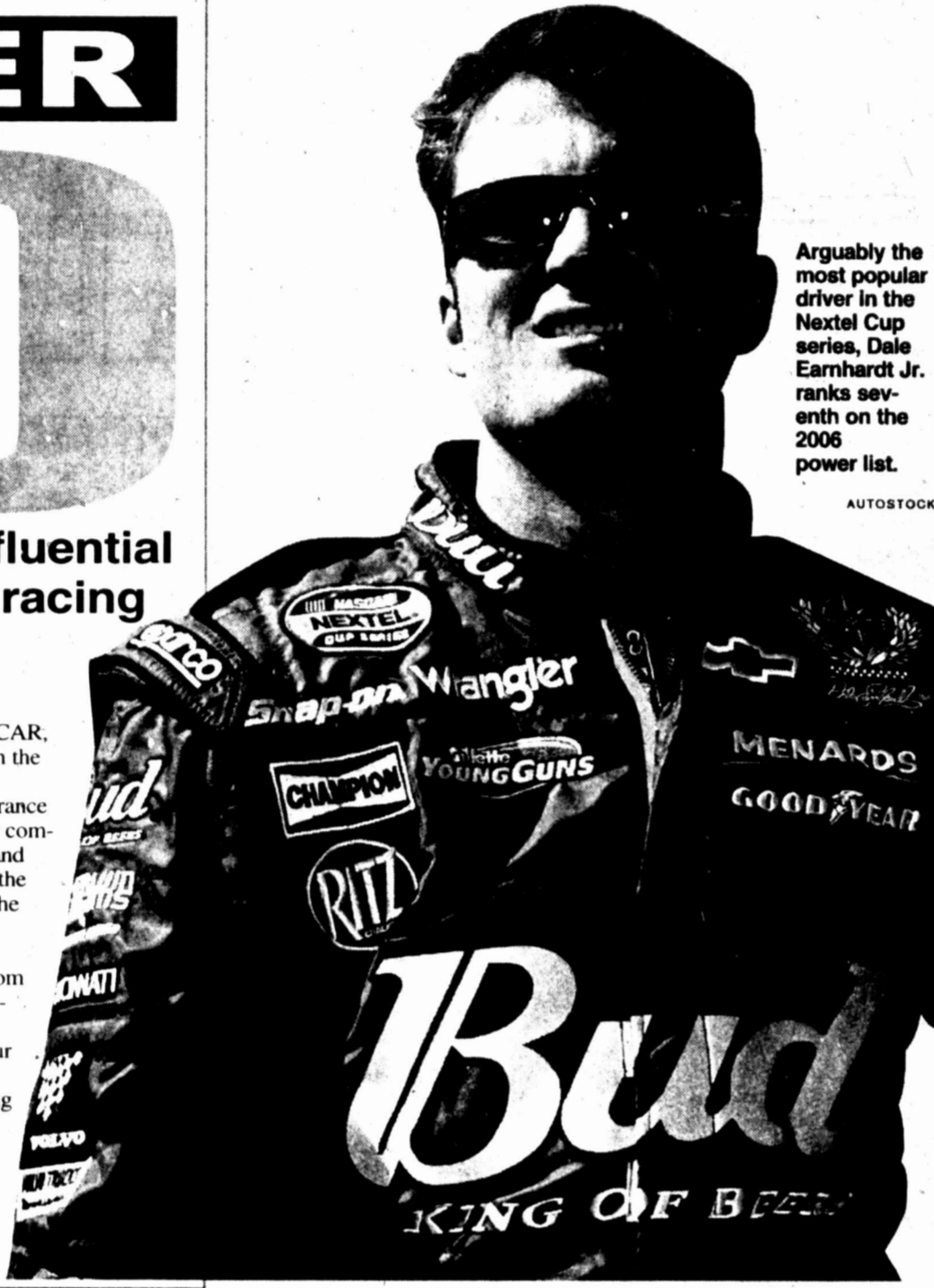
In ranking the most powerful people in NASCAR, the sport, it's almost too obvious to start with the people who run NASCAR, the company.

For three generations, that has been the France family. They control NASCAR and its sister company, International Speedway Corporation, and thusly four members of that family are included in the top four positions on That's Racin's annual list of the sport's most powerful.

Joining them in this year's top five are a pair of executives from Fox Sports and two generations from another family with great influence in stock-car racing.

In past years, there have been 25 positions on our list. But as the sport has grown, it has also become more complex. Therefore, this year we're expanding our list to a number that makes more sense for NASCAR — 43, the number of cars that make up the starting field for a Nextel Cup race.

You'll find the top 10 here. For the remainder of this year's list, visit www.thatstracin.com.



Arguably the most popular driver in the Nextel Cup series, Dale Earnhardt Jr. ranks seventh on the 2006 power list.

AUTOSTOCK

THE 2006 THAT'S RACIN' POWER LIST

1 Brian France (NASCAR chairman and chief executive officer and International Speedway Corporation chairman): NASCAR's success makes him not only the easy choice to top this list, but puts him among the most powerful men on the American sports scene. Has no fear of making changes, even big ones.

2 Bill France Jr. (vice chairman of NASCAR's board of directors): Even though health issues limit his day-to-day contributions, he still plays an important role when the major decisions are being made.



France Jr.

3 David Hill (Fox Sports chairman and chief executive) and Ed Goren (president of Fox Sports): Hill's vision has been the guiding force as Fox Sports has reshaped the way racing is shown on television since 2001. As Hill climbs other business mountains, Goren's leadership has become particularly vital.

4 Lesa France Kennedy (International Speedway Corporation president and NASCAR board member) and Jim France (NASCAR executive vice president and ISC chief executive officer): Paired again because they attend more directly to the track ownership side of the business at ISC. Both are extremely smart and invaluable to sustaining the France family empire.

5 Bruton Smith (Speedway Motorsports Inc. chairman) and Marcus Smith (SMI executive vice president national sales and marketing): Bruton Smith is approaching his 80th birthday, but he shows no signs of taking his foot off his business accelerator. If he ever does, his son Marcus is poised to take the wheel.

6 Mike Helton (NASCAR president), Robin Pemberton (NASCAR vice president of competition) and John Darby (Nextel Cup Series director): The trio who run the competition side of Nextel Cup racing. It falls to them to make the "car of tomorrow" a success and to keep Toyota from wrecking the sport's competitive balance. Failure on either score is not an option.



NASCAR Chairman and CEO Brian France

7 Dale Earnhardt Jr. (Nextel Cup driver): Unrivaled popularity means he can go anywhere and do anything he wants in motorsports and sponsors will line up for the opportunity to help him do it. If he ever wins a championship, he'll threaten Brian France for No. 1 on this list.

8 George Bodenheimer (president of ESPN and ABC Sports and co-chairman of Disney Media Networks): A bit anticipatory, perhaps, since ESPN/ABC doesn't resume NASCAR telecasts until next year. But the wheels are already in motion, and Bodenheimer's networks will change the game again the way Fox and NBC did five years ago.



Bodenheimer

9 Mark Dyer (NASCAR vice president of licensing and consumer products): He played a key role in bringing the Chase for the Nextel Cup championship format to the sport. Lots of the big stuff passes across his desk.

10 Gary Forsee (Sprint/Nextel chairman and chief executive officer) and Len Lauer (Sprint/Nextel president and chief operating officer): The handoff of power from Nextel's key executives to these top figures in the merged company is largely complete. If the company is going to fulfill its 10-year \$750 million contract, these guys have to continue to be NASCAR fans.

Aero-push racing a broken record that needs fixing

Musical acts, movie stars and massive pre-race extravaganzas have always been an integral part of the NASCAR Nextel All-Star Challenge at Lowe's Motor Speedway, but the real show is what goes on out there on the track.

Saturday night, that show was a flop.

Last week, Tony Stewart was right on the money when asked to predict what might happen on the track's new pavement and the brick-hard tires Goodyear has built to endure the inaugural event held on it. Take away mechanical grip, Stewart said, and aero grip becomes more crucial. When Nextel Cup cars must rely on having clean air on their noses to handle properly, the car getting that clean air becomes almost impossible to pass.

So, time after time during last Friday's Truck Series race and the Nextel Open preliminary and the Challenge itself a night later, a vehicle breaking to the front of the pack drove away from the car behind it.

Once a gap of two to three seconds was attained, the effect stabilized and that was that. Only cautions for wrecks or one of the contrivances in the all-star event's format — mandatory pit stops, segment breaks, field reversions and the like — altered anything.

Yes, Challenge winner Jimmie Johnson did come from 11th to second during the second segment. But he picked up virtually all of that ground on the double-file restarts and by avoiding a seven-car wreck on Lap 49 that started because Kasey

Kahne and Mark Martin wrecked as they fought for the lead.

Kevin Harvick then took over the top spot, and for all of the progress Johnson made in getting to second he wouldn't have caught Harvick in 300 laps, much less 30, had both cars never needed to stop. So when Johnson completed his pass of Harvick on the third lap of the 20-lap final segment, it was all but over.

After last year's two disastrous races on the then "levigated" surface here, track officials and Goodyear played a behind-the-scenes blame game. This time, Goodyear made certain its tires wouldn't be popping like Jiffy-Pop kernels. So it went several additional gradations toward the "hard" end of the compound scale in building this model, figuring safe would be better than sorry.

NASCAR also decided 14-gallon fuel cells would provide another level of safety, figuring more frequent stops would allow teams to keep a

closer handle on tire wear. Such wear issues don't seem relevant now, and the smaller fuel cells are another contrivance to provide the illusion of competition: If teams must make green-flag stops every 35 laps, lead changes could pile up even though no one's really passing anybody.

It'll be a major surprise on Sunday if the car leading the Coca-Cola 600 after the final round of pit stops doesn't win going away.

Unless something different happens, then, the signature moment of this May's races at LMS may come with the grandstands virtually empty. This week, a handful of teams tested NASCAR's "car of tomorrow" at the track. This car, to be phased in starting next year, is designed in large part to combat the "aero push" issues that have plagued the sport in recent years.

It needs to be a hit.

THIS WEEK'S RACE

COCA-COLA 600

Where: Lowe's Motor Speedway, a 1.5-mile paved banked quad-oval located in Concord, N.C.
When: Sunday at 5 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 7:10 p.m. Thursday.
TV: Fox.
Radio: Performance Racing Network.
Purse: \$6,452,431.
Last year's winner: Jimmie Johnson.
Worth mentioning: Ryan Newman has started from the top five in all 10 of his races at Lowe's Motor Speedway, the longest current streak.
Jeff Gordon has won four races at LMS, but his last win came in October 1999.

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Who will win the 2006 Coca-Cola 600?

Cast your vote at:
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

What's your favorite part of NASCAR's annual all-star show at Lowe's Motor Speedway?

Number of votes: 4,959

Driver	No. of votes	Percent
It's no-points, no-holds barred racing.	2,000	40%
Dale Earnhardt Jr.	715	14%
Jeff Gordon	607	12%
All of the above.	533	11%
The crews get some spotlight.	511	10%
Mark Martin	342	7%
Someone else.	234	5%
That it's in Charlotte, N.C.	17	1%

STOP 'N' GO

WHO'S HOT

■ **Jimmie Johnson:** Lowe's Motor Speedway should be renamed Jimmie Johnson Motor Speedway.
■ **Greg Biffle:** His season is just getting started.

WHO'S NOT

■ **The Chase:** After 11 races, just 10 drivers are within the 400-point window. One year ago there were 19 still eligible.
■ **Jamie McMurray:** It's been four years since his only Nextel Cup win. Four years.

OBSERVATIONS

■ There was a concert, some football players, big-name personalities, lots of fireworks and, oh yeah, there was racing, too. NASCAR's Nextel All-Star Challenge has crossed over the wrong side of the line between entertainment and sports. Next year let's have more competition and less circus acts.
■ Matt Kenseth re-signed. Kevin Harvick re-signed. Casey Mears appears headed to re-signing. Yet at least four more Toyota Cup rides need to be filled next season. It's a driver's market absent the drivers. — Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of May 13:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Jimmie Johnson	1686	21. Brian Vickers	1070
2. Tony Stewart	1593	22. Martin Truex Jr.	1057
3. Matt Kenseth	1592	23. J.J. Yeley	1053
4. Mark Martin	1487	24. Reed Sorenson	1053
5. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1460	25. Jeff Green	1053
6. Jeff Gordon	1391	26. Scott Riggs	1013
7. Kyle Busch	1388	27. Bobby Labonte	1007
8. Kasey Kahne	1379	28. Robby Gordon	991
9. Kevin Harvick	1365	29. Joe Nemechek	988
10. Jeff Burton	1295	30. Ken Schrader	982
11. Casey Mears	1280	31. Dave Blaney	962
12. Dale Jarrett	1237	32. Kyle Petty	958
13. Denny Hamlin	1219	33. Sterling Marlin	951
14. Greg Biffle	1189	34. Jeremy Mayfield	880
15. Elliott Sadler	1181	35. Michael Waltrip	816
16. Clint Bowyer	1181	36. David Stremme	764
17. Carl Edwards	1161	37. Scott Wimmer	747
18. Kurt Busch	1146	38. Travis Kvapil	680
19. Ryan Newman	1118	39. Tony Raines	591
20. Jamie McMurray	1099	40. Kevin Lepage	584

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of May 12:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Kevin Harvick	1945	11. Burney Lamar	1267
2. Clint Bowyer	1598	12. Matt Kenseth	1266
3. Denny Hamlin	1566	13. Jon Wood	1256
4. Carl Edwards	1559	14. Reed Sorenson	1247
5. Kyle Busch	1490	15. Kenny Wallace	1242
6. Paul Menard	1483	16. Jamie McMurray	1175
7. Greg Biffle	1469	17. Ashton Lewis	1175
8. J.J. Yeley	1432	18. Mark McFarland	1147
9. Jason Laffler	1322	19. John Andretti	1134
10. Johnny Sauter	1302	20. Michael Waltrip	1084

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Carquest Auto Parts 300, Concord, N.C.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

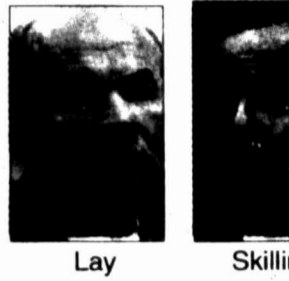
The top-10 drivers as of May 19:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Todd Bodine	1017	6. Johnny Benson	788
2. Ted Musgrave	1000	7. David Starr	783
3. David Reutimann	896	8. Dennis Setzer	776
4. Mark Martin	844	9. Jack Sprague	765
5. Terry Cook	808	10. Matt Crafton	760

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Mansfield 250, Mansfield, Ohio

BIG SPRING

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Lay Skilling

Enron executives facing long prison terms

HOUSTON (AP) — Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling were known visionaries, hard-charging executives, corporate titans directing the flying ship at Wall Street darling Enron Corp.

Add another title: convicted felons. "Certainly we're surprised," a shaken Lay said Thursday after a capped a four-month fraud and conspiracy trial and in its sixth day of deliberations returned guilty verdicts against him and Skilling. "It's more appropriate to say we're shocked. That's not the outcome expected."

Besides all six court the main trial, Enron's founder, also convicted of four charges of bank fraud and making false statements to a separate non-trial before U.S. District Judge Sim Lake related his personal finances.

Skilling was convicted of 19 counts of fraud, conspiracy and insider trading at a trial spawned one of the biggest business scandals in U.S. history, the toppling high-profile energy tycoon that once was the nation's seventh-largest company.

Lake set Sept. 11 as sentencing date. Skilling faces a minimum of 185 years in prison. For Lay, the fraud and conspiracy convictions carry a combined maximum punishment of 45 years. The bank fraud case adds 120 years on each of the counts.

While the reality sentences will be considerably less under federal sentencing guidelines: Lay, 64, a likely do digit term could be equivalent of a lifetime, said Kirby Behr, former federal prosecutor in Washington who v the government's wall collar sentencing guidelines. "They're both facing plus years," he said. "do 20 years, and then entirely conceivable you're looking at life. people don't age well in prison."

"Lay may catch a break but Skilling doesn't. That. He's looking north of 20 years."

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