



Runoff more like walk-off

Just 19 ballots cast

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Voting remains extremely slow in the runoff election for the District 2 seat on the Big Spring City Council, with just 19 ballots posted so far.

Early voting in the race between Donna Gamboa and Manuel Ramirez Jr. began Monday.

Saundra Bloom, Howard County elections administrator, said early voting — which is being held at the Howard County Courthouse — has been light but slightly more active than the May 13 election day.

"We've had 19 so far, but we only had 20 over the entire seven-day early voting period in May," said Bloom. "So, while it's still very slow, it's still slightly better than last time."

Bloom said several of the voters who have cast their ballots early did not vote in the May election, and is hopeful keeping the polls open for two 12-



Heritage Museum Curator Nancy Raney holds a quilt, crafted by board president Katie Cathey, that will be one of the attractions of Tuesday's Legends and Legacies museum fundraiser. Tickets for the event, which include a fish fry and dance, are \$25 per person.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

LEGENDS AND LEGACIES Museum getting ready for fish fry, dance fundraiser

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Good food and good music for a good cause will be for the taking when Heritage Museum holds its annual Legends and Legacies fundraiser Tuesday evening.

Museum Curator Nancy Raney said the event, which also serves as an unofficial kickoff to Rodeo Week in Big Spring, is the museum's largest fundraiser of the year.

"The proceeds benefit the museum and Potton House," Raney said. "We have a lot of events and programming ... that we don't charge for during the year. This is a way for us to make some money. We need to keep our doors open."

This year's event will feature a fish fry, which Raney said will include only the finest hand-selected catfish, and a dance with music provided by Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys.

Workers were busy

JUST THE FACTS

What: Legends and Legacies, fish fry, dance.

Where: Heritage Museum.

When: 6 p.m. until midnight Tuesday.

Tickets: \$25 each. Call 267-8255 by Friday afternoon to RSVP.

Wednesday pouring concrete and installing railings in the lot immediately north of the museum to prepare it for Tuesday's event.

"In the past, we've had a barbecue up on the (museum) patio," Raney said. "This year, we're moving the event next door to the museum."

The fundraiser kicks off at 6 p.m. Tuesday with happy hour, followed by an auction, quilt giveaway and the fish fry.

Nix and his band will perform from 9 p.m. until

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City shows less interest in joint law facility, jail

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Is there a joint law enforcement center in Howard County's future?

Not likely.

Representatives from the county and the city of Big Spring met Wednesday morning to discuss the possibility of building a 144-bed jail that would house the Howard County Sheriff's Office and Big Spring Police Department. It's an idea that has been batted around for more than two years now.

After crunching the numbers, however, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said he can't see the economic rewards to justify joining with the county on the project.

"Even if we knew it would pass (a bond election), does it make sense as a city to do this?" said McEwen. "We can get out of the jail business at a lower cost than this. I

"I would prefer to see a joint law enforcement center. But given the political climate, I just don't know that it would pass."



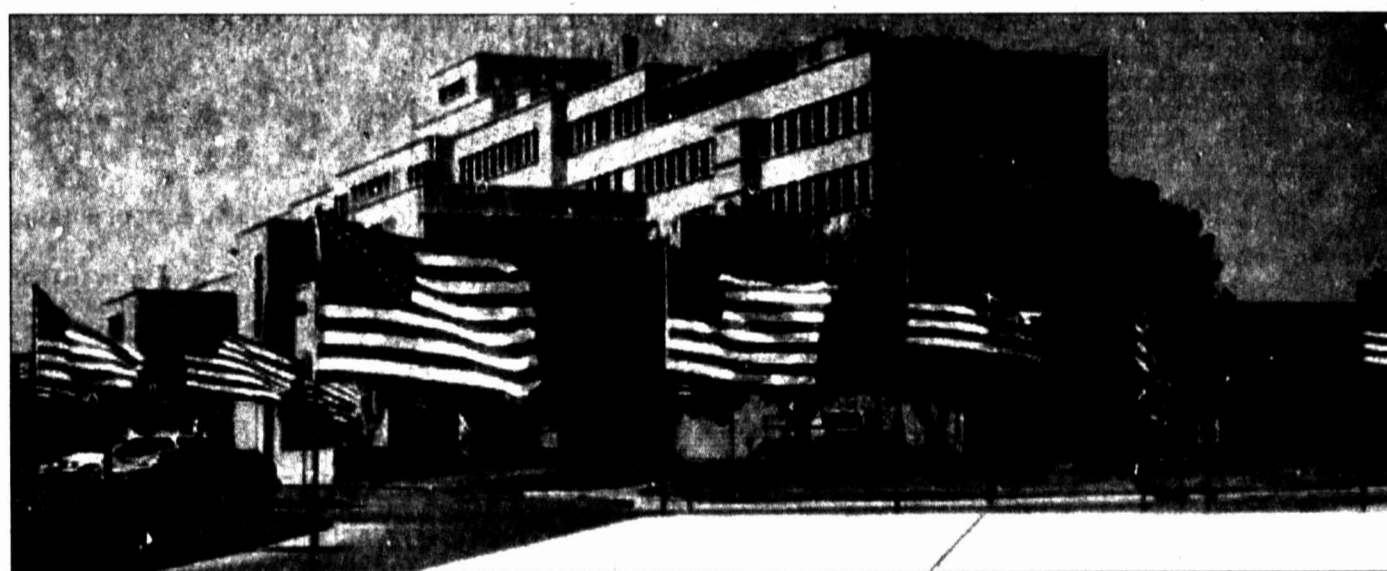
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can't justify spending \$150,000 more a year to be in a joint law enforcement center. I'm just not convinced it makes economic sense."

According to City Secretary Peggy Walker, there's no way for the city to be part of the project and break even.

"This isn't going to pay for itself," said Walker. "Currently, it costs

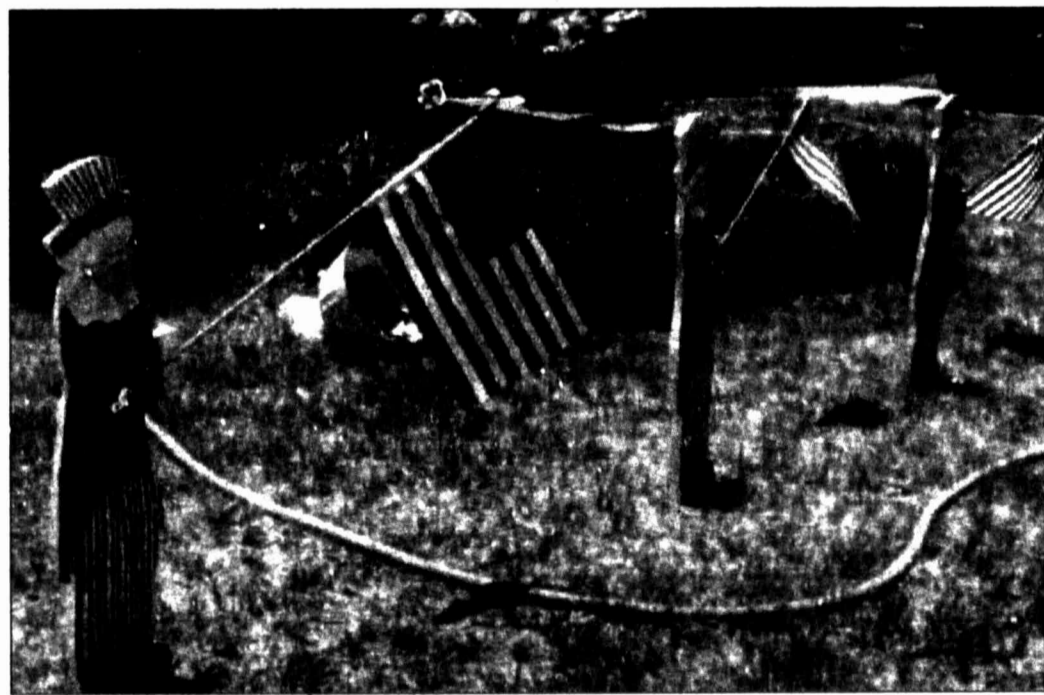
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FLAG DAY

The Big Spring VA Medical Center observed Flag Day with its own red, white and blue tribute Wednesday. In the U.S., Flag Day — more formally known as National Flag Day — is celebrated June 14 each year, commemorating the adoption of the flag of the United States. At right, local resident Mamie Lee Dodds got into the spirit of Flag Day by decorating her front yard on Drexel Street with miniature Uncle Sams and Old Glories.

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FLEA TEA BREWING

FARMVILLE, Va. (AP) — Two teenage sisters won a \$20,000 prize in a national contest for their herbal anti-flea concoction for cats and dogs.

Julia and Caroline LaRoche's Flea Tea took first place Wednesday in the contest for high school inventors, sponsored by the Electronic Retailers Association, Future Business Leaders of America and Koepfel Direct, a media-buying company. Julia, 18, and Caroline, 16, set out to find a gentler anti-flea product than commercial shampoos. The mixture of sea salt and herbs left the family's dog and cat flea-free, they said.

The sisters plan to market the remedy.

SILVER LINING FOR ISD?

While final budget figures are unknown at this time, preliminary numbers show Big Spring Independent School District pulling in more revenue than last year, while at the same time enacting the first real tax rate cut in decades.

That means that trustees might be able to finance long-delayed projects such as new school buses and a badly needed refurbishing of the Blankenship Field track, BSISD Business Manager Sandra Waggoner said. Increases in both property valuations and state aid will more than make up for a state-mandated cut in the property tax rate, she said.

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AFTER HOURS COMING

Elrod's Furniture, 2309 Scurry, will host a Business After Hours from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. today.

Business After Hours is a program sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce specifically designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors.

Elrod's is celebrating 80 years in business.

Door prizes will be available. There is no charge to attend. Merchants are encouraged to exchange business cards during the event.

Obituaries

Alice Higgins Bentley



Alice Higgins Bentley, 71, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, June 14, 2006, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, June 16, 2006 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. She was born Jan. 26, 1935, in Gorman and married Harold Bentley Nov. 28, 1956 in Lovington, N.M. Alice moved to Big Spring in 1952. She was a hairdresser in Big Spring for 32 years and was a member of the Hairdressers Association until it disbanded. She enjoyed learning new hairstyles and then teaching them to new hairstylists. Alice enjoyed dollmaking, sewing and especially enjoyed her work. She was a member of First Baptist Church and a member of Western Drifters RV Club. After retiring in 1985 she spent the next 12 years traveling for about six months out of each year. Survivors include her husband, Harold Bentley of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Karen Bentley of Austin and Robert and Cheryl Bentley of Los Angeles, Calif.; one granddaughter, Molly Bentley and a very special friend, Kathy Caudill. The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Jo Koop

Jo Koop, 85, of Big Spring, formerly of Edna and Oakhurst, died on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, in a Big Spring hospital. An informal gathering to memorialize Jo will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 17, 2006 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with her son-in-law, Dr. Johnny "Dickey" Stanley, officiating. Jo was born Nov. 12, 1920 in Latexo. She married William Heston Fitz and they had two daughters, Sunya and Cinda. She later married John Koop in Oakhurst. Jo moved to Big Spring in 1998 from Oakhurst. An outdoors person, she enjoyed gardening, fishing and hunting. She also enjoyed sewing, cooking and canning. She was a Baptist. Survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Sunya Fitz of Seabrook, and Cinda and Dr. Dickey Stanley of Big Spring, one grandson and his wife, Logan and Courtney Stanley of San Antonio, and one brother, Coy Jean Baldree of Houston. She was preceded in death by her parents; one granddaughter, Meagan Stanley and two brothers, Harold and Jim Ray Baldree. The family suggest memorials be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 96268, Washington, D.C. 20090-6268, or to the Make a Wish Foundation of West Texas, 3800 E. 42nd St., Suite 512, Odessa 79762. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Adolfo T. Cantu Sr.



Adolfo T. Cantu Sr., 58, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, in a local hospital. Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 15, 2006 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 16, 2006 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. He was born Sept. 21, 1947, in Charlotte, and married Rosa Guerrero on Aug. 22, 1965 in Charlotte. Adolfo had worked as a building contractor in San Antonio and as a roustabout in Charlotte. He also worked as the supervisor at the Big Spring Co-Op Gin for 25 years and most recently as a truck driver for McMahon Concrete. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Survivors include his wife, Rosa Cantu of Big Spring; one daughter, Margarita Trevino and husband, Joe, of Big Spring; two sons, Adolfo Cantu, Jr. and wife, Lisa, and Jason Steven Cantu and wife, Julie, all of Big Spring; three sisters, Patsy Padilla and Dora Bermea, both of Big Spring and Felipe Cantu of Charlotte; one brother, Guillermo "Willie" Cantu of Big Spring; eight grandchildren, Andy Rodriguez, Cassie Cantu, Rosemarie Lopez, Catalina Trevino, Tommy Cantu, Lexis Cantu, Jason Cantu, Jr. and Mercedes Cantu; and one great-grandchild, Camren Alcantar. He was preceded in death by his parents, Guillermo and Conception Cantu; and by one sister, Olga Maria Zulica. The family suggests memorials to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 508 N. Aylford, 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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today: SCOTT AUTRY, 23, of 606 State, was arrested Wednesday on three Howard County warrants and a local capias warrant. RONALD SIMENEK, 51, of 3611 Hamilton, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid. RAFAEL LOPEZ, 61, of 508.5 Father Delaney, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication. EDDIE RAY MULANAX, 32, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 210, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid. MARIO CARNERO, 23, of 4221 Hamilton, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants. ROY THOMAS, 22, of 3702 Connally, was arrested Wednesday on six local warrants. TERRY ALAN COLLINS, 34, of 2709 Andrews Highway, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less. POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 600 block of State. FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE was reported in the 1600 block of Third Street.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity: COLBY SHEA WORDEN, 20, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of speeding (two counts) and violation of a promise to appear. JOSE ALFREDO GOMEZ, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check. ANTHONY WRIGHT, 46, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify - giving false information. CARLOS MUNOZ, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - more than 4 ounces less than 5 pounds. VERONICA RODRIGUEZ, 25, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check. GRADY LYNN CUNNINGHAM, 53, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of services.

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.

Take Note

- ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.
- COAHOMA FREEDOM PARADE begins at 10 a.m. July 1 at the football stadium and continues to the park. Prizes for floats will be awarded in several categories. Booth spaces for vendors are free and available by contacting Shyrlee Reid at 393-5545.

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
• Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
• American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
• Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 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.
• 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.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:
• MEDICAL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to the VAMC.
• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of West 17th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Highland. One person was transported to SMMC.
• MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of West Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
• MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium. One person was transported to SMMC.
• MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
• MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Coronado. One person was transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 14-20-21-31-33-38. Number matching six of six: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$20 million.
Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-11-12-16-35. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-6-7

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph.
Friday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.
Friday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70. South winds 10 to 20 mph.
Saturday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.
Saturday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.
Sunday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.
Sunday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70. The chance of rain is 20 percent.
Monday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s.
Monday night...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 60s.
Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.
Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.
Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

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National Guard 'ramping up' for Texas border duty

AUSTIN (AP) — About 200 Texas National Guard troops have been activated and training for duty along the Texas-Mexico border with hundreds more expected later this month, spokesmen for the Guard and Gov. Rick Perry's office said Wednesday.

"We are ramping up," activating troops, said Perry spokeswoman Rachel Novier.

On Thursday, Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense Paul McHale and National Guard Bureau Chief Lt. Gen. Steven Blum are scheduled to discuss "Operation Jump Start" at Camp Mabry, headquarters of the Texas

National Guard.

Speaking in Arizona on Tuesday, McHale said there would be 1,000 troops in place along the border in the southern states by Thursday.

But while Texas Guard troops have been activated and undergone training, there will not be a large troop deployment on Thursday, Novier said.

Some Guard planners have been working with Border Patrol officials to help determine where troops would be needed and how many. Texas Guard spokesman Col. Bill Meehan would not say how many Guard planners are on the bor-

der.

"For us, this is an activation and a buildup over time," Meehan said.

President Bush on May 15 said that up to 6,000 National Guard troops would be sent to the border for about two years to help local and federal law enforcement stem the flow of illegal immigration.

Perry signed an order authorizing up to 2,300 Texas Guard troops. Novier said the Texas Guard plans to have 500 activated and trained for duty by the end of this month and up to 1,000 in July.

State Rep. Rick Noriega, who spent a year in

Afghanistan with the Texas Guard, has been told he will next be deployed to the border, said his spokeswoman Linda Christofilis.

When Noriega, D-Houston, was in Afghanistan, he chose to have his wife, Melissa, serve in the Legislature for him until he returned.

Christofilis said she wasn't sure how long Noriega, first elected in November 1998, would be deployed along the border and for now he would keep his seat.

Officials have said that National Guard troops will serve in support capacities along the border, constructing fences,

installing vehicle barriers, running surveillance systems and analyzing intelligence with the goal of freeing up more Border Patrol agents to actively stop illegal border crossings.

blocks zig-zagging in the area, including the area surrounding Big Spring High School and Big Spring Junior High.

Anyone not sure about what voting district they are in should either check their voter registration card — city council district is located on the right side in the box labeled "city" — or contact the election office at 264-2273, according to Bloom.

VOTE

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hour days will help.

"Today and June 20 we'll have early voting from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. That should help the people that find it tough to get to the polls between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. get in and cast their ballot," she said.

With only 3.2 percent of the district's registered voters casting ballots during the May 13 election, Gamboa received 25 votes to Ramirez's 16, with the race's third candidate, Cindy Lopez, earning 14 votes.

Since none of the candidates received a majority of the votes, Gamboa and Ramirez are going head-to-head in the runoff.

The election will be held June 24 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

According to Bloom, District 2 runs from the northeast part of the city of Big Spring through the center of town south of the 1600 blocks of Lancaster east to State Street, with several

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MUSEUM

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midnight, Raney said.

Cost of the event is \$25 per person and seating is limited, Raney said. She asked persons interested in attending to RSVP to the museum at 267-8255 by Friday afternoon.

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Army post put on notice for unpaid utility bills

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Fort Sam Houston has received 1,300 utility service termination notices for delinquent bill payments, which officials blamed on a major budget shortfall.

CPS Energy warned commanders at the post to pay \$4.2 million by Wednesday or risk losing power. The post is three months behind on its bills, but both Army and utility officials said the two parties were talking and no cutoff was imminent.

"Who would imagine us not paying our bill?" said Col. Wendy Martinson, Fort Sam Houston's garrison commander. "I worry about it. I can't sleep at night."

The post, which trains medics, faces a \$26 million budget shortfall this year — a problem that officials said is symptomatic of the financial woes facing posts worldwide.

Only commands at Fort Sam Houston funded by the Army Installation Management Agency are affected, which excludes Brooke Army Medical Center.

The installation management agency is wrestling with a \$530 million deficit and is awaiting funding from a \$94.5 billion supplemental appropriations bill. The Senate is set to vote on a revised supplemental bill following House approval earlier this week. The funds are intended for the war in Iraq and

Afghanistan, as well as hurricane relief.

Martinson said the supplemental funding would be a temporary fix. To deal with the budget crunch, the post has fired 100 contract workers, frozen hiring, shut off cell phones and BlackBerry devices, turned in leased cars and stopped troops from using government credit cards.

Steve Oertwig, a spokesman for the installation management agency, said funding allocations from the supplemental bill would be prioritized on the basis of support for troops destined for the war zone, health and safety needs, and civilian payrolls for permanent civilian employees.

JAIL

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\$135,000 to run the city jail. The cost of moving the police department into a joint law enforcement center would be approximately \$235,000 for a 20-year period. There would be other incidental savings if we moved it into a new facility, but then we would have the additional costs of dispatch and other shared services."

McEwen said it would be more realistic for the city to look at renovating the existing police department building.

"We've got two alternatives in front of us," said McEwen. "We can renovate the existing building or move into a new building. We have to do what's best for the taxpayers. That's our job."

"If we put this on a bond issue for the county, it's DOA (dead on arrival),"

he added. "We can take the savings (from getting out of the jail business) and put it back into the police building... This county absolutely has to have a jail. Beyond that, we have to look at the numbers. I believe a joint law enforcement center will kill the jail issue altogether. A 144-bed jail with a joint law enforcement center doesn't have a chance."

Council members Joann Knox and Jo Ann Staulcup agreed with McEwen's assessment.

"I would prefer to see a joint law enforcement center," said Staulcup. "But given the political climate, I just don't know that it would pass."

"I agree," said Knox. "And I really don't want to (agree)."

Despite stiff opposition from McEwen, city officials agreed to "sharpen their pencils" and take a second, more accurate look at the costs involved.

"We can look at the numbers again, but I don't foresee any huge changes," said Walker.

County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said it's a matter of waiting to see what the city council will decide before the county and its architects can move into the next phase of the design process, which is expected to yield an accurate cost for the proposed facility.

"It certainly seems like we need to be rearranging some numbers," said Kilgore. "We'll just have to wait and see what they do. That's all I can say at this time."

McEwen said city officials will continue to discuss the economics involved, and plan to take the matter to the council in approximately two weeks for a vote on what direction to take, yielding an answer for the county June 27.

Regardless, any new jail is expected to be located

near the intersection of Highway 87 and Interstate Highway 20.

Consideration of a new jail facility began when Howard County commissioners identified jail overcrowding and non-compliance with state jail laws as an ongoing and long-term problem.

Commissioners tabled the jail issue in July 2005 — following several meetings with local architect Phil Furqueron and project consultant Edward Spooner, justice director for the HOK Group — to concentrate on the county's budget and tax rate.

Discussions remained closed for several months, having reopened earlier this year following a meeting between commissioners and Texas Commission on Jail Standards officials that left the county with a 90-day deadline to present the commission with a detailed plan for correcting the items currently

out of compliance.

In April, commissioners voted 4-1 in favor of the proposed 144-bed facility, with Commissioner Gary Simer the lone dissenter. Commissioners also agreed to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the property, which includes lots located within blocks 34 and 35 of the Bauer Addition.

The city's hesitance to join the county for a joint law enforcement facility came less than 24 hours after the city council agreed to put a multi-project bond issue totaling \$21 million on the November ballot. That issue does not include

any funds for renovating the police department facilities.

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Jesus Rodriguez, Sr., 69, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Gayla Battie, 47, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 11:00 until 12:00 Noon Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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OUR VIEWS

Monday is last day for entries in rodeo parade

It's almost time for the 73rd annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. There's little time to get in those entries for the annual rodeo parade, which officially gets the three-day run of events started.

The Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is the oldest continually running professional rodeo in the nation, and doesn't take a back seat to any when it comes to the talent that arrives each year to compete.

Many of the top competitors from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) will display their talents during the event's three-day run from Thursday, June 22, through Saturday, June 24, each performance beginning at 8 p.m. in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

However, the rodeo officially begins at 5:30 p.m. Thursday when the rodeo parade lines up at 10th and Main and snakes its way through downtown Big Spring.

Let's make this the best rodeo parade we've ever had. Anyone can enter, all you need to do is fill out a parade entry form which has been included in each Wednesday and Sunday edition of the *Herald* for some time. Then just return them to our office.

The form's last appearance in the paper this year will be Sunday. That's important because the deadline for entries is noon Monday.

This time around, the rodeo association's directors have expanded the entry divisions for the parade and even sweetened the pot with prize money for the best entries.

The six divisions are for floats, riding clubs, custom and classic cars, bicycles, tractors and motorcycles.

The entry deemed best by judges, regardless of division, will win a \$100 prize this year, while the second-place entry will receive \$75. A \$50 prize goes to the entry finishing third.

In addition, the top entries in each of the six entry categories will receive plaques.

So don't forget to shine up those boots, dust off that hat, pull on your favorite jeans and join in the parade. Saddle up your horse or put a new coat of wax on that custom or classic automobile. Maybe a group of you would like to enter a float. We'd even like to see plenty of decorated bicycles and a posse of stickhorses in the procession.

Remember, participation is what both we and the rodeo association would like to see. We hope you'll all join us.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we investigate our possibilities with You, Lord, we see that nothing is impossible.

Amen

Conservatives must hold firm

The prevailing mentality among Beltway Republicans is that passage of an imperfect immigration bill before the November elections is better than no bill at all. They might just find out how wrong they are when they experience the inevitable conservative backlash.

Why do we have to be faced with these false choices? The enactment of an imperfect bill, even if it would help to preserve the Republican majority in November, would be a classic case of sacrificing the long-term good for short-term political benefit.

I strongly believe we need to preserve a Republican majority, even though that majority is often controlled by dictatorial moderates — as in the Gang of 14, seven of which are Republicans. The election of a true Democratic majority would have potentially horrifying consequences on domestic and national security issues across the board.

But with the immigration, we're not talking about some little throwaway issue, but one whose resolution could determine whether this country will ultimately retain its national identity. If anything closely resembling the Senate bill becomes law, we will be stacking the decks against ourselves in what already promises to be a formidable struggle to preserve the unique American culture.

The idea that we can later tweak an imperfect bill is pernicious folly. Not only is this bill far from merely "imperfect," the reality is that the law of entropy usually applies in politics as well as thermodynamics. If anything, an imperfect bill will, over time, become more imperfect.



DAVID LIMBAUGH

Remember the Campaign Finance Reform Bill that President Bush signed, after having campaigned against it, offering the half-hearted assurance that the Supreme Court would probably declare it unconstitutional anyway? Well, they haven't, have they?

What's more, while the bill put a selective dagger through free speech in the critical 60 days prior to the election, it still didn't fulfill its specious promise of taking big money out of politics.

So now, Sen. McCain and his band of merry "reformers" want to further massage the bill and carve the imperfections of out it. Every version, including the present one, is presented as the bill to end all bills. But additional iterations just make matters worse, without correcting any of the so-called imperfections.

The last thing we need is another imperfect bill, this one on immigration, even if it means that Republicans have to take a hit in November.

As much as I prefer imperfect Republicans over Democrats and fear the consequences of a Democratic majority, this is one issue where we simply have to draw the line. This bill, which could easily result in an exponential wave of immigrants entering this country over the next two decades alone, whom our P.C. culture will not even encourage to assimilate, must be vigorously opposed.

While I agree that we can't allow the perfect to be the enemy of the good, we simply can't risk bargaining away the very identity of this nation on the illusory promise that holes in the bill will be patched over in time. If there isn't enough time to craft a nation-preserving bill before the election, there won't be afterwards either.

Having said these things, I don't accept the premise that failure to pass a deeply flawed bill is politi-

cally suicidal for Republicans. If you believe that, you probably believe the conventional wisdom that elections are controlled by the mushy middle.

To the contrary, the Republicans who have been most successful in national elections are those who have held firm on conservative principles. Unlike the base of the Democratic Party, the Republican base is not fringe or extreme, but mainstream conservative. Those who want to preserve the unique American culture and the English language are not extremists, nativists or racists, which shouldn't even have to be said.

Ronald Reagan won landslide elections through unabashed conservatism. And, the decline in President Bush's approval rating is not just due to "all bad news all of the time" on Iraq, but that he is perceived to have abandoned his conservative base on far too many issues.

Much of the reason the Republican Senate is so disappointing to conservatives is that the moderate and liberal tail is wagging the conservative dog. The McCain moderates are hamstringing conservatives — and even some of the conservatives have lost their nerve.

I don't remember a time when Beltway politicians, including way too many Republicans, have been so tone deaf on an issue and so complicit on a matter that could severely damage the long-term interests of this nation.

Let principled conservatives try on their obstructionist hats for a change. In this case, for now, passing no bill is better than passing the Senate bill. They should have the courage to take their case to the voters in November.

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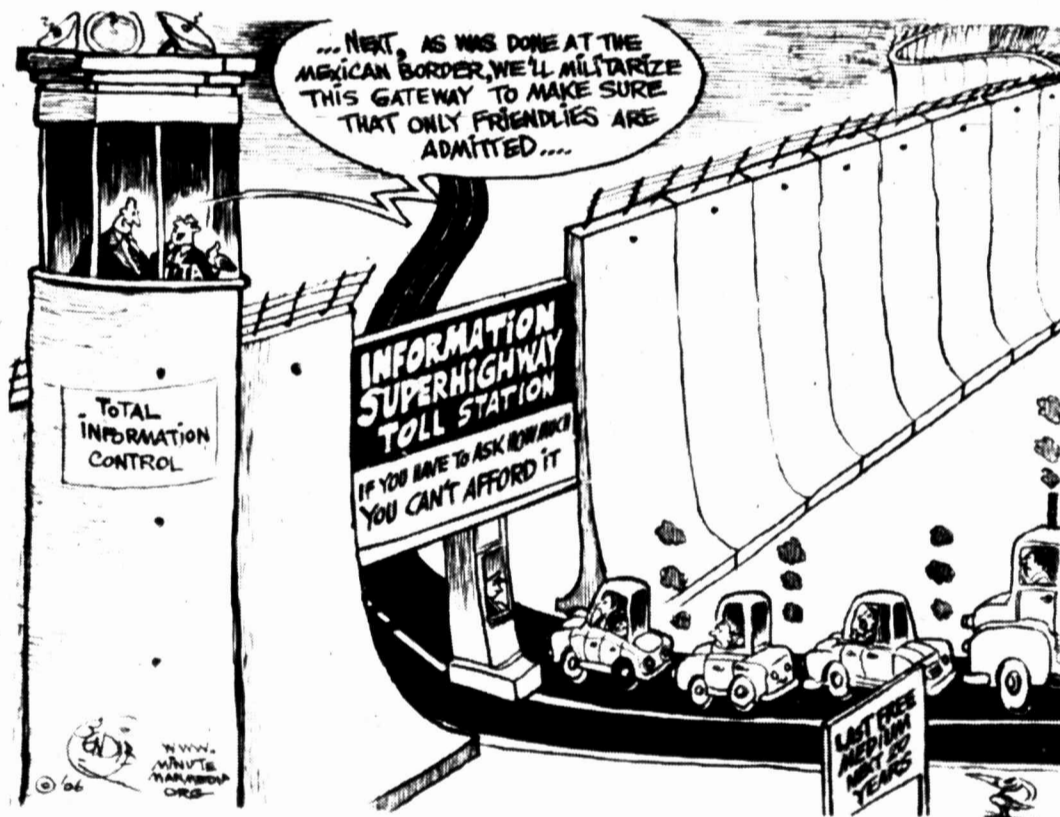
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We ought to care what they think

Iraq and the media, the media and Iraq — over and over.

Last week was supposed to be a good media week for Iraq — Abu Musab al-Zarqawi was dead. Taken out, we said, by a combination of American and Iraqi troops with Jordanian intelligence.

The churlish might note this was the second time the American military had announced Zarqawi's death — but, hey, we've announced the capture of Osama's No. 2 guy at least seven or eight times. Others claimed Zarqawi was never that important to begin with, indeed had been built up by our side. Still, that's a goal for our side, as they say in World Cup play.

Then reality got a bit bumpy. Zarqawi wasn't exactly dead when we found him. We put him on a stretcher and cleaned him up — the fog of war intervened.

I distinctly remember people predicting the first time we killed Zarqawi that it wouldn't make much difference, so I presume they did it again. Thus, we get to revisit the old cackle over whether we are fighting international terrorists who have flocked to Iraq or a native uprising against our occu-



MOLLY IVINS

pation of the country. Can't even agree on what's going on.

I'm so used to one side saying this and the other side saying the opposite that I didn't even blink over the differences.

I did, however, come to a screeching halt over the right's reaction to news of a triple suicide at Guantanamo. A great chorus of, "How dare they?" seemed to follow this dismal news. My local paper said, "Detainees hid their plans to die ... Guantanamo officials were fooled ... Inquiry looks at how to prevent other deaths."

Now it seems to me one might have any number of reactions to news of suicides at Guantanamo, but righteous indignation is not one of them. Most of these prisoners have been held for four years now without possibility of charge, trial or parole. I should think they would be suicidal. I'm sorry we failed to prevent it, but I'm not sure that's possible. "They hid their plans to die?" Gee, the sneaks.

You know what? This is getting silly. The debate over this war is unrealistic and even ludicrous. A) It is not going well. B) It keeps getting worse. C) Yes, it is possible that if we stay there long enough, it will get better eventually. D) There is no evidence suggesting that beyond hope.

A particularly acrid growth from

this fruitless debate is the contempt for and dismissal of public opinion in other countries. "So what if we have alienated public opinion in nations throughout the Middle East?" seems to be the attitude. "Who cares what they think?" If I wanted to win a global war on terror, I'd sure be concerned about what they think.

I would hope the right would at least be concerned over the damage being done to the American military by this war.

Morale? Excuse me, but our government doesn't even seem to be able to pay these people on time. Not to mention stretching them past the breaking point in Iraq, leaving them without adequate mental care when they come home, endlessly extending their tours, bribing them to re-up, and so forth and so on.

Then, of course, something like Haditha happens, and they all get a black eye out of it.

I think it's time the antiwar side in this country started using a few threats of its own — specifically, about who's going to take the blame for this when it's over. Forget the liberal tradition of forgiveness.

I say, hold this grudge.

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Initial numbers look encouraging for Big Spring ISD

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Initial news from the fiscal front has Big Spring Independent School District officials smiling for a change as they prepare their budget for the coming fiscal year.

While final budget figures are unknown at this time, preliminary numbers show the district pulling in more revenue than last year, while at the same time enacting the first real tax rate cut in decades.

That means that trustees might be able to finance long-delayed projects such as new school buses and a badly needed refurbishing of the Blankenship Field track, BSISD Business Manager Sandra Waggoner said.

Increases in both property valuations and state aid will more than make up for a state-mandated cut in the property tax rate, Waggoner said.

School district officials are estimating that property valuations within the district will rise about \$62 million this fiscal year — “and that’s a conservative estimate,” Waggoner said.

On top of that will be added an estimated \$13 million in state aid in 2006-07, an increase of about \$2 million from the previous year. Half of that increase will be earmarked to pay raises for teachers and other staff as well as drop-out prevention and college preparation programs for high school students, but the bottom line is that there will be significantly more money in the BSISD coffers this year, she noted.

And that revenue increase comes in spite of a state-mandated cut in the property tax rate. School district officials will likely cut the tax rate from \$1.50 per \$100 valuation to \$1.37, the first real rate cut district taxpayers have enjoyed in years.

“Of course, we have many more needs than we have money ...



Waggoner

but it’s nice to be able to take those items into serious consideration instead of simply dropping them out of the budget.”

“It’s a good budget,” Waggoner conceded. “It’s much better than what we expected. We’re hoping to do some things we’ve had to cut out of budgets in the past.”

School officials have had to put off items such as bus purchases, bleacher repair, electrical upgrades and the track refurbishment for several years, but Waggoner is hopeful that at least some of the projects can finally be addressed.

“Of course, we have many more needs than we have money ... but it’s nice to be able to take those items into serious consideration instead of simply dropping them out of the budget,” she said.

As the budget stands now, expenditures are expected to rise about \$2.5 million from the previous year. Waggoner predicts the final package will be balanced and include a reserve fund of about \$4.9 million.

Trustees will hold a workshop to address the new budget on June 29. Final approval of both the budget and new tax rate are expected in late August.

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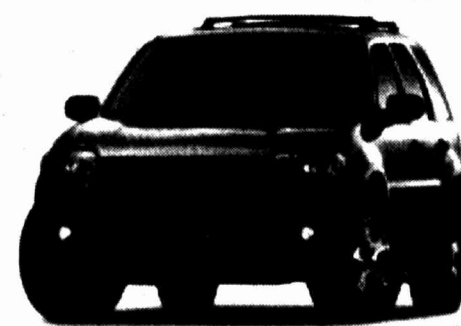
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David Davis, left, and Joe Owens perform rilling work next to Heritage Museum on Scurry Street Wednesday morning. The lot next to the museum is being converted into a combination patio and “landscaped oasis,” according to Museum Curator Nancy Raney.

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Don't underestimate importance of always being a good role model

I've written several articles lately on the importance of discovering and developing our potential and realizing that one of the greatest wastes of humanity is undiscovered abilities and potential. There is also a flip side. I received an interesting and inspiring story the other day which described the importance of realizing our flaws. Allow me to share this story.



DARRELL RYAN

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house." The old woman smiled. "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them."

"For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. We must take each person for what they are and look for the good in them. In doing this we become not only encouragers but good role models.

The importance of role modeling cannot be overstated. It doesn't mean we must be perfect. We're not and never will be. But it does mean that as adults

who have influence over the lives of children, we must strive to model all that we want to teach. When we fall short of that mark, which we will often do, then we will have a great opportunity to model appropriate responses to poor choices, such as humility and regret. We can admit our mistakes and then get back to the business of being a good role model.

We are all character educators. It comes with the territory. Children are the "ever-attentive witness" to all that they hear us say and all that they see us do. The question is what values, principles and qualities are they learning from us? In our homes, schools, businesses and sports events, we should always be aware that children are looking to us for guidance.

They expect us to help them navigate life's complex journey. It isn't rea-

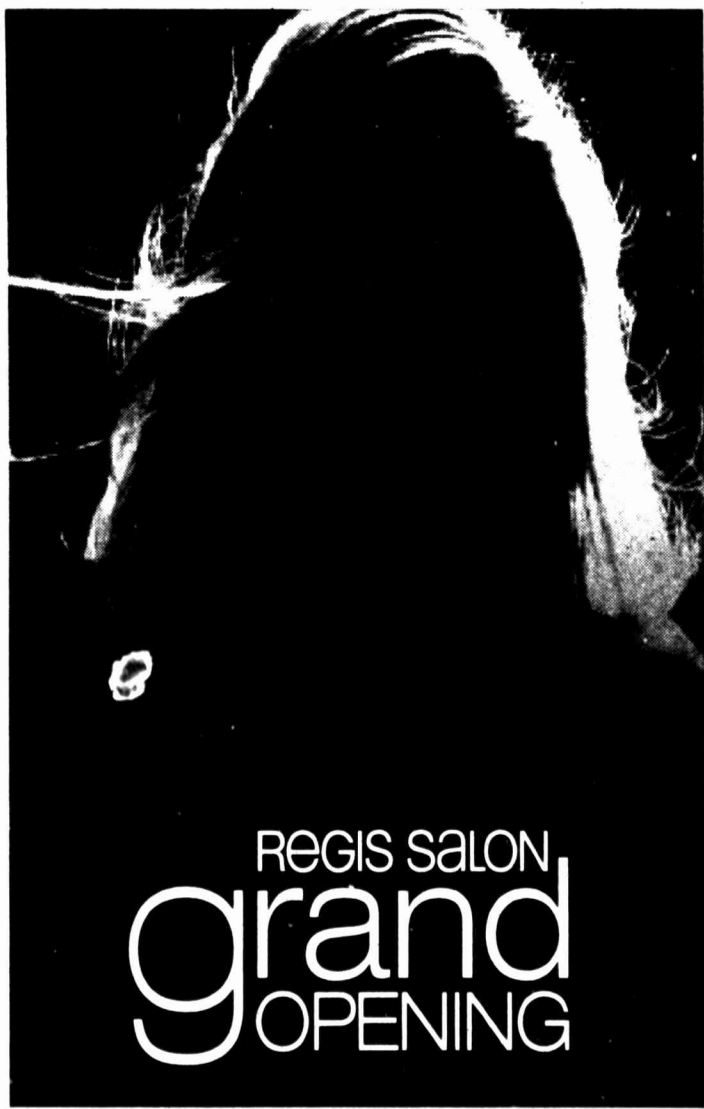
Parent's Corner

sonable to expect them to be respectful to others when they witness us being disrespectful. We cannot expect them to be honest when they see us being dishonest. We cannot expect them to be fair and just when they witness our unfair, unjust actions. We are always teaching values to the young people around us whether we do it with conscious intent or not. We can't complain about disrespectful, selfless, angry and irresponsible kids unless we as adults are willing to take a long

look in the mirror and begin to own up to our own behaviors.

The flaws we think we see in our children may not be flaws but learned behaviors. We must be able to recognize the difference, correct the unacceptable behaviors and accept the flaws. We must not complain that roses have thorns, but be glad that some thorns have roses.

Darrell Ryan is the director of curriculum for the Big Spring Independent School District.



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Reports give glimpse of lawmakers' private lives

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Rep. Kenny Marchant owns three Texas cattle ranches, while Rep. Randy Neugebauer's recently purchased a Washington home, documents released today show.

The details of the personal finances of Texas House members were publicly released Wednesday.

House and Senate members must file the reports annually providing a snapshot of the Texans' private lives. The reports do not require members to report specific figures.

Marchant and others reported substantial holdings, while for others, their congressional salary was their largest money maker.

Marchant, R-Carrollton, reported ownership of a 2,200-acre ranch in Lindsay, a 292-acre ranch in Montague County and a 167-acre ranch in Valley View.

The ranches are worth between \$250,001 and \$5 million. The Lindsay ranch earns him between \$100,001 and \$1 million, his report says.

Marchant also is a shareholder with his wife on land in Arlington worth between \$100,001 and \$1 million and mineral leases in Clinton, Ark., also worth up to \$1 million.



Neugebauer

Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, purchased a condominium near Washington's Potomac River. He listed its value from \$250,001 to \$500,000.

Also in the cattle business is Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Clarendon.

He reported he has a one-third partnership in Thornberry Brothers Cattle Partnership, worth between \$100,001 and \$250,000. The partnership provided him no income last year and he took out a cattle loan for the partnership. The loan was for between \$100,001 and \$250,000.

Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Austin, also has a hefty portfolio, but all the investments are owned by his wife, daughter of Lowry Mays, chairman of

the board of Clear Channel Communications Inc. Not everyone had such prosperity to report.

Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, who left Congress last week, owed money to seven legal firms last year.

DeLay is awaiting trial in Texas on money laundering charges stemming from a campaign finance investigation and has faced questions about his associations with ex-lobbyist Jack Abramoff, who pleaded guilty in a federal bribery probe.

He faced a tough re-election in the fall and decided to retire.

DeLay also raised \$588,320 in individual and corporate contributions to help him pay the legal bills. Before leaving Congress, DeLay predicted his legal bills could total about \$3 million.

Rep. John Culberson, R-Houston, listed only his home among assets and said he received a rock as a gift last year. The gift — described as a calcite mineral specimen from Tennessee — was valued at \$1,500.

Sen. Kay Bailey

Hutchison's 1997 appearance in the television series "Walker, Texas Ranger" continues to benefit charity.

She reported \$33.73 was given to charity from two reruns of the show in which she played herself. Congressional members cannot accept fees for such appearances or speeches so the fees are sent to charity.

Hutchison's investment holdings include stock in General Electric, Halliburton, Proctor & Gamble, Wal-Mart and Reliant Energy.

Rep. Ralph Hall, R-Rockwall, sold a commercial building owned by HT Development, a limited partnership, last November and valued the sale at between \$1,00,001 and \$5 million.

Along with owning a Fort Worth insurance company, Rep. Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth, is an adviser, honorary member or member of 53 organizations, including the Aviation Museum, Casa Manana Musicals Inc. and the Oakridge School.

Hundreds of raids carried out since al-Zarqawi's death

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — American and Iraqi forces have carried out 452 raids since last week's killing of terrorist leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, and 104 insurgents were killed during those actions, the U.S. military said today.

Maj. Gen. William Caldwell, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, said the raids were carried out nationwide and led to the discovery of 28 significant arms caches.

He said 255 of the raids were joint operations, while 143 were carried out by Iraqi forces alone. The raids also resulted in the captures of 759 "anti-Iraqi elements."

In related news, Iraq's national security adviser said a "huge treasure" of documents and computer records was seized after the raid on terror leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's hideout, giving the Iraqi government the upper hand in its fight against al-Qaida in Iraq.

National Security Adviser Mouwafak al-Rubaie

also said he believed the security situation in the country would improve enough to allow a large number of U.S.-led forces to leave Iraq by the end of this year, and a majority to depart by the end of next year. "And maybe the last soldier will leave Iraq by mid-2008," he said.

Al-Rubaie said a laptop, flashdrive and documents were found in the debris after the airstrike that killed the al-Qaida in Iraq leader last week outside Baqouba, and more information has been uncovered in raids of other insurgent hideouts since then.

He called it a "huge treasure ... a huge amount of information."

When asked how he could be sure the information was authentic, al-Rubaie said "there is nothing more authentic than finding a thumb-drive in his pocket."

"We believe that this is the beginning of the end of al-Qaida in Iraq," al-Rubaie said.

National sweep nets nearly 2,100 illegal immigrants

BOSTON (AP) — A blitz by federal agents during the last three weeks captured nearly 2,100 illegal immigrants across the country in raids targeting child molesters, violent gang members and past deportees who re-entered the country.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials credited the roundup to a network of 35 fugitive apprehension teams.

"This is a massive operation," said Marc Raimondi, a spokesman for immigration enforcement or ICE, which is part of the Department of Homeland Security. "We are watching the country's borders from the inside."

The crackdown, dubbed "Operation Return to Sender," kicked off May 26. An Associated Press reporter and photographer accompanied a fugitive task force as it made raids Tuesday night and early Wednesday.

A swarm of immigration agents had sped silently, headlights off, down a Boston side street and surrounded an apartment house.

"Police! Policia! Police!" Monico yelled, holding his badge to a window where someone had pulled back the curtain. "Open the door!"

Town eyeing refinery

DALLAS (AP) — A House bill designed to convert closed military bases into oil refineries has a Texas town hopeful it can turn economic misfortune into the first new U.S. facility in 30 years.

Last year a federal base closure commission voted to shut down Texarkana's Lone Star Ammunition Plant. There is easily enough room on the 15,000-acre site to operate a refinery, said Bowie County Judge James Carlow.

Carjackers kill tot

HOUSTON (AP) — Police were searching for two carjackers who ordered a family from their vehicle, then backed over and killed a toddler who would have celebrated her second birthday Thursday.

Police said Stephanie Garcia suffered a skull fracture and massive body trauma.

Her father had stopped to use a pay phone when two men walked up to him and demanded money, according to Houston police.

Luis Garcia handed over the \$2 he had, and then a second gunman ordered Garcia's wife from the vehicle.

The two men also threw the children out of the car, and Stephanie became frightened and ran, police said.

Soon agents led a dazed-looking Jose Ferreira Da Silva, 35, out in handcuffs. The Brazilian had been arrested in 2002 and deported, but had slipped back into the country. He now faces up to 20 years in prison.

"This sends a message," said Daniel Monico, a deportation officer, after a successful raid early Wednesday. "When we deport you, we're serious."

The operation has caught more than 140 immigrants with convictions for sexual offenses against children; 367 known gang members, including street soldiers in the deadly Mara Salvatrucha, or MS-13; and about 640 people who had already been deported once, immigration officials said. The numbers include more than 720 arrests in California alone.

More than 800 people arrested already have been deported.

ICE's 2006 budget increased the number of fugitive task forces to 52, and the Bush administration is pushing for 70 by 2007. The teams face a mounting challenge.

There are more than 500,000 "fugitive aliens" who have been deported by judges and either slipped back into the country or never left.



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Cadillac XLR-V

Compelling power, luxury proof GM's commitment to makeover is not over

By STEVEN COLE SMITH

The Orlando Sentinel

Perhaps the first genuine indication that General Motors executives were serious when they said they were going to revive Cadillac arrived with the 2004 Cadillac XLR, a pricey but undeniably premium luxury roadster built on the same platform as the sixth-generation Chevrolet Corvette.

That was especially significant, because the XLR arrived long before that sixth-generation Corvette. Even more significant was that although the two cars shared basic underpinnings, GM made sure that the Cadillac was a Cadillac, not just a rebodied Corvette. It had its own all-new Northstar V-8 engine and a new transmission, and aside from a few bits and pieces in the cockpit, there was no tangible evidence that both cars came from the same Bowling Green, Ky., plant.

So if the XLR suggested GM was dedicated to a Cadillac makeover, the arrival of the 2006 Cadillac XLR-V is an indication that the commitment isn't over. Although

the XLR has a 320-horsepower engine, the XLR-V has 443 horsepower, plus plenty of other performance equipment. The regular XLR remains interesting, but the XLR-V is downright compelling.

Again, the easiest and cheapest way for Cadillac to pump up the XLR would be to just bolt a supercharger onto the 4.6-liter Northstar V-8. A supercharger is essentially a pump, usually driven by a belt, that blows fuel and air into the engine under pressure. But Cadillac reworked that 4.6-liter V-8, reducing it to 4.4 liters, and as a result made it stronger. Engineers also worked hard to properly package the supercharger; when superchargers kick in, they make a rather loud, and sometimes annoying, whine. On the XLR-V, you can barely hear it. There is also a six-speed automatic transmission — one gear more than the XLR's five-speed.

Cadillac also beefed up the XLR's suspension and disc brakes to handle the extra power. It did not, however, sacrifice much in ride quality, correctly assuming that XLR-V



The 2006 Cadillac XLR-V

buyers were still Cadillac customers and would not care to swap a comfortable ride for the ultimate handling prowess you get with a genuinely stiff suspension. For those folks, there's the Corvette Z06.

Interestingly enough, the XLR-V's ride is compliant despite the 19-inch Pirelli "run-flat" tires, which precludes the need to find a place to put a conventional spare tire and jack. Even punctured, run-flat tires hold their shape well enough to get

to a repair facility. But they are typically built stiffer than regular tires, thus stiffening the ride. But not so much in the XLR-V. Again, credit the XLR-V's electronically controlled suspension — also used in the regular XLR — a system so sophisticated that Ferrari is using some of the same hardware on its newest model.

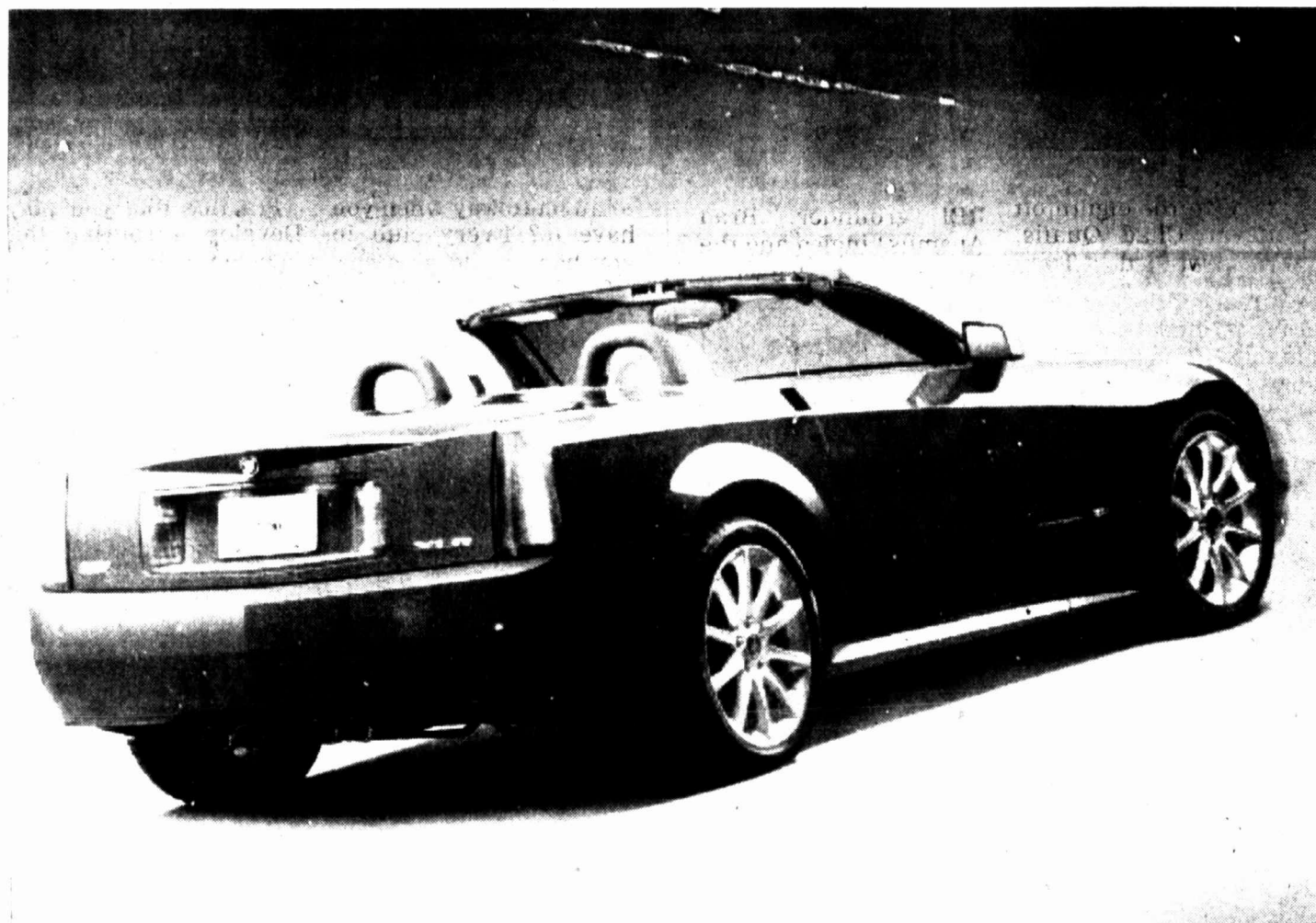
Inside, the XLR-V is a Cadillac too. Leather, suede and wood trim are everywhere, and electron-

ics abound, including a navigation system, a superb Bose stereo and pretty much everything you can imagine. The XLR-V, like the XLR, has a two-piece retractable hardtop that, at the touch of a button, lowers itself into the trunk. Top up, there's plenty of trunk space, but you pretty well have to empty the trunk if you want a top-down ride. Really, that's the only drawback: You have the safety, security and body rigidity of a hardtop when you want it, but the option of lowering the top

too. The XLR is strictly a two-seater, though, and there isn't much storage room inside the cockpit.

Cadillac priced the XLR-V at a flat \$100,000, including shipping and a federal "gas guzzler" tax of \$1,700. That's about \$23,000 more than a regular XLR. If you're willing to pay that price for a sports roadster, the XLR-V should be on your list of cars to consider.

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Rangers shut out Chi-Sox

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Getting a turn as the Texas designated hitter, Hank Blalock snapped out of his offensive slump with a homer and an RBI double in the Rangers' 8-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday night.

Vicente Padilla (6-4) struck out seven and allowed only three singles over eight shutout innings. After allowing runners in each of the first four innings, the right-hander retired 14 of the last 16 batters he faced. He walked three and twice hit A.J. Pierzynski with pitches while throwing 109 pitches.

Francisco Cordero pitched the ninth to wrap up the Rangers' fifth shutout of the season. The White Sox were held scoreless for only the second time.

Blalock led off the second with his 10th homer — a 416-foot blast into the second deck of seats in right field — that put the Rangers ahead to stay. His double an inning later was part of a four-run outburst in which they batted around to go up 5-0.

Gary Matthews Jr. was 3-for-5 and also homered for Texas, which avoided its first three-game losing streak since being swept May 5-7 by the New York Yankees.

Javier Vazquez (7-4) struck out seven over six innings, but allowed six runs and 10 hits to end his three-game winning streak.

Blalock was the DH for only the second time this season. The two-time All-Star third baseman was 2-for-17 his previous four games, 0-for-8 in the series, before his 21st multihit game.

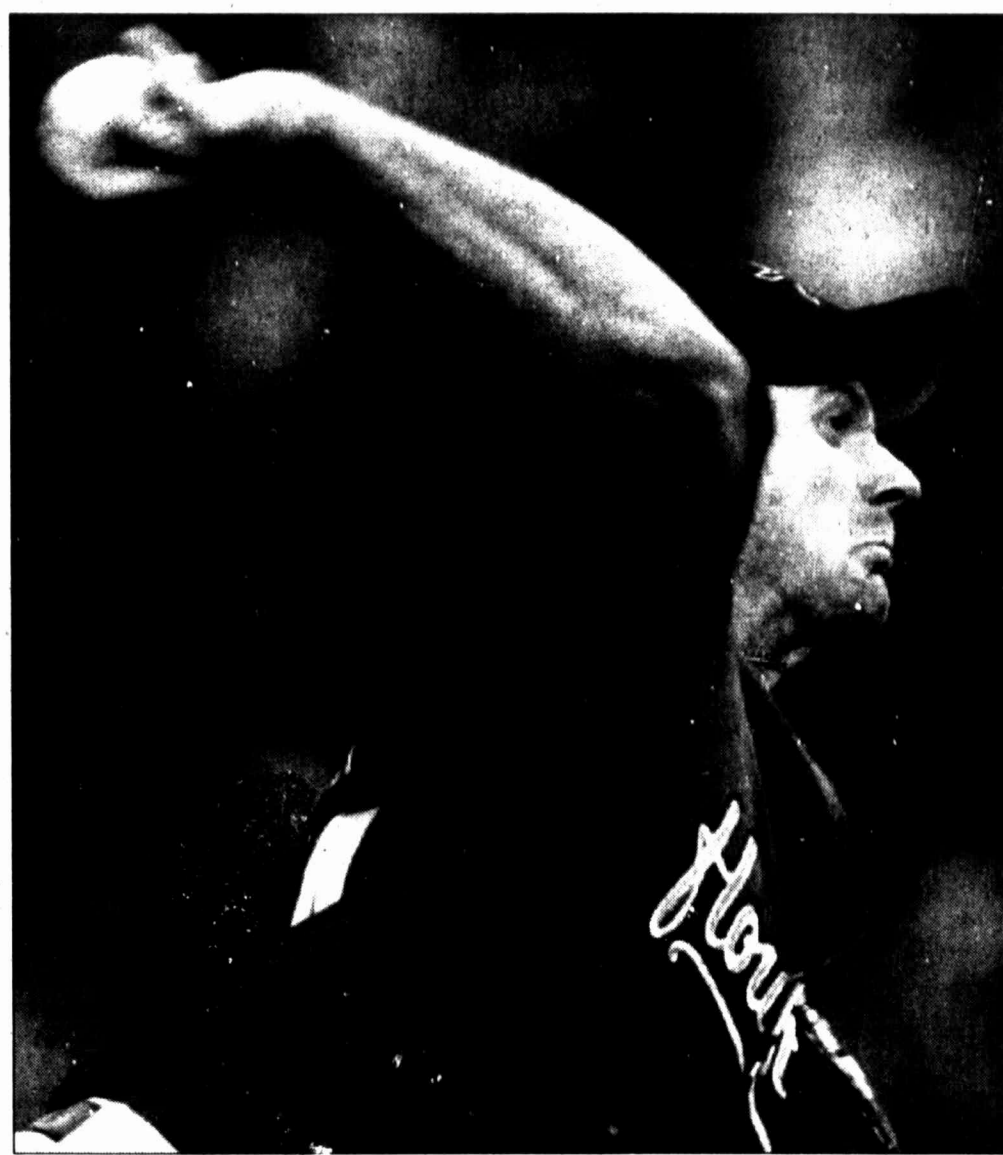
Blalock's third-inning double came right after Mark Teixeira's RBI double, which followed Michael Young grounding into a double play. Kevin Mench and Ian Kinsler had consecutive RBI singles later in the frame.

Mark DeRosa, who started at third base instead of Blalock, made a run-saving defensive play in the third after the White Sox — helped by a walk and a wild pitch — had runners at second and third with no outs.

Tadahito Iguchi hit a slow roller and Rob Mackowiak charged home from third. DeRosa barehanded the ball and made a sidearm sling on a line to catcher Rod Barajas to nail the runner. Jim Thome then had an infield popout before Paul Konerko flew out.

Pierzynski was hit by pitches his first two at-bats, prompting home plate umpire Phil Cuzzi to issue warnings to both benches in the fourth.

Sean Tracey relieved Vazquez to start the seventh, and the right-hander got leadoff hitter Blalock out on a grounder. But White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen slammed a water bottle to the ground, changed pitchers and then was seen in the dugout barking at Tracey, who pulled the collar of his jersey over his head.



Houston Astros' pitcher Roy Oswalt pitches in the first inning against the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field in Chicago, Ill., Wednesday. The Astros beat the Cubs, 5-4.

Astros win in Oswalt's return

By **RICK GANO**

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Roy Oswalt returned from the 15-day disabled list to get his first win since May 3 and the Houston Astros collected 11 hits off Greg Maddux to beat the Chicago Cubs 5-4 on Wednesday night.

Oswalt (6-3), who'd been on the DL with a strained back and hadn't pitched since May 29, allowed eight hits and three runs in six innings. It was the right-hander's first win in his last six starts, a stretch that had included two losses and three no-decisions.

Maddux (7-6), who started the season 5-0, gave up five runs and the 11 hits in seven

innings.

Craig Biggio and Preston Wilson drove in two runs each and Oswalt had two hits for the Astros, who have won seven of eight.

Trailing 5-3, the Cubs rallied in the eighth off reliever Chad Qualls, who walked Tony Womack and gave up a single to Michael Barrett. Phil Nevin delivered a run-scoring infield single on a ball hit to shortstop Adam Everett. Qualls then got Aramis Ramirez to hit into a double play and struck out Jacques Jones.

Brad Lidge pitched a perfect ninth for his 17th save in 20 chances.

Houston had five hits in a three-run second inning off the 40-year-

old Maddux.

Lance Berkman had an infield single to start the second and after Jason Lane lined a ball over left fielder Matt Murton's head for a double, Wilson hit an RBI grounder. Brad Ausmus singled and the Astros made it 2-0 when Everett laid down a squeeze bunt to score Lane.

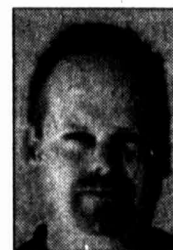
Oswalt helped himself in the fourth, doubling and coming home on an RBI single by Biggio.

Barrett, Nevin and Ramirez hit three straight singles to start the bottom of the fourth and cut the lead to 4-3 before Oswalt struck out Jones and got Murton to hit into a double play.

Practice makes perfect

Golf is more than just a power game

How many times have you played with someone who has a beautiful practice swing and then calmly steps over the ball and hits the divot farther than the ball? Have you ever had a day where you didn't miss a shot on the range and didn't hit one on the course? Why is that?



LARRY BRYAN

This game requires a great deal of mental fortitude. The physical mechanics required to hit a golf ball are not very hard to learn, but very difficult to master. How do you practice to make sure you are at your best on the course?

The first key is to understand the difference between playing and practicing. What is so different? I am sure you have heard a coach at some time yell "You'll practice like you play." If you just get up and hit the ball, your muscles will not know how to deal with a target.

Golf is a target oriented game, yet so often I just see people beating balls with a driver just hoping it lands in the same zip code. How do you expect to hit a fairway when you have to? Every club in your bag should go a specific distance and direction.

Your practice should help you to learn how far and which way. Your practice should develop a routine, which fools your brain into forgetting the moment. Every shot you hit on the practice tee should have a target. A 300-yard drive, 50 yards off line, is out of bounds at most golf courses. Learn to hit it straight.

When you practice select a target for the specific club. Don't pick a

tree 300 yards away to hit a wedge to. Choose a target that defines both distance and direction. On the golf course, the flag will be specific, so you must practice accordingly. Stand behind the ball and choose a spot right in front of the ball between the ball and the target. Step into the shot and align the club head to the target. Set your body parallel to the target line. Make a smooth swing finishing in balance facing the target.

Repeat this process on every shot. Initially, the results will be disappointing, but through repetition the balls will start coming closer to the target and the process will more likely simulate the golf course. The bucket of balls will last longer and your muscles will respond better when they have to.

Keep in mind it is a golf swing: not a hit. Too many people try to hit the ball. The ball is a result that comes from a swing. Look at any good golf swing; the motion looks effortless. The back swing continues back until the club is set. It then gradually accelerates through the ball until they are finished in a balanced position facing the target. The ball flies toward the target. More power is generated by a long smooth swing than by a short, choppy hit. Learn to trust your swing. Develop your own rhythm.

Practice like you play. Develop a routine that you apply to every shot on both the practice tee and the course. The more you practice the situations you will encounter on the course, the more likely your muscles will remember what to do. Practice with a target and trust your swing. Have fun... it's just a game!

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 at larryj@crcom.net.

Big Spring Little League All-Stars

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Coaches: Randy Phillips, Tommy Gibson and Cary Burchett

* The tournament will be played June 30 at Northern Little League on Bluebird Lane in Midland

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Joseph Morellon
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Brandon Gonzales
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Coaches: Jerry Deporto and Stan Parker

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Ryan Flores
Chase Pierce
Robert Stackland
Coach: Manuel Ramirez

* The tournament will be played June 30 at Christensen Stadium in Midland.

Mavs owner takes stab at Heat's Riley on Letterman

NEW YORK (AP) — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban took a shot at Miami coach Pat Riley during an appearance on CBS's "Late Show with David Letterman."

Cuban, wearing a Ben Roethlisberger jersey, brought up Riley's coaching tactics when he was with the New York Knicks after Letterman asked about the Dallas owner's contributions to the NBA.

"I've tried to make it more fun, but we've changed the rules around some," Cuban said. "I mean, the game got to a point where it really, it slowed down, and then they went through a whole set of rules changes, which really helped, and then these past couple years, I really got involved to outlaw all the handchecking and all the beating up of guys on the perimeter, so now the game's gotten a lot smoother without all of that old Knicks stuff, where they'd just beat up on people. So, we changed it up some."



The Dallas Mavericks' Jerry Stackhouse (42) shoots against Miami Heat guard Jason Williams (55) in the first period of Game 3 of the NBA Finals at the American Airlines Arena in Miami, Fla., Tuesday. The Heat won the game and trail Dallas 2-1. Game 4 is tonight in Miami at 8 p.m.

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Tenth Grade: Adam Bailey, Jessica Ballard, Blake Grantham, Kristan Hallford, Caitlin Jones, Katie Kistler, Cameron Parker, Amber Ritz, Raul Sanchez, Chilton Shellito, Kimberly Stilwell, Kaela Strickland and Keisha Yarbar.

Eleventh Grade: Timothy Ballard, Erica Ellis, Courtney Holdampf, Meagan Mancha, Tessa Montgomery, Brandon Morrow, Jonathan Purcell, Bobby roy, Kaylon Stanley and Kassi Wash.

Twelfth Grade: Barber Taylor, Melissa Daniels, Samantha Flores, Amanda Foster, Jeremy Johnson, Claire Koenes, Rosie Martinez, Audrey Montgomery, Amber Nichols, Shiloh Pool, Matthew Posey, Jarrod Price, Brody Smith and Ashley Squyres.

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Ninth Grade: Tori Gauer, Whitney Price and Charlene Stanley.

Tenth Grade: Tara Kuykendall, Alexandria Newsom and Suazo Rowena.

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Twelfth Grade: Kimberly Berry, Samantha Charlton, Victoria McDowell, Audrey Montgomery, Jarrod Price and Kayla Spence.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Sixth Grade: Autumn Alton, LaShaunte Anderson Tanner Bailey, CJ Ballard, Tiffani Box, Foster Burchett, Ashley buzbee, Austin Bynum, Spril Cevallos, Hope Cimino, Victoria Dunnam, Lindsey Heckler and Alejandra Herandez.

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Twelfth Grade: Tye Baker, Taylor Barbe, Dawnia Burney, Melissa Daniels, Samantha Flores, Justin Forshee, Amanda Foster, Alyssa Hodnett, Casey Huiitt, Hayley Lewis, Rosie Martinez, Marissa McDonald, Kayla Nichols, Shiloh Pool, Brody Smith, Ashley Squyres, John Sutton, Jessica Wright.

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Six - Six Weeks**

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Fifth Grade: Gustavo Lugo, Trenton Thomas, Hope Biemeret, Haley Dimidjian, Tyler Graves, Paidge Knowlton, Hannah Spence, Brandy Weber, Austin Gibson, Caysi Holt, Katrina Petrowski, Charles Anderson, Connor Furqueron and Sallie Sutton.

Sixth Grade: Matthew Tompkins, Anna Scott, Danielle Strickland, Sydney Winters, Tokby Rodgers, Stormy Emery, Lacy McMurtrey, Scarlet Rboertson, Kelsey Weir, Kendra Cook, Aaron Arispe, Johnny Doport, Islas Nicholas, Carle Friddle, McKenzi Metcalf and Lindzey Roach.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Fifth Grade: Michelle Morgan, Vanessa Shellman, Elizabeth Smithwick, Cassandra Kirk, Adam Lloyd, Vanessa Alvarado, Dominique Martinez, Sterling Phernetton, Logan Yarbar, Marissa Hernandez and Megan Warner.

Sixth Grade: MacKenzie Wolf, Emilea Brumley, Gunnar Kennedy, Ruth Martinez, Auden Minjarez, Allison Payen, Chelsea Ramirez, Matthew Davilla, Elena Flores, Ricky Shubert, Kaley Duncan, Tiffany Gonzales and Christopher Hughes.

Seventh Grade: Caleb Lewis, Carina Napier, Yhair Desantiago, Anthony Lewis, Chelsey Parker, Eathean Pearson, Bethany Rocah, Juan Rodriquez, Kyle Borchardt, Sarah Reyes, Ayanna Gomez, Adriela Zavala, Stphanie Carrillo, Justin Jackson, Russell Raymond, Matthew

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**Coahoma High School
Six - Six Weeks**
"A" Honor Roll
Ninth Grade: Harrison Chevalier, Megan Conley, Canyon Daniels, Nathan Gomez, Danja Gonzales, Braden Griffin, Berkley Iden, Kelly Lee, Ashley Martin, Alex Moore, Laci Sterling, Hilari White and Katelyn Wilson.
Tenth Grade: Kayla Gutierrez, Blake Hiler, Justin McCrea, Regan New and Joshua Thompson.
11th Grade: Brittnee Nix
12th Grade: Rachell Atkinson, Sarah Bartlett, Kacee Coberly, Sarah Dunn, Ryan Green, Chase Musgrove, Tori Paige, Trey Thornton and Drew Wells.

"A-B" Honor Roll
Ninth Grade: Devin Adamson, Isaac Arguello, Damian Bailey, Kelsey Butts, Kimberly Calvert, P.J. Daylong, Karly Green, Melanie Gutierrez, Aricka Hart, Camryn Herrera, Jessie Medina, Michael Mendoza, Shelbi Paige, Michael Reid and Alexis Ruiz.
10th Grade: Teryn Bibb, Vanessa Cortez, Veronica Cortez, Amanda Fernandez, Chelsea Gonzales, Janice Gonzales, Chanel Griffin, Casey Kilpatrick, Colter Morgan, Karrie Patterson, William Reilly, Shawny Richter, Reagan Rupard, Courtney Schaedel, KaySea Spiller, Simon Stolarczyk, Carrie Williamson and Tessa Williamson.
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**Sands CISD
Six - Six Weeks**
"A" Honor Roll
12th Grade: Karen Chandler, Hannah Lester and Trent Rogers.
11th Grade: Erik Gutierrez, Garrett Nichols and Samantha Peacock.
10th Grade: Ronnie Peacock.
Ninth Grade: Brittni Blagrave, Kayla Franco, Logan Gaskins, Miranda Gutierrez, Richard Lucio, Tamara Nichols and Mason Parker.
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Second Grade: Austin Nichols, Dylan Segundo and Dyllan Tindol.
First Grade: Hesston Balentine, Trevor Blagrave, Erick Garcia, Ragan Hamlin, Kailey Tindol and Samantha Ybarra.

"A-B" Honor Roll
12th Grade: Matthew Benavidez, Dan Campbell, Dee Fryar, Clemente Gomez, Brenda Martinez, Juan Mojica, Cevan Smithson, Junior Varela and Santos Ybarra.
11th Grade: Carol Martinez.
Ninth Grade: Christina Chavera, Jesus Gomez, C.D. Karns, David Martinez and Valinda Saldivar.
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Fifth Grade: Angelica Diaz, Rosa Gonzalez and Callie McMorris.
Fourth Grade: Alama Martinez, Frank Penner, Sloan Robinson, Monty Timmins and Kaemen Watkins.
Third Grade: George

"A-B" Honor Roll
First Grade: Anthony Aponte, Zachery Bennett, Summer Boudreax, Krista Cannady, Brandon Chapel, Kaylee Coker, Breezy Fleet, Lorraine Housewright, Tajun Johnson, David Martinez, Kelly Morales, Denika Nieto, Adrianna Rodriguez, Donte Rushin, Dava Sausman, Jaiden Vanover, Nathan Viasana, Ryan Walleck, Dylan Wardwell and Susanna Ybarra.
Second Grade: Jesus Archuleta, Jessica Bermea, Leah Burton, Rebecca Branning, Remington Colette, D'Angelo Clayburn, Dulciana Clayburn, Devon Craven, Sammy Ferrel, Bailee Fleet, Justice Haggard, Lorenzo Jones, Luc Lewis, Brandon Molina, Eric Ortega, Destanie Rawls, Elizabeth Reeh, Rayna Rodriguez, Anthony Romero, Katlin Skiles, Kate Sorton, Abigail Valencia, Eugene Vanderbilt, Isaiah Yanez and Jonathan Yarbrough.
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Elias, JC Gomez, Colten Hughes, Zane Parker, Sergio Plata and Sloan Shaw.
Second Grade: Melissa Briseno, Nochas Cisneros, Daniel Gomez, Susie Rempel and Susana Schmith.
First Grade: Ashley Caceres, Johnny Friesen, Yajaira Gonzalez, Jacy Parker and Isaac Vidana.

**Washington
Elementary School
Six - Six Weeks**
"A" Honor Roll
First Grade: Taylor Christian, Brandi Flores, Destiny Mata, Desiree Ruiz, Janasia Rushin, Jermiah Rushin, Devynn Smith, Justin Trawick and Jacob Valdez.
Second Grade: Chase Billings, Burt Bryson, Mikaela Garza, Jerrian Jordon, Marisol Savell and Dakota Stahl.
Third Grade: Clay Galloway, Sarah Lopez, Taylor McComb, Alicia Redwine, Des'Ree Richter, Ashley Smith and Cory Terry.
Fourth Grade: Victoria Castillo, Ryane Colette, Madison Currie, Nicholas Fuqua, Destiny Garcia, Jasmine Gonzalez, Brandon Rivera and Eric Rutledge and Tavaris Walker.

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Dear Margo...

AN UNLIKELY COMPETITOR

Dear Margo: I am engaged to a man who has an unusually close relationship with his sister. They have a long history of living together as adults and behaving like significant others. Past partners felt like outsiders in their world.



MARGO HOWARD

Well into their 40s, neither one had ever been engaged or married until I came into the picture. Our relationship has been a first for him: beginning a life with me while still trying to remain close to her. Their history has created friction between all of us. Sadly, he is in the middle.

Although he has stepped up to the plate in many ways, I feel we need some guidance moving forward. Instead of tackling each issue as it arises and having the same argument/discussion regarding each of our roles, I wish we could come to a general understanding of what is acceptable.

His sister can be quite good at creating drama. It is as though her brother is finally moving on with marriage while she is holding on to the hope that she can remain his pseudo life-partner. She has openly said that no one comes between her and her brother.

Regardless of her behavior, we are trying to work through this situation and want to be rid of this strife. I genuinely feel bad for him and want us all to respect each other in each of our different roles. I just don't know how to accomplish this. - Frustrated With Family

Dear Frus: Well, I'll say this - the sister's cards are on the table: No one comes between her and her brother. Even putting aside the fact that their relationship does not sound emotionally healthy, you and your fiance need to find a resolution.

I suggest you both start with a therapist who may

or may not want to include the sister. This is a terrible burden for the man in the middle, but he really has to decide how and with whom he wants to live. I am not sure he is a great candidate for marriage.

If he chooses you, he will feel great guilt, and you will have to put up with the sister's icy behavior. Getting some neutral psychological assistance will reveal more. Good luck. - Margo, messily

MOMMY DEAREST

Dear Margo: I never thought I'd be asking your advice, but I'm sure you get that all the time. I haven't spoken with my mother or anyone else in my family since my wedding, which was six months ago. The rift started when I began dating my wonderful husband about two years ago. I noticed that my mother was very fond of him, but I thought nothing of it. Then I began to feel uncomfortable when I noticed that she would unnecessarily touch him and constantly be staring at him.

I wasn't the only one noticing her odd behavior. Several people had commented on it, including my dad. I confronted my then fiance about it, and he told me that my mother had been coming on to him since day one, but he didn't want to upset me, because he knew my mother and I

never got along.

Fast forward to my wedding. My resentment toward my mother had been building over the years, and it finally exploded one day a month before my wedding. She denied everything concerning my fiance and even went so far as to convince my dad to stop paying for the wedding, cancel our honeymoon, and then she turned everyone in my family against me.

She completely ruined my wedding, and I haven't spoken with her since. My question is, am I justified in not wanting to have anything to do with her ever again? - C.F.

Dear C.: Wow, the competitive, vindictive, hostile behavior displayed by your mother is as destructive as any I've heard. And because you say your dad was aware of her inappropriate flirting with your intended, he gets no medals in this drama, either.

I do think your estrangement is justified, and I am only surprised, since other people noticed her behavior, that she was able to make such a mess while playing the "victim." I've said before, and I'll say again: Being related is simply an accident of DNA and provides no guarantee of affection or loving behavior. Rotten relatives are the reason we have friends. - Margo, dissociatively

Contract Bridge

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♥ Q 8
♦ A K J
♣ A 7 6
WEST
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♥ 10 7 6 5 4 3 2
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EAST
♠ 2
♥ J 9
♦ Q 5 2
♣ K Q 10 9 8 5 2
SOUTH
♠ A K Q 9 8 3
♥ A K
♦ 9 7
♣ J 4 3
The bidding:
East 3♦ South West North
3♦ 4♣ Pass 6♣
Opening lead - five of hearts.
The man on the couch was very agitated and distraught.
"Doc, you've simply got to help me," he said. "I just don't understand why these things always happen to me."
The man showed the psychiatrist the diagram. "Look at this," he cried, frantically wringing his hands. "I end up in six spades after East opens three clubs, and West leads a heart. I win, cash the ace of trumps, and then, since I have two club losers, I try a diamond finesse. East wins with the queen and returns the king of clubs. Later on I lose a club trick and go down one."
"When it's all over, my partner starts hollering at me and says that since East's pre-empt marked him with all the missing clubs, I could have made the slam by cashing my second heart, crossing to dummy with a spade and leading a low club toward my jack. East wins with the queen, but has to return a diamond or a club, either of which hands me the contract."
"Not only that, but both opponents now chime in, saying that after stripping the hearts and spades I also can play the A-K-J of diamonds, ruffing East's queen. Then a spade to dummy and a low club return again cooks East's goose."
The man looked up. "It's always so obvious after it's over," he said sadly. "Anything you can do to help me, Doc?"
"I must confess I can't remember seeing a hand so badly mangled," said the psychiatrist, "but the solution is really quite simple. You must train yourself to review all the pertinent facts and then formulate a plan before starting to play. Never act impulsively. Careful reasoning and cautious self-restraint are the bywords."
"Gee, thanks, Doc, maybe that'll do it. You don't know how much these mistakes have been costing me," said the man.
"Wait till you see my bill," replied the psychiatrist.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Request for Proposals for Life/AD&D and Disability Insurance. At this time and place, the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Specifications are on file and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, 400 East 24th Street, PO Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721, telephone (432)267-6341. Specifications may also be procured from the District at the above address without charge. In case of ambiguity in stating proposal prices, the Colorado River Municipal Water District reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous bid thereof, to reject any or all bids, and to waive formalities. COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
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CAUSE NO. 44842
IN THE INTEREST OF SHAYNA MARIE ENGDALH A CHILD IN THE DISTRICT COURT 118TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF TEXAS
To Jacqueline Marie Pointer, Respondent and to all whom it may concern:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and Petition to Adjudicate Parentage, a default judgment may be taken against you. The Petition to Adjudicate Parentage, was filed in the 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, on 6-7-2006 against Respondent, Jacqueline Marie Pointer numbered 44842 and entitled "In The Interest of Shayna Marie Engdahl, a child." The suit requests the court establish the Parent - Child Relationship. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit.

Shayna Marie Engdahl
09-25-1997
Colorado
The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you, including the conservatorship, paternity, and any orders necessary for the best interest of the child.
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're the CEO of your life. So why do you get the sneaking suspicion you're stuck somewhere in middle management? Think bigger as you work your to-do list. Look for opportunities to move up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Oh, the frustration of human failing! Try to see it as a chance to apply your famous compassion. Though you may not know it for months, what you do today profoundly affects others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The planets align to support you in your individual growth. As for the competition, you're better off ignoring it. (Actually, there is no competition, only the illusion of such.)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your sense of purpose is terrific. Still, keep it breezy! Chit-chat and pleasantries have a purpose - to establish rapport and trust. Cheery manners will also be appreciated by your nearest and dearest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're not only

capable, but also stylish (snap, snap). This you can prove without purchasing new clothing and accessories. It's more of an attitude than a shopping spree.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Forget sunscreen! You need "stress-screen" to limit your exposure to the harmful rays of tension. You may take heart in the knowledge that your reward will be much better than anticipated.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your stars hint that you'll have outstanding luck with a last-ditch effort, or you could pick up a project where someone else gave up and win huge. Either way, it's your faith that brings the prize.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "After a long period of dating no one, wouldn't you know it? I meet two terrific ladies in the span of a week. The problem is they're not the kind of people who would be comfortable with my seeing someone else at the same time, so I have to choose. Right now, they don't even know about each other. Frankly, it's exhausting trying to keep this up, even though my male friends tell me it's absolutely OK, even better, if I don't date anyone exclusively. Anyway, which sign is better for an Aquarius man in matters of love - Libra or another Aquarius?"

As an Aquarius, you should have no problem keeping both of these women as friends. I

assume that you have already entered into an intimate relationship with both, and this is what all of the confusion is about. Don't assume that these women are seeing you exclusively. You may be surprised to find that your Aquarian counterpart is as busy on the social scene as you suddenly are. Your Libra girl, however, may be more serious about getting some kind of commitment, even if it's simply to save Friday night for her. One thing is for certain, if you're up front, you won't have to feel quite so exhausted over the whole issue.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: A twin born under the Gemini sign of twins, actress Ashley Olsen is her own woman. She needs to be, too, as she heads her own billion-dollar corporation - aptly named Dualstar Entertainment - with her sister. I predict Olsen will try to shed her light, comedic-actress image this upcoming year with a gritty role in an independent film that she also produces.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: I've been married for 18 years. About 11 years ago, I caught my husband, "Lex," having long phone conversations with another woman. He told me he was bored at night being home with the kids while I was working two jobs. Hello! He had three children to take care of!

We had counseling, and although there were a few minor "hiccups," our relationship went well for a while. However, four years ago, Lex went out of town, presumably with a male co-worker, but I discovered he was having an e-mail relationship with a woman and planned on meeting her. (He told me he needed to "spice up" his sex life because ours was getting boring.)

I no longer have any interest in being intimate with Lex. I tried going back to school, but I just couldn't do it while working full time. Lex told me he would help around the house while I went to school, but it never happened. We moved to a new house, hoping this would change things, but we are just further in debt. We tried counseling again, but Lex insists it's my "hang-up" that is affecting the marriage.

I feel betrayed and taken advantage of and no longer find my husband to be the man I thought I married. I'm not sure if I'm waiting for his third strike, or if I'm just too afraid to make the jump out of the marriage. It would be hard on the children. Any suggestions? - Miserable in Illinois

Dear Miserable: If Lex has been a faithful husband since his little side trip, it means he is making an effort, but if you are withholding sex, it will only undermine your chances. You both must be fully committed to the marriage or it is not going to work. You are still harboring a lot of anger (justifiably), and if you can't let it go, you will continue to be unhappy. Please go back to your counselor, with or without Lex, and find out if you truly want

to salvage what's left of this relationship.

Dear Annie: My husband and I retired three years ago and moved from Indiana to Georgia. Since that time, my married daughter has yet to visit. I am hurt and feel rejected. Some days I want to tell her off, reminding her of everything we sacrificed to raise her. She knows we want her to visit and we offered to help cover the expense, but she still hasn't come. I miss my young grandchildren.

I asked her if she is mad because we moved away, and she says no. She said she always knew Dad would retire somewhere warm. She calls almost daily and never forgets a birthday or holiday.

I will not beg her to visit. I don't want her to come out of guilt. What do you read into this? How do I handle the resentment? - Rejected Mom

Dear Mom: We think a woman with young children might find it difficult to pick up and visit Mom and Dad in another state, especially if she has to bear some of the cost. It's also possible that her husband is pressuring her not to go, or that she is having financial or marital difficulties of which you are unaware. She is trying to be a loving daughter by calling often. If you want to see your grandchildren, be the bigger person and make a trip to Indiana. Don't wait until the kids grow up.

Dear Annie: "Mary Ruth in Colorado" made a mis-

take, which you repeated. She said her father had a son with his first wife, and she referred to him as her stepbrother. If they have the same father, he is her half-brother. - Aloha From Sam in Honolulu

Dear Sam: We were surprised at the number of alert readers who picked up on this discrepancy and nailed us for it. You are correct. If they do, in fact, share a father, that would make him her half-brother. Thanks for the clarification.

Dear Annie: My husband, "Darryl," is verbally and mentally abusive to me, and physically intimidating. During our courtship and early marriage, things were wonderful, but obviously that has changed.

Darryl has anger management problems. He doesn't get mad, he goes into a full-blown rage. Although he has some very good qualities, they are all washed away when he is disrespectful to me in front of the kids and anyone else who is around. I once was in a store with him and he was so belligerent that the clerk put her hand on my shoulder and whispered in my ear, "I feel your pain." My friends call and ask, "Are you all right?" as they can hear him ranting and raving at my son.

There have been times when Darryl has pounded his fists on the dashboard of the car while screaming at me. He has never hit me, but I have actually prayed that he would just so I could walk out the door guilt-free and put a stop to this miserable life.

I have gone to counseling, but he won't. It isn't as though I don't recognize the problem, it is just very hard to leave because I have a young daughter. And every time I reach the point where I think enough is enough, my mother guilt me into staying for my daughter's sake.

I'd like to pass on some advice to other women: If a man's father is abusive

and disrespectful toward his mother, no matter how sweet and gentle he is with you, RUN. The apple never falls far from the tree. - Miserable

Dear Miserable: What are you doing "for your daughter's sake"? You are teaching her that women deserve to be treated disrespectfully and that they should put up with abusive men. Stop listening to your mother. You have picked up her antiquated ideas about a woman's role in marriage. Before your own little apple doesn't fall far from her mother's tree, go back to your counselor and get some help, and also call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233) (ndvh.org).

Dear Annie: Last night, my daughter had her 7th birthday party at a local venue. We invited 20 children, 18 of whom RSVP'd positively, and the other two didn't respond at all. So, I planned for 18 children - and 28 showed up.

When the parents dropped off the invited child, they simply informed me that their other children would have to stay as well. When I said I was already at a surplus, they responded, "Oh, my child won't be a problem," and left. I don't want to sound like a cheapskate, but every child over the limit is a hefty extra expense. The children were wild, and my daughter ultimately ended up in tears. I hope by printing this, the guilty parents will think before placing an undue burden on what is supposed to be a happy occasion. - Birthday Doormat

Dear Doormat: Don't count on it. These free-loaders intended to use your party as a daycare center. Next time they come with extra kids in tow, say forcefully, "Sorry, no, your other children cannot stay," and make sure they don't leave without them. You don't have to give a reason. They were not invited.

THURSDAY

JUNE 15

	WFAA (2)	KMID (3)	UNI (4)	KPEJ (5)	KOSA (7)	KTLE (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	KMLM (12)	KPBT (13)	DISC (20)	AMC (21)	SPICE (22)	TNT (23)	BET (26)	DISN (27)	ESPN2 (28)	ESPN (29)	SCIFI (64)
	Dallas	Midland	Spanish	Odesza	Odesza	Telemundo	Midland	Atlanta	Odesza	Odesza	Discovery	Classics	Spike TV	Atlanta	Black Ent.	Disney	Sports	Sports	Science Fic.
6	News (CC)	News Wheel-Fortune	Perognia	King of the Hill The Simpsons	News Entertainment	La Tormenta	News Be a Millionaire	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves	Joe McGee John Hagge	News-Lehrer	Dinosaur Planet (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn	Without a Trace (CC)	Live (CC) Access	Phi of Future That's-Raven	Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter (CC)	Breeder
7	Home Videos NBA Nation	Home Videos NBA Nation	La Fea Mas Bella	70s Show 70s Show	Gameshow Marathon	Tierra de Pasiones	Name Is Earl The Office	at Florida Marlins (CC)	Update/Israel Biblical Israel	Live From Lincoln Center (CC)	Before the Dinosaurs	Movie: Goldfinger (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	The Parkers	Movie: Get a Cue (CC)	MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox	Golf Best of U.S. Open	
8	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	Barera de Amor	You Can Dance	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn	Amores de Mercado	Windfall (CC)		Light of the Southwest		Before the Dinosaurs	(CC)	UFC Unleashed	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Girlfriends	Emperor New American Drgn	Sox at Minnesota - First Round (CC)	Championship - First Round (CC)	Movie: Black Hole (CC)
9	Finals Game 4 - Mavericks at	Finals Game 4 - Mavericks at	Aqui y Ahora	Becker (CC) Friends (CC)	Without a Trace (CC)	Decisiones	Windfall (CC)	Movie: The Wedding		Encore! With Charlie Rose (CC)	Prehistoric Tail	15 Movie: Moonraker (CC)	The Ultimate Fighter	Movie: The Patriot (CC)	Cometview (CC)	Emperor New American Drgn	Twins		
10	Heat News (CC)	Heat News	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Tularas y Mas	News Tonight Show	Planner (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Sign Off	Deadliest Catch		The Ultimate Fighter	(DVS)	James Fox: James Fox	Zack & Cody That's-Raven	Quite Frankly With Smith	SportsCenter (CC)	Movie: The Monster Hunter (CC)
11	Nightline Entertainment	Nightline Entertainment	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill Malcolm Mid.	Letterman Late Late	Laura Al Rolo Vivo	Late Night	10 Movie: The Wedding Planner (CC)	Del Sanchez Y Salamanca				TNA IMPACT!	In Living Color In Living Color	Phi of Future Kim Possible	SportsCenter (CC)			
12	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC) Extra (CC)	Sonadoras	My Wife-Kids Divorce Court	Show The Insider	Maria Celeste Pagado	Conan O'Brien Apex	Update/Israel Booker				Movie: The Skulls II (CC)	MXC Blind Date	Movie: The Postman	BET After Dark (CC)	Sister Sister That's-Raven	Postgame M.L. Lacrosse	Baseball World Cup	Twilight Zone

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I GUESS CATS DON'T LIKE THE WATER 'CAUSE THEY CAN'T DOG PADDLE."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Mommy, remember to ask me what time it is at four o'clock."

HAGAR

IS SNERT A PUREBRED?
NO, HE'S A B.F.M.
WHAT'S A B.F.M.?
"BELOVED FAMILY MUTT"

BLONDIE

MY COMPUTER IS DOWN, WE NEED TO CALL TECH SUPPORT RIGHT AWAY!!
CALM DOWN, BUMSTEAD. I KNOW WHAT TO DO.
THEY SAID YOU'LL BE BACK ON-LINE ANY SECOND.
WHEN! THANKS, BOSS.
INTERNET POKER SITES CAN REALLY GET YOU HOOKED!

BC

I HEAR YOU WON THE 'MAN OF THE YEAR' AWARD.
YES, AND I WAS HANDSOMELY REWARDED.
NO KIDDING! IT MUST HAVE WORN OFF.

This Date In History

Edwin M. Stanton signed an order establishing a military burial ground, which became Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1904, more than a thousand people died when fire erupted aboard the steamboat General Slocum in New York's East River.

In 1944, American forces began their successful invasion of Saipan during World War II. Meanwhile, B-29 Superfortresses made their first raids on Japan.

In 1978, King Hussein of Jordan married 26-year-old American Lisa Halaby, who became Queen Noor.

In 1994, Israel and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations.

One year ago, the autopsy released on Terri Schiavo backed the contention of her husband, Michael, that she was in a persistent vegetative state, finding she was severely and irreversibly brain-damaged and blind as well.

Today's Birthdays: Former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo is 74. Rock musician Lee Dorman (Iron Butterfly) is 64. Singer Russell Hitchcock (Air Supply) is 57. Rock singer Steve Walsh (Kansas) is 55. Comedian-actor Jim Belushi is 52. Country singer Terri Gibbs is 52. Actress Julie Hagerty is 51. Actress Eileen Davidson is 47. Actress Helen Hunt is 43. Rock musician Scott Rockenfield (Queensryche) is 43. Actress Courteney Cox is 42. Country musician Tony Ardo is 42. Country musician Michael Britt (Lonestar) is 40. Musician Rob Mitchell is 40. Rock musician Jimmy McD is 38. Actor-rapper Ice Cube is 37. Actress Leah Remini is 36. Actor Jake Busey is 35. Rock musician T-Bone Willy (Save Ferris) is 34. Actor Neil Patrick Harris is 33. Rock singer Dryden Mitchell (Alien Ant Farm) is 30.

WIZARD OF ID

YOU CAN TELL A LOT ABOUT A MAN BY HIS HANDSHAKE.
MINE STOP SHAKING AFTER THE FIRST DRINK.

AGNES

TODAY, I'M GOING TO TAKE TIME TO DO SOME SERIOUS SOUL CLEANSING.
I'M GOING TO DIVE DEEP INSIDE MY HEAD AND TIDY IT UP... I WILL TOSS OUT ALL THE LITTLE BRAIN GLITCHES THAT ARE HOLDING ME BACK FROM TRUE HAPPINESS... DON'T WAIT UP... THIS WILL TAKE A WHILE.
BACK ALREADY? IT'S ONLY BEEN TWO MINUTES.
I RAN OUT OF TRASH BAGS.

HI AND LOIS

YOU HAVE A LOT OF CHORES TO DO TODAY.
I HATE CHORES.
TRY TO HAVE FUN WITH THEM. MAKE A GAME OF IT.
YEAH, OKAY.
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? WE SPENT ALL AFTERNOON LOOKING FOR YOU.
PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK.

THE OTHER COAST

GOTTA LOVE THE OUTDOORS ON THE COAST... SNOW-SKI IN THE MORNING AND WATER-SKI IN THE AFTERNOON!
BUT NOT NECESSARILY IN THAT ORDER.

SNUFFY SMITH

I GOT A JUICY PIECE OF GOSSIP 'BOUT OL' MAN SNOPE'S !!
HOLD IT RIGHT THAR, LUKEY !! I DON'T INDULGE IN NO GOSSIP !!
THAT'S FER WOMEN-FOLK !!
WE'LL HAFTA THINK UP ANOTHER NAME FER IT... RIGHT AFTER YA TELL ME TH' TALE !!

BEEBLE BAILEY

IF YOUR MAIN CHUTE DOESN'T OPEN, USE YOUR EMERGENCY CHUTE.
WHAT IF IT DOESN'T OPEN?
GREGG... NOT WALKER.
WHAT DOES HE MEAN "WE'LL CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE COME TO IT"?

Answer to previous puzzle

WISPI	ELAND	FLAM
ACHE	MOVIE	AURA
READ	MOOLA	ICON
HADASWELLTIME		
NYSE	AHEAD	
FORTE	LOTUS	
ALAI	BEAKER	FBI
CIRCUITBREAKERS		
TOE	STREAM	ITEM
EASEL	SPATS	
GRIEG	BEEP	
ROLLERCOASTER		
AMIE	AUDIT	ROBS
PEAR	PRIZE	EDIT
HODS	STEER	DENY

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ACROSS

- 1 Fraudulent plan
- 5 Put one over on
- 9 High homes
- 14 Singer Falana
- 15 Bus beginning
- 16 All possible
- 17 Start of a New Year's phrase
- 18 Emulate Ebert
- 19 Talking bird of poetry
- 20 Begin, at a construction site
- 23 Stare at
- 24 Keep from progressing
- 25 Old polit. letters
- 27 Covered with a cloth
- 31 Miniaturizing suffix
- 34 Put in a box
- 38 Short street
- 39 Neeson of Nell
- 40 Put on, as glue
- 41 Set afire
- 42 Silvery fish
- 43 Expressed in words
- 44 Tops
- 45 Specific duties
- 46 Ronny Howard role
- 47 Turn sharply
- 49 Horse's gait
- 51 Skin irritations
- 56 Cartoonist Keane
- 58 Leave the others
- 62 Love a lot

DOWN

- 1 Concrete foundations
- 2 Wine and dine
- 3 Pin spot
- 4 Proper address
- 5 Counterfeit creator
- 6 Persian poet
- 7 Aware of
- 8 Stead
- 9 Geeky types
- 10 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 11 End a relationship
- 12 Three-spot
- 13 End of a New Year's phrase
- 21 For young children
- 22 Museum piece
- 26 Alabama city
- 28 Provide for
- 29 "... try men's souls" writer
- 30 Go in
- 32 Lecture
- 33 Amb. drivers
- 34 Roman statesman
- 35 Each
- 36 Prepare firewood
- 37 Church leader
- 42 Iron output
- 44 Thin Man quadruped
- 48 Engine sounds
- 50 Some golf tournaments
- 52 Garden tool
- 53 Safe place
- 54 One to watch out for
- 55 Mideast country
- 56 Pig of film
- 57 Brainstorm
- 59 Crumbles up
- 60 Locust, for one
- 61 Part of CD
- 63 Feel regret for

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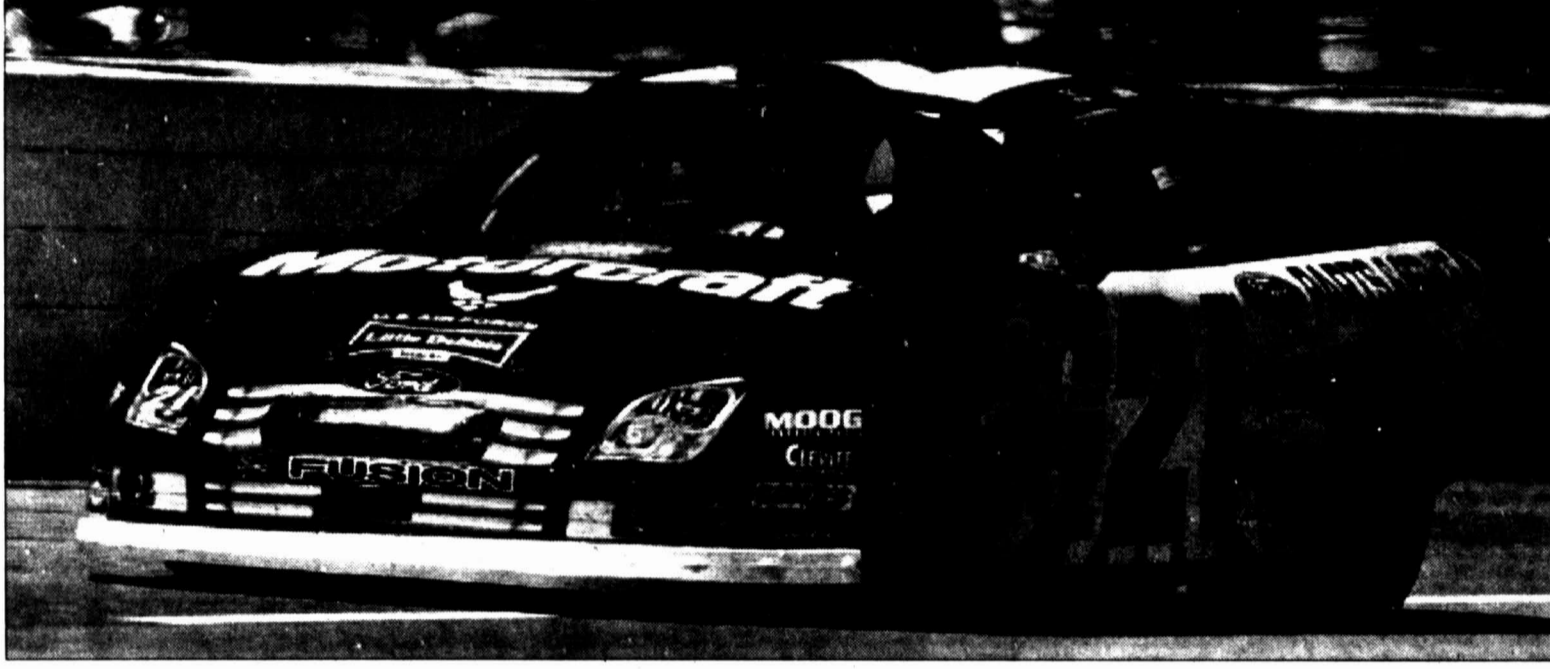
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Family tradition



The Wood Bros. team, which fields the No. 21 car, has won 11 races at Michigan International Speedway, the site of this weekend's Nextel Cup race.

By DAVID POOLE
Knight Ridder Newspapers

As Jon Wood was growing up in one of stock car racing's first families, his father, Eddie, kept making him the same promise.

"Growing up and going through high school, there were a lot of things I gave up during that time," the 24-year-old Busch Series driver said. "He'd say 'This will all be worth it one day. I promise.'"

Eddie Wood will be there Saturday when his son races at Kentucky Speedway.

For the past four years, Jon Wood said, his father has done what he's had to do to be there for his races despite having to help watch out for the Wood Bros.' Nextel Cup team.

"There's no way I could have got even close to where I am right now without his help," Jon Wood said of his father. "His knowledge of the sport and his leadership capabilities enabled me to make the right decisions. ... It has all played a huge role in getting me to the Busch level right now."

On Sunday — Father's Day — Ken Schrader will drive the Wood Bros.' No. 21 Ford in the 3M 500 at Michigan International Speedway. Schrader will be the 1,252nd entry the team has fielded in the Nextel Cup Series.

Glen Wood himself entered one race in the 1955 season. In every year since, the family-owned team has entered a car in at least one race in what is now the Cup series.

Glen will not be in Michigan this weekend. He's home in Stuart, Va., recovering from a recent hip surgery. His brother, Leonard, however, will be at the 2-mile Michigan International Speedway along with Glen's two sons, Eddie and Len, who now pilot the team's operations.

Michigan is just one of the tracks where the Wood Bros.' Fords

Father's Day holds extra meaning for

one ruled. Starting with the first race there in 1969, the team won 10 of the first 18 races and finished in the top every single time.

Dale Jarrett's win there in 1991 was the team's 11th Michigan win. Among the team's 97 Cup victories all time, they have more only at Daytona, with 14, and Atlanta, with 12.

"I just kind of grew up and it started off as a little bit of a thing, you know, working after school and stuff like that," Eddie Wood said of how he followed his father into the family business. "Then all of a sudden, you're 40 and that's what you're doing, and then you're 50 and you're still doing it."

"It's the way of life. ... When I was a kid, I can remember I used to go race at Atlanta and leave on Monday, practice Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday change motors, and later on it got to where it was Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Now it's Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and it works pretty well, but you didn't run as many races."

Leonard Wood, who like his brother is in the Stock Car Racing Hall of Fame, said the family's heritage in working with vehicles and engines doesn't begin with himself and Glen.

"My dad was a mechanic," Leonard Wood said. "It's just in my nature and that's what I've always been interested in. ... I just picked it up cause that's what I like to do and what I enjoy doing, just working on mechanical things. I made a Go Kart when I was 13 years old. I've always been interested in that sort of thing."

Jon Wood may, someday, continue the family's racing tradition in the No. 21 car. And while Father's Day is special to him because of what his father and grandfather have done in the sport, he also understands that everything has a place.

"Father's Day is one of the more special holidays that NASCAR can be a part of," he said. "I guess it's second to Mother's Day — because you have to keep mom happy so we can go out and do this."

Two generations of the Wood family: (back row, from left) Glen Wood, Len Wood, Eddie Wood, Leonard Wood, (front row, from left) Bernece Wood, Kim Wood Hall.



miss a step. Last week: 2.

3. Kasey Kahne (car No. 9): Hasn't had winning cars for the past two weeks but has still put together solid efforts. Last week: 4.

4. Tony Stewart (car No. 14): Was anybody surprised he not only ran all day at Pocono, but finished third to boot? Last week: 6.

5. Mark Martin (car No. 6): Even though team's Chase quest is in good shape, it still gives you the willies at

times. Last week: 3.

6. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): Earnhardt Jr. hasn't had a top-10 finish at Michigan since the June 2003 race there. Last week: 5.

7. Greg Biffle (car No. 16): Won at Michigan a year ago and might very well do the exact same thing this week. Last week: 7.

8. Jeff Burton (car No. 31): Every top-10 finish he can pile up puts him one step closer to making the Chase.

Last week: 9.

9. Denny Hamlin (car No. 11): Spotted the field a blown tire early and still whipped them in impressive Pocono win. Last week: 12.

10. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29): Took second at Michigan three years ago but hasn't had a top-15 finish there since. Last week: 8.

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

THIS WEEK'S RACE

3M PERFORMANCE 400

Where: Michigan International Speedway, a 2-mile paved oval located in Brooklyn, Mich.

When: Sunday 1:40 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 3:10 p.m. Friday.

TV: Fox.

Radio: Motor Racing Network.

Purse: \$5,037,040.

Last year's winner: Greg Biffle.

Worth mentioning: Matt Kenseth has an average finish of 8.08, including one victory, five top fives, nine top 10s and 12 top 15s in 13 races at Michigan.

There have been 11 different race winners in the past 13 Cup races at Michigan. Greg Biffle and Ryan Newman are the only repeat race winners since 1998.

There have been seven different pole winners in the past 10 Cup races at Michigan.

POLL POSITION

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

What do you think of former NASCAR champion Rusty Wallace's work in the TV booth?

Number of votes: 4,670

Response	No. of votes	Percent
He should have stayed in the car.	1,249	27%
About the same as the rest of 'em.	1,007	21%
He's better than some.	916	20%
He'll ready hit his stride when he starts calling NASCAR events.	878	19%
I'd give him an A-	620	13%

Editor's note: There will be no poll questions for the next two weeks.

STOP 'N' GO

WHO'S HOT

- Denny Hamlin:** Let him brag. He earned every bit of his win at Pocono.
- Greg Biffle:** Write it down: He'll make the Chase.
- Tony Stewart:** No video games, just true grit.

WHO'S NOT

- Jeff Gordon:** His drop in points has become painful to watch.
- Casey Mears:** He did earn \$94,255 for his one lap of participation at Pocono.
- Dale Jarrett:** Maybe he does need to drive the truck — a Toyota.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

This week NASCAR is expected to begin providing members of the media a list of all penalties assessed during a race after its completion. With all the statistics in the sport, one might question the good of adding another. But penalties are an important part of sports — they often influence an event's outcome and thus should be accurately recorded. Kudos for NASCAR for taking the step.

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of June 11:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Jimmie Johnson	2145	21. Scott Riggs	1392
2. Matt Kenseth	2097	22. Brian Vickers	1381
3. Mark Martin	1907	23. Bobby Labonte	1375
4. Tony Stewart	1888	24. Reed Sorenson	1348
5. Kasey Kahne	1866	25. Martin Truex Jr.	1345
6. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1850	26. Jeff Green	1316
7. Jeff Burton	1758	27. J.J. Yeley	1311
8. Kevin Harvick	1715	28. Joe Nemechek	1231
9. Denny Hamlin	1682	29. Robby Gordon	1219
10. Kyle Busch	1669	30. Ken Schrader	1204
11. Jeff Gordon	1644	31. Dave Blaney	1184
12. Greg Biffle	1642	32. Jeremy Mayfield	1181
13. Carl Edwards	1547	33. Kyle Petty	1171
14. Jamie McMurray	1530	34. Sterling Marlin	1137
15. Casey Mears	1508	35. Michael Waltrip	1007
16. Clint Bowyer	1504	36. Travis Kvapil	969
17. Kurt Busch	1482	37. David Stremme	964
18. Ryan Newman	1437	38. Scott Wimmer	895
19. Dale Jarrett	1411	39. Tony Raines	834
20. Elliott Sadler	1405	40. Kevin Lapage	700

The top-20 drivers as of June 10:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Kevin Harvick	2386	11. Reed Sorenson	1575
2. Carl Edwards	2114	12. Burney Lamar	1546
3. Clint Bowyer	1928	13. Jason Leffler	1531
4. Denny Hamlin	1958	14. Jon Wood	1493
5. Greg Biffle	1894	15. John Andretti	1466
6. J.J. Yeley	1855	16. Ashton Lewis	1434
7. Kyle Busch	1814	17. Todd Kuemper	1424
8. Paul Menard	1787	18. Matt Kenseth	1410
9. Johnny Sauter	1653	19. David Green	1408
10. Kenny Wallace	1616	20. Danny O'Quinn Jr.	1402

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Meijer 300, Sparta, Ky.

The top-10 drivers as of June 9:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Todd Bodine	1490	6. David Starr	1187
2. Todd McGuire	1375	7. Mike Bliss	1187
3. David Reutimann	1354	8. Dennis Setzer	1175
4. Johnny Benson	1256	9. Rick Crawford	1168
5. Jack Sprague	1203	10. Matt Crafton	1155

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Con-Way Freight 200, Brooklyn, Mich.

Quietly, Team Red Bull prepares for NASCAR debut

Behind the reception desk at Team Red Bull hangs a large, striking photograph of a packed stadium just after twilight. Dramatic lighting reveals a circular floor, with ramps at various points along the rim.

In the middle there's a large mound of dirt.

Clearly, this photo was not taken at a NASCAR venue.

It is, in fact, from a Red Bull-sponsored freestyle motocross event held each year in a bullfighting ring in Spain.

Things are a little different now at this shop, the former home of Penske Racing South in Mooresville, N.C.

Marty Gaunt, general manager, was the team's first hire back in January when it was announced that Team Red Bull would field two of the six Nextel Cup teams for Toyota in 2007.

Today, there are about 45 on the payroll. By the time the team gets to

Daytona for the beginning of the 2007 season, Gaunt figures he'll have 125 employees.

Right now, though, there are only two open positions anybody seems to care about.

"Obviously, we're still in a driver search," Gaunt said last week.

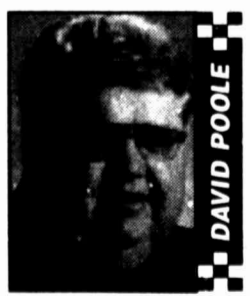
"We have nothing nailed down. We'd rather do it sooner than later, but when it's right we'll do it."

"It's a very crucial decision to make on who's going to drive."

By coincidence, the day Gaunt gave a tour of the shop was the same day word came that Brian Vickers had permission from Hendrick Motorsports to seek another ride.

Sources told The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer that Team Red Bull was one place Vickers will be looking.

"We've tossed some names



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around," Gaunt said. "We would like to do something in the next 30 days or so. But if the right person is not available to match with our team, then we'll have to wait. Red Bull wants a driver, whether he's 20 years old or 40 years old, who will get the job done."

Gaunt said he's surprised at some of the perceptions that have already been formed about Toyota and its plans in NASCAR. But on some level he had to anticipate it. After all, he's a British-born Canadian running a team for a company backed by a Austrian that will run cars funded by a Japanese company.

"We're not unusual," he insisted.

"We're different. We come in with a new business model for this team and a new manufacturer. Shouldn't people wait and see what happens for a

year before criticizing us? We just want to race, that's all we want to do."

And race they will. Last week, a crew was working on the body of a Dodge that could be the car Bill Elliott drives for the team at Charlotte, Atlanta and Texas later this year. Gaunt said the team might put Elliott in a Chevrolet, too.

The announcement of the three-race deal with was the first concrete news from the team since January's announcement it would exist. The same press release confirmed the hiring of Elton Sawyer as competition director and John Probst as technical director.

"We like to fly under the radar," Gaunt said. "We haven't come out and held press conferences every week to talk about what we're doing. That's just not our style. We'd rather get a part of our program done and then talk about it."

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