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73rd annual pro rodeo rides into Big Spring today

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

The 73rd edition of the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo comes riding into town tonight — well, actually this afternoon — bringing some of the sport's top talent to the Rodeo Bowl and continuing a long tradition.

Billed as the oldest continual-

ly running professional rodeo in the nation, the three-day event features the finest in bull riding, bareback, saddle bronc, steer wrestling, tie-down roping and barrel racing. And this year, organizers have brought back another popular event — team roping. Add children's mutton bustin' to the mix and the antics of clown and barrel man Jim Bob Feller and horse-

back announcer Mike Mathis, and it promises to be fun and exciting.

Gates open at 7 p.m. each evening. The traditional grand entry will get rodeo action under way beginning at 8 p.m.

Tickets — you'll want to get them in advance — are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children at Ward's Boot and Saddle, First Bank of West Texas, First Big

Spring Banking Center, Wells Fargo, Citizens Federal Credit Union, State National Bank and the chamber of commerce.

If you wait and get tickets at the gate, you'll be charged \$10 and \$6.

As mentioned, rodeo events actually begin this afternoon with the annual parade. It will

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Aaron Watson will perform for a dance at 9:30 p.m. Saturday in the county fair barn. Tickets are \$15 at the door.



Salge Stallings, left, Tristin Rangel and Raven Holguin try to decide what flavor of ice cream they want at Serendipity in the Big Spring Mall. Diagnosed with leukemia in 2004, Tristin has been selected for a trip to Disney World by the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He and his family leave for Florida Friday. A send-off party was held Wednesday at the ice cream/coffee shop.

Herald photo/Bruce Schooler

HC to stage short play this weekend

'Kids Say the Darndest Things' to be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday

Herald Staff Report

The Howard College Theatre, under the direction of Clay Grizzle, will be performing "Kids Say the Darndest Things" this weekend. The shows will take place at the Practical Arts Building No. 105 and will start at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and conclude just before

the start of the rodeo, according to Grizzle.

The play is based on Art Linkletter's "House Party" TV show and the remake done by Bill Cosby. The show reveals actual things that children — Howard's presentation is performed by adults — said on the show.

"It's just a celebration of being a

kid and features things that kids have actually said on the show," said Grizzle.

The show, which is free to the public, features 10 adult actors, including Jaycee Sautter, Julie Alley, Marsha McNew, Cheryl Schultz, Vanessa Parra, Clay Vickers, Leann Brumley, Janice Bishop, Lisa Currie and Terry Nix.

Moore Board budget starts taking shape

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The board of directors of Moore Development for Big Spring began chiseling out the rough outlines of a new budget Wednesday evening.

The budget, which is shaping up as very similar to the previous year's package, won't be finalized until next week, but directors did seem to be in agreement on several areas.



Sharp

Anyone looking at the budget on paper would notice that Moore Board revenues usually outpace expenditures. This is a normal situation, Executive Director Kent Sharp said.

It is normal in the sense that economic development agencies such as Moore Development typically have

cash reserves sitting in a bank account. Those "undesignated" funds are the ones used for Moore's main purpose, attracting new jobs and industry to this area, Sharp said.

Sharp estimates that the agency will bring in between \$1 million and \$1.2 million in tax revenue this year, a slight increase from the previous year.

As far as expenditures go, the big budget item is, unsurpris-

ingly, economic development, and directors took a good look at two new proposals.

First, they gave a tentative OK for plans to help Howard College augment instructor salaries in its nursing program. Sharp asked directors to approve \$31,000 in add-ons to the salaries, on the grounds that it would help the college secure high quality nursing instructors, which in turn would help the program pro-

duce high-quality nurses for this area.

Also, directors penciled in \$50,000 for a legislative consultant, who would help Moore Development with several issues arising out of Austin.

In other business Wednesday, directors:

• Spent two hours in executive session evaluating Sharp and considering an economic development project. No action was taken on either topic.

Man killed in alleged hit-and-run accident

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

An apparent hit-and-run incident early today left one man dead and another in a local hospital.

At approximately 2:11 a.m. today, Big Spring

police officers responded to a hit-and-run call in the 2700 block of S. Highway 87.

Upon arriving, officers discovered that a man, later identified as 53-year-old Larry Pullen, no

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MENCHACA FAMILY FUND ESTABLISHED LOCALLY

The family of Christina Menchaca, the wife of Army Pfc. Kristian Menchaca, who was taken hostage by Iraqi insurgents and murdered, are asking those who wish to send flowers or messages do so by contacting local florists.

"The family wants to thank all those who've expressed their concerns and offered their prayers," said the Rev. Joel Miller, a spokesman for the family. "They hope people will understand their need for privacy at this time."

Miller also announced that a fund has been established at State National Bank to help family members travel to the funeral. "The military will pay for Christina and

her parents to attend the funeral, but there are a number of other members of this large family that want to attend the funeral and simply don't have the money necessary to travel," Miller explained. "As of right now we don't know where the funeral will be or when, but it will probably be held in the Houston area."

Those wishing to make contributions to the fund can make donations to the Kristian Menchaca Family Benefit Fund, Account number 5327849 at State National. For electronic transfer, the routing number is 1113-02370.

For more information, call Miller at 213-1221.

OLD SETTLER'S REUNION

The Howard-Glasscock Old Settler's Reunion will be held Saturday at the Howard County Fairbarn.

Registration is at 9 a.m., followed by a dessert auction at 11 a.m. and a free lunch of hamburgers, chips and cobbler at noon. The meal is free; drinks are \$1 each.

This will be the 82nd edition of the reunion.

Anyone who has lived in Howard or Glasscock counties for the past 25 years is invited to participate.

Pioneer families this year will be the Weaver family of Howard County and the Burns family of Glasscock County.

Obituaries

Glenn T. White

Glenn T. White, 51, of Olney, died Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at Hospice in Wichita Falls. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, June 23, 2006, in the chapel of Lunn Funeral Home with Scotte Clark, minister of Hamilton Street Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow in the Restland Cemetery under the direction of Lunn Funeral Home.

Glenn was born May 27, 1955 in Big Spring, to the late Gilbert and Sallie Laura (Nugent) White. He graduated from Olney High School in 1975. He and Lori Adams were married on Dec. 14, 1979 in Olney.

Glenn was employed with the Olney school district for 24 years. He had worked in the maintenance department and as a bus driver. He also worked in the community doing various odd jobs for anyone that needed his help. He was a member of Hamilton Street am Church of Christ and had lived in Olney all of his life.

Survivors include his wife, Lori White of Olney; one son, Adam White and wife Priscilla of Abilene; one daughter Sarah White of Olney; one brother, Clarence Wright of Breckenridge; five sisters: Margie Snyder, Judy Casteel, Linda Wages, and Tammy Cribbs, all of Olney, and Shirley Martin of Clyde; and one grandson.

The family will receive guests Thursday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 900 West Edwards, Olney 76374 or to Hospice of Wichita Falls P.O. Box 4804, Wichita Falls 76308.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lunnfuneralhome.com.

Cherie Dorton

Cherie Dorton, 61, of Big Spring died Thursday morning. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles.

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.

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

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STEEL BAND 10-YEAR REUNION** for classes 1970 to 1980 is planned July 28-29. Send name and addresses to Steer Band Reunion P.O. Box 103 Big Spring, 79721 or go to the Web site www.bigspringsteelband.org. For more information or to leave a message, call 263-2205.

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

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996**

Police blotter

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

- **BENITA PEREZ**, 52, 1210 Mesquite, was arrested on charges of failure to identify and hindering apprehension.
- **IRENE SALAZAR-PEREZ**, 20, 1210 Mesquite, was arrested on a charge of interfering with a peace officer.
- **LORENZO YANEZ**, 31, 502 State, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **GONZALO HERNANDEZ**, 48, 1002 S. Nolan, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ORVILLE PIRRAGLIA**, 31, 2804 Crestline, was arrested on a capias warrant.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1200 block of Main.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of Indian Hills and the 600 block of Caylor.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/INVALID** was reported in the 3200 block of FM 700.
- **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY** was reported in the 1200 block of Mesquite.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 800 block of Third.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

- **PHILLIP GARCIA**, 29, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **LISA MICHELLE RIFFE**, 28, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **CAROLYN SUE MILLS**, 36, was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **KYLE MARKEM SHELLITO JR.**, 20, was arrested on a charge of theft.
- **DERRICK DRAKE**, 20, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for criminal trespass.
- **VINCENT EARL PARRAMORE**, 40, was arrested on a charge of theft by check.
- **DAMIEN HERNANDEZ CORTEZ**, 25, was arrested on a charge of forgery.
- **HUMBERTO LARA PINON**, 64, was arrested on motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1400 block of Stadium. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 400 block of N. First. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **GAS LEAK** was reported in the 3400 block of Connally.

10th YEAR REUNION

needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Mindy at 267-6524 or 267-7631.

• **FORSAN EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ALL-CLASS REUNION** is Aug. 5. Names, addresses and class years for Forsan exes are needed. Submit information or pictures for a newsletter before June 15 to Ida Lou Raney, 5216 Dawson Dr., Big Spring or call 432 267-2414, Jimmy Anderson at 432 267-6143 or Opal Stout at 325 574-2150, or e-mail hiraney@crcom.net.

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

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

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

Bulletin Board

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

TODAY

• Rodeo parade begins from 10th and Main at 5:30 p.m., traveling north to downtown, then south on Scurry to 10th.

• Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, 8 p.m. at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

FRIDAY

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

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

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

• 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.

• Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, 8 p.m. at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

SATURDAY

• Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, 8 p.m. at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

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

MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Enter through the south side door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday...Decreasing clouds. A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. In the evening becoming light and variable.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. Light and variable winds becoming east around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Monday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

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

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-8-9-31-32-52. Number matching six of six: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$24 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-8-12-15-23. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$27,580. Winning ticket sold in: Watauga. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-7-2



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Police arrest man for rape that sent wrong person to prison

HOUSTON (AP) — A suspect has been arrested in a 1998 rape case where another man was wrongfully convicted using faulty DNA evidence from the Houston Police Department's troubled crime lab, authorities said Wednesday.

New lab tests indicate that Donnie Lamont Young, 24, was one of two individuals who left DNA evidence on the clothing of a 41-year-old woman who was raped in October 1998 in a remote location, police said.

Young was arrested last week and charged with aggravated sexual assault. A second suspect was still being sought.

After her assault, the victim identified Gregory Adams, then 17 years old, and Josiah Sutton, then 16 years old, as her attackers.

Adams' case was dismissed weeks later but Sutton was convicted of rape and sentenced in 1999 to 25 years in prison. Sutton was released in 2003 and pardoned when new DNA tests discredited the findings that led to his conviction.

Bell returns gift from Mexican national

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial nominee Chris Bell has returned a gemstone collection to a donor after learning the man is not a permanent resident of the United States.

Max Garcia gave the campaign several stones valued at \$8,000. The gift, which included a ruby, sapphire and emerald, was reported on Bell's financial report filed with the state last week.

Federal law prohibits people who are not legal, permanent residents of the United States from contributing to campaigns.

Garcia told campaign workers he had the legal status to make the donation, said Bell spokesman Jason Stanford. But after several "red flags," Bell and Garcia spoke by phone on Monday. Stanford said Garcia told Bell he was in the country on a tourist visa.

Latinos in elected office up by 37 percent

DALLAS (AP) — Latinos have increased their presence at all levels of government over the last decade, with nearly half of them serving in Texas, a Hispanic political group reported.

At the start of this year, 5,132 Hispanics were in elected office around the country — a 37 percent increase from 1996, when 3,743 Latinos were in elected posts.

The results were part of a study announced Wednesday in Dallas to kick off the annual convention of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

Latino elected officials now hold office in 43 states

Supreme Court sides with government

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that states can make it tougher for accused criminals to claim they were coerced into breaking the law.

Justices ruled 7-2 against a Dallas woman who claimed her abusive boyfriend forced her to illegally buy him guns.

The court looked at a single issue — whether the burden should have been on Keshia Dixon to show she was under duress or on the government to disprove it.

In a victory for the Bush administration and prosecutors, the court said that criminal defendants must face that hurdle.

The ruling clears the way for states to change their laws. Justices had been told that 29 states require their prosecutors to disprove a coercion defense.

Dixon had claimed her abusive boyfriend hit her and held a gun to her head before taking her to get guns. Dixon claimed she was suffering from battered woman's syndrome and that her boyfriend took her to a gun show while his accomplices stayed home with her teenage daughters.

Because she was facing criminal charges in a check cashing scheme, it was illegal to buy guns.

The administration argued that a ruling for Dixon would help drug carriers and others avoid prison, claiming they were coerced.

Dixon provided an incorrect address and stated in the weapons paperwork that she was not facing criminal charges. She was sentenced to nearly three years in prison.

CHAMBER

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drop in the number of available residences, but said the demand for oil field workers, start up of Solitaire Homes, expansion of some businesses and a good cotton crop may have all played a factor.

Cotton will certainly be the topic for the Ag Expo and luncheon, which will move from spring to summer this year.

"For those who are not aware, we've decided to combine the Ag Expo and luncheon with the Howard County Fair this year," said Chamber Executive Director Debbye Valverde.

The ag luncheon, which always introduces the ag producer and agri-business of the year, is usually held in March, confirmed board member

Ronnie Wood, but will be held Sept. 28 this year. The county fair is Sept. 27-29 at the fairbarns off FM 700.

Wood said he is working with fair organizers, who have been agreeable with the popular event joining the fair. Some 325 people take part in the luncheon every year, said Wood. The luncheon is free to area farmers and ranchers.

Wood added that U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer had been asked to speak at the luncheon, but will not be able to.

Neugebauer will, however, be part of the program at Pops in the Park, Big Spring's annual music and fireworks extravaganza set July 3 at Comanche Trail Park, confirmed Jan Hansen, Pops board president and a member of the chamber board. She told chamber board members that this

year's Independence Day celebration is shaping up well, though still in need of \$10,000 to \$12,000 in funding.

Michael Downes, Governmental Affairs vice president, told the board that State Sen. Kel Seliger will be the keynote speaker for this year's United Way of Big Spring and Howard County kickoff luncheon Aug. 29 at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

He also said that Sen. Seliger and Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst will be at the Big Spring Independent School District back-to-school event for teachers Aug. 7 in the high school auditorium. Downes is the BSISD superintendent.

Among other points of interest mentioned at the meeting were these:

- Solitaire Homes has completed its first home

since reopening and will hold a brief celebration at 1 p.m. Friday.

- There will be no chamber board meeting in July.

- Under West Texas Skies, part of NewsWest 9's annual tour, will be from 4 p.m. to midnight Friday, July 21, at the Heart of the City Park. Included will be a hot dog eating contest, ugly dog contest, celebrity look-alike contest, street dance and more. Admission is free.

- Howard College has set Sept. 30 as the dedication date for its new performing arts center.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288
Effie Spears, 76, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Friday at the First Church of God with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Cherie Dorton, 61, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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DEATH

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address, had been struck by a vehicle which had subsequently left the scene of the accident.

Witnesses said Pullen was crossing Highway 87 on foot when he was struck by a white pickup traveling south.

Pullen was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs, a BSPD report

stated.

A vehicle matching the description of the one involved in the accident — a white 1999 Chevrolet extended-cab pickup — was located a short time later by Howard County deputies in the 4000 block of Parkway.

The driver of the pickup, 31-year-old Andres Lopez Jr., was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and admitted for injuries allegedly sustained in the accident, the

report stated.

Investigation of the incident continues, and no formal charges have been filed as of midmorning, but BSPD Public Information Officer Sgt. Tony Everett stated in a news release that alcohol is believed to have been a factor.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

RODEO

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make its way north on Main from 10th Street to downtown, then back south on Scurry.

Tonight is also Teen Night at the rodeo. Beginning about 9:30 p.m., there will be a DJ dance at the county fairbarn for teens only — no one over 19 years of age is admitted. Admission to the dance is free with a paid rodeo ticket.

There are dances for the adult crowd, too. Friday night, longtime western swing artists Jody Nix and his Texas Cowboys will be playing. Tickets are \$10 each. And Saturday, up-and-coming Texas star Aaron Watson will take the stage.

Tickets that night are \$15. Warming up for Watson will be local talent Guy Will Zant.

New this year — to Big Spring, not to the sport — is Pete Carr, founder of the Carr Pro Rodeo Company. The producer has provided top bucking stock to rodeos all over the country.

"He really knows what he is doing and he always brings good people with him, so we're looking forward to that," said Richard Atkins, one of the directors on the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo board.

He brings with him a veteran crew of behind-the-scenes talent, and some not-so-hidden talent as well — bullfighters Travis Adams and Casey Wells.

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OUR VIEWS

District 2 voters need to be heard in council runoff

Voters in Big Spring City Council District 2 still have another chance to stand up and be counted. Voting in the runoff election for the district's council seat will be held Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

While only 40 people took advantage of the early voting period for the runoff that sees Donna Gamboa and Manuel Ramirez Jr. facing off for a second time, that is almost as many voters that went to the polls during the May 13 general election.

Only 3.2 percent of the district's registered voters cast ballots May 13th. Gamboa received 25 votes to Ramirez's 16, with the race's third candidate, Cindy Lopez, claiming 14 votes, a total of just 55 votes.

Since none of the candidates received a majority, the top two vote getters — Gamboa and Ramirez — advanced to Saturday's runoff.

According to Saundra Bloom, Howard County's election administrator, 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 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.

We here at the *Herald* want to remind the residents of District 2 that it is important they go to the polls and vote in this runoff. The winner of this election will be their representative on a governmental body that greatly affects their lives, as well as ours.

One need only recognize the council's consideration last week of calling for a \$21 million bond issue to recognize the important position the eventual winner of Saturday's runoff will hold.

To our way of thinking, the voice of every registered voter in District 2 needs to be heard.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, please help us with staying in your game.

Amen

The Democrats' withdrawal conundrum

The only thing more pathetic than the Democrats' floundering disunity on the war is their timing.

They have renewed their demands for a precipitous withdrawal in Iraq at a time when even they would be hard pressed to deny that the momentum has changed against the terrorists.

Don't get me wrong. I think we have been winning all along in Iraq, despite the wall-to-wall negative coverage. But recent developments must surely give the naysayers pause as well.

The death of Iraq terrorist chieftain Abu Musab al-Zarqawi was a watershed event. That we were able to find this elusive leader in the Iraqi haystack was a remarkable achievement and one that signaled the fruits of a sustained intelligence effort. The event itself was monumental in that the primary leader of our enemy in Iraq was eliminated.

But perhaps the most significant aspect of the event is that it led to a bonanza of intelligence discoveries that both shed light on the enemy's mindset and provided information that allowed us to conduct further highly productive raids. Yet despite these developments, defeatist Democrats see only gloom and doom.

American bombs killed al-Zarqawi on June 7. As of a week later, American and Iraqi forces had conducted 452 raids, killing 104 insurgents, capturing 759 "anti-Iraqi elements" and discovering 28 "significant" arms caches. Iraqi forces carried out 143 of the raids and joined with American forces on 255 others.

Our forces found revealing documents in al-Zarqawi's hideout, including one that appeared to express al-Zarqawi's opinion that the insurgents were losing the war and steadily weakening.



DAVID LIMBAUGH

The document was a validation of the president's war plan from the very beginning. Remember when he said we would fight the terrorists on multiple fronts, including diplomatic, financial, intelligence and military? Well, the document said the National Guard had succeeded in forming an enormous shield protecting American forces and substantially reducing their losses. It said the insurgency was being damaged by our military's program to train Iraqi security forces, our massive arrests and seizures of weapons, our tightening of their financial outlets and our creating of divisions among their ranks. In desperation, Zarqawi confessed that the terrorists' only hope to regain the upper hand and reverse "this crisis" was "to involve the U.S. forces in waging a war against another country or any hostile groups."

Zarqawi thus acknowledged that his side is losing the war. Just think if during the Cold War we had discovered secret Soviet communiques revealing that Khrushchev was just kidding when he said to the United States, "We will bury you." But leave it to prominent Democrats like John Murtha and John Kerry to offer the beleaguered and now dead Zarqawi another out: withdrawal of American troops. It's as if they're saying to Zarqawi's ghost, "Don't worry, Abu Musab, we'll take care of this for you. There is another way. We can surrender."

On "Meet the Press," Murtha, after saying that Bill Clinton made a correct decision to "change direction" when he had actually cut and run in Somalia, said (referring to Iraq), "There comes a time when you have to say to yourself, 'OK, we've done everything we could do, we can't win this militarily.'" Zarqawi must be rolling over in his grave — with posthumous joy.

Last November, when cut-and-run Democrats were making similar noises, Republicans called

their bluff and scheduled a surprise vote on Murtha's motion to withdraw our troops. Caught with their pants down, Democrats folded. So long as there was no way to hold them accountable for their irresponsible demands for withdrawal, they would carp to their hearts' content. But when Republicans forced a vote, only three Democrats voted to withdraw, and the measure went down in flaming defeat, 403 to 3.

Fast forward back to the present, and we see history repeating itself with Republican congressmen, once again, challenging Democrats to put their money where their mouths are. Senate Republicans forced a vote on Sen. Kerry's withdrawal resolution, which was defeated 93 to 6. Now we see why Kerry has been so afraid to come out of the closet as an unambiguous antiwar advocate. Heretofore he has been simultaneously an ambiguous antiwar advocate and an ambiguous supporter of the war, having refined fence-straddling into a sophisticated, nuanced art form.

House Democrats were a little bolder, which you might expect, given the ongoing disconnect between their policies and reality. One hundred and fifty out of 192 Democrats refused to approve a resolution affirming that it was not in the national security interest of the United States to set an arbitrary withdrawal (or redeployment) date. The resolution was approved 256 to 153. Again, history had repeated itself because last December, 108 congressional Democrats voted "no" and 32 voted "present" on a similar resolution.

Please explain to me again that theory about Democrats regaining legislative control in November.

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Where's GOP's moral compass?

See, the Republicans seem to have lost their moral compass since Tom DeLay quit. Who knew it could get worse without that pillar of rectitude from Texas? What a snakes' nest of corruption and nastiness.

The latest involves Speaker Denny Hastert and a land deal.

Hastert had sold to a developer a 69-acre portion of a 195-acre farm that had been purchased in his wife's name. The developer also purchased an adjacent plot of roughly equal size owned in trust by Hastert and two of his "longtime supporters." The area of west of Chicago is growing madly, and Hastert — through an earmark appropriation process — dedicated \$207 million in taxpayer dollars as the first appropriation on the Prairie Parkway, which will run 5.5 miles from the Hastert land. Went through in the fall of 2005. Three months later, Hastert and his partners sold the land for a \$3 million total profit, \$1.8 million to Hastert.

In a staggering display of brass-faced gall, Hastert is now claiming a freeway running 5.5 miles from his land is not close enough to affect the price of the farm. Then what did the developer pay the extra \$3 million for? Hastert is said to be furious with the Sunlight Foundation, which broke the story, and the Chicago newspapers, which pounced on it gleefully. This is what I don't get about Republicans. Apparently they think they are genuinely entitled to get these special deals.

Also making news is California Rep. Jerry Lewis, who is in deep with a lobbying firm that is El Stinko. This wouldn't matter so much if Lewis were just another congressman, but he is chairman of the House Appropriations

Committee, the one that hands out the money. Lewis' family and friends have profited nicely from contractors and lobbyists who court his favor. Such cozy arrangements.

Just for example, one Lewis aide, who had gone to work for the lobbying firm and then returned to the congressman's staff, was paid \$2 million by the firm in 2004 while on the public payroll.

With a fine sense of ethical behavior, members of the House have voted to continue earmarking, including \$500,000 for a swimming pool in Lewis' district (bringing the total federal money allotted for this pool to \$1 million).

Meanwhile, back on the Jack Abramoff-and-related fronts (lest we forget good old Dusty Foggo, ex-No. 3 at the CIA), a letter had been found, despite initial denials by the Department of Homeland Security, from the now-convicted ex-Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham recommending that the government use the limo firm that allegedly ferried prostitutes to the poker parties given by defense contractors who were paying off Cunningham.

Don't Democrats have scandals, too? Yes, Rep. William Jefferson of Louisiana is in deep trouble. Among other things, the Fibiess found \$90,000 in cash in his freezer. So the Democratic caucus kicked him off his important seat on the Ways and Means Committee. Republicans just keep on trucking.

Meanwhile, the entire Department of Homeland Security is beginning to look like a Republican playground. According to The New York Times, more than 90 former officials at DHS or the White House Office of Homeland Security are now "executives, consultants or lobbyists for companies that collectively do billions of dollars' worth of domestic security business." Now isn't that a dainty dish to set before the king?

Can Republicans run anything right? Where is the CEO administration that was supposed to straighten out government? It may be that Bush deserves credit for having initially opposed a DHS, knowing that Republicans would make a giant new federal agency. But he later changed his mind and supported the thing. The rest of us thought we were getting an agency that would provide homeland security, but what an endless saga of misspent money, stupid decisions, waste, fraud, abuse and political logrolling — and still no port protection.

It seems to me there is a direct connection between the Republicans' inability to run anything governmental ("Heckuva job, Brownie") and the fact that they don't believe in government. The simplest purposes of government have long been defined for us — to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. It is, or should be, a benign enterprise, making life better for citizens.

I carry no special brief for government — many years of studying the Texas Legislature will disenchant anyone. But if you are put in charge of government, the least you can do is run it well. Bill Clinton took government seriously — he was interested in how to make it work better, interested in government policy. Clinton declared the era of Big Government over and indeed pruned the federal structure and finished with a surplus. Bush is giving us fat, bloated, inefficient, corrupt government, all of it running on a huge deficit — not counting the expense and growing body count in Iraq.

As the man said — "2,500 is just a number."

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Avalanche LTZ

Solid all-around vehicle from Chevrolet for 2007

By STEVEL COLE SMITH
The Orlando Sentinel

Essentially a four-wheeled, 5,645-pound Swiss Army knife, the redesigned 2007 Chevrolet Avalanche — just like the five years' worth of Avalanches before this one — is a favorite answer to a question automotive writers get a lot: If you could have only one vehicle for everything, what would you buy?

Incontrovertible proof that there are some very good, original ideas at General Motors, the Avalanche debuted in early 2000 as a concept vehicle, which GM dubbed a "UUV" — Ultimate Utility Vehicle. Fortunately cooler heads prevailed, and the Avalanche went into production as a 2002 model without the UUV moniker. Chevrolet sold about 380,000 copies of the Avalanche between its introduction in the spring of 2001 and last December, easily enough to warrant a redesign on GM's new corporate truck platform that currently underpins the 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe and Suburban, and will be the basis for Chevy's 2008 pickups.

Though any vehicle that tries to be all things to a lot of people will include plenty of compromises, the Avalanche works. As it is, there's room for five adults, and in the back, beneath a removable, weatherproof three-piece hard cover, there's a pickup bed that is just more than 5 feet long.

Subsequently, as needs arise, you can customize the Avalanche. For tall cargo, just remove the bed covers. For longer cargo, you can remove the rear window and fold down the partition beneath the rear window — it's called the midgate — then fold down the rear seats, and you have a bed longer than 8 feet that extends into the cab. It will handle 4-by-8-foot sheets of plywood, with the tailgate closed.

Should you want to carry cargo inside the cab with you, you can leave the rear window in place and close the midgate, but fold down the rear seat, and you'll have 54 cubic feet of room for whatever you want to carry — in the case of one Avalanche-owning friend, two big dogs. You can mix and match the Avalanche's rear seat and cargo areas to suit your needs.

Gimmicky? Yes.

But does it work? Yes.

Beneath it all is the solid goodness of a Chevrolet truck, powered by a big Chevrolet 5.3-liter V-8. In the 2007 Avalanche's rear-wheel-drive edition, the engine has 320 horsepower. In the four-wheel-drive Avalanche, like the test vehicle, the engine has 310 horsepower but is lighter because of its aluminum block, rather than the other version's cast-iron block. Later this year, you'll be able to get a 6.0-liter, 355-horsepower aluminum V-8.

Towing capacity is 8,000 pounds for the rear-drive model, 7,800 pounds for the 4-by-4 version. One neat feature on the test model: There's a color rear-view camera for backing up, with the picture shown on the navigation-system screen in the dashboard. But put the tailgate down, and the camera points directly at the trailer hitch, making it a cinch to back up to a trailer.

With all versions, the transmission is a four-speed automatic. The four-wheel-drive system on the test Avalanche, a top-of-the-line LTZ model, engages with the twist of a small dial on the dashboard. We did some moderately rugged four-wheeling, and while the LTZ's 20-inch tires and alloy wheels were not ideal for off-roading, they and the Avalanche did fine. Coming soon is a dedicated Z71 off-road package.

The Avalanche, as with all the new trucks built on this platform, has a stiffer frame and a redesigned suspension. Standard safety features on the Avalanche include electronic stability control, antilock brakes and a tire-pressure monitor. Roof-mounted side air bags for both rows are optional. The LTZ's leather-clad interior is as deluxe as any luxury car. Ride and handling are quite good for a truck,



The 2007 Chevrolet Avalanche LTZ

and it's surprisingly quiet inside at highway speeds.

Although the base price of the rear-wheel-drive 2007 Avalanche LS is, at \$32,490, cheaper than the 2006 model, it's easy to pile on options that increase the price. Base price of the LTZ test vehicle was \$42,020, and it had enough options to raise that to \$45,245.

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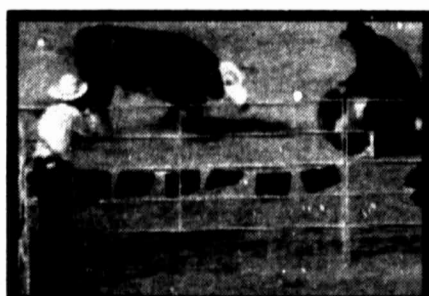
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IN BRIEF

Coahoma sets date for ragball touney

The 2006 annual Coahoma Ragball Tournament has been set for Friday through Sunday at the Coahoma softball park.

The tournament will have signups at 5 p.m. Friday.

There will also be a chance for organization fund-raisers. To sign up for a booth, call Sara Fontana at 263-3728. The deadline for booth space is Wednesday.

For more information on the ragball tournament, contact Patric Robinson at 432-393-5622 or Randy Clanton at 432-393-5338.

Sandlot softball touney set for first weekend in July

A softball tournament hosted by the Big Spring sandlot softball team will be held July 1-2 at Cotton Mize Park inside of Comanche Trail Park.

The top three teams will receive trophies, the top two teams get T-shirts and there will also be MVP and golden gloves honors awarded as well.

For more information, contact Ben Flores at 267-4226 or 816-1862.

BSGSA to hold ragball tournament

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association (BSGSA) will be having its annual co-ed ragball tournament June 30 and July 1 at the Roy Anderson Complex.

The cost of the tournament is \$110 per team and each team will play at least six games.

Interested participants can register at the complex between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. June 30. The first game starts at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Ron Shafer at 432-213-3747.

Comanche Trail sets 'best of rest' golf tournament

The Comanche Trail Golf Course has announced that its annual 'best of the rest' golf tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday.

The entry fee for each two-person team is \$160. There will be free food on the course for all participants.

For more info, call 263-2366 or fax team info to 263-2563.

BSHS announces softball camp for middle of July

Big Spring head softball coach Jennifer Hayes, along with her assistant coaches, will be having a softball skills camp July 15-14.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon daily and be free through the end of the season. It also costs \$10 for all campers.

Chesworth accepts offer to play at Howard

• Big Spring infielder follows sister Nicole, joins Hawk family

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Howard College head softball coach Kelly Raines knows it's very important to grab any local talent which comes about and she made another step in that direction recently as Big Spring infielder Krista Chesworth, just like her older sister Nicole, signed a letter of intent to play for the Hawks.

"It's important to have that relationship with the school," said Raines. "If we have some talented local kids we want to keep them in town."

Chesworth had interest from Tarleton State University and Angelo State University, but ultimately chose Howard College because it was closer to home.

"I wanted to stay close so I can get support from my family," said Chesworth. "My sister

going to Howard played a factor in the decision because I guess I wanted to follow in her footsteps."

Nicole Chesworth was a pitcher at Howard, but Krista Chesworth, who played shortstop this past year at Big Spring and third base during her junior year, will have a chance to play several different positions as Raines likes her versatility.

"I am not really sure where she will play yet," said Raines. "We have two all-conference players returning at shortstop and second. If Krista can win the spot at shortstop then that's great, but she can also play third and first base, too."

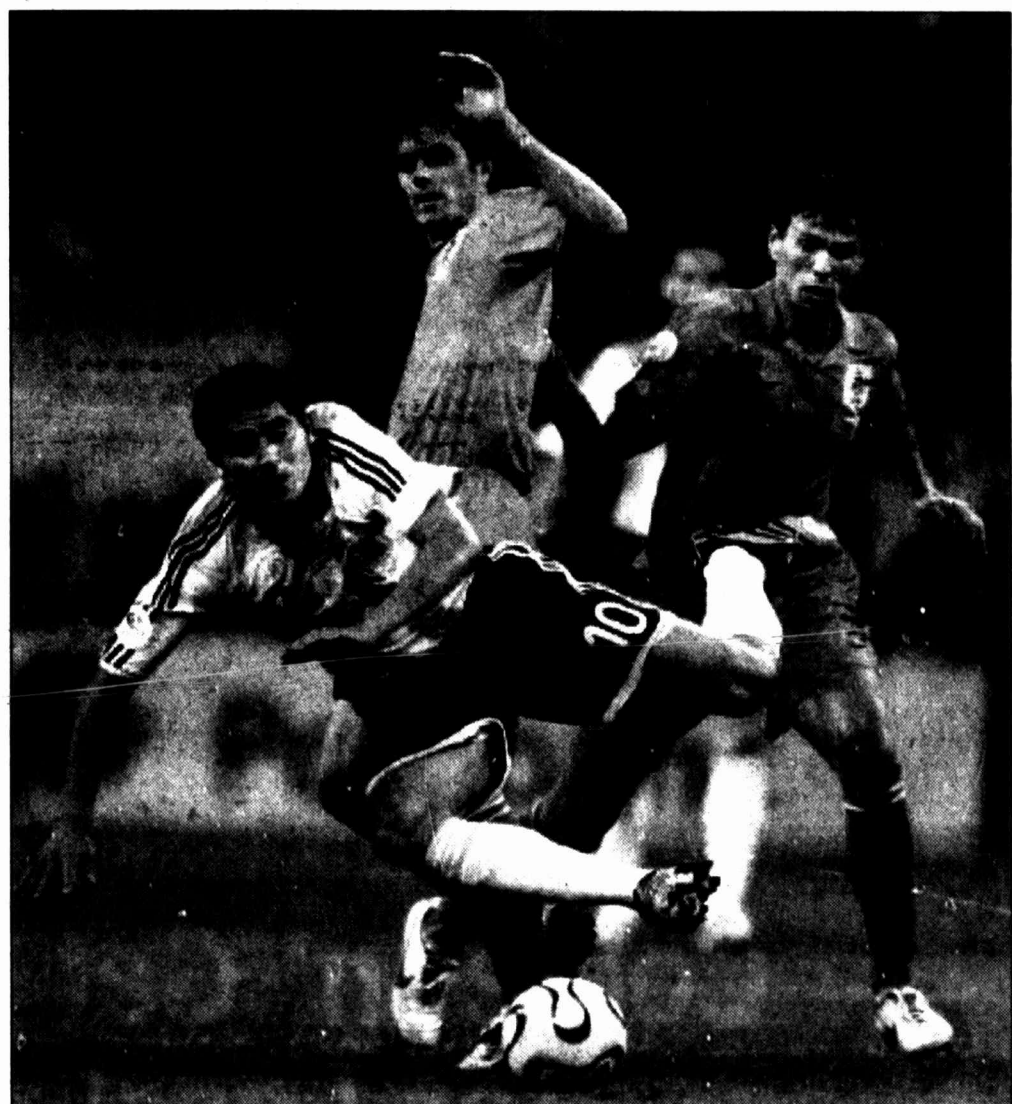
Krista Chesworth said she would like to play shortstop in the future, but understands she might have to make a change next season to see time on the field.

"I have been told that I might be playing first base," said Chesworth.

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Big Spring infielder Krista Chesworth, left, signs her letter of intent to play softball at Howard College next season. The signing took place at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center late Wednesday morning and Howard head softball coach Kelly Raines, right, was also present.



Argentina's Juan Riquelme, left, falls while trying to gain control of the ball Wednesday during the World Cup 2006, Group C game in Francfort, Germany. Argentina's game with the Netherlands ended in a 0-0 tie. The United States played against Ghana Thursday morning. The team must win to advance to the next round.

Rice falls to OSU, Tar Heels advance

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — Jay Cox's powerful bat put North Carolina in position to play for its first College World Series title.

Daniel Turpen's surprising performance on the mound allowed Oregon State to cling to its championship hopes.

Cox homered twice and made a great catch in the ninth inning to help North Carolina move to the best-of-three final with a 6-5 victory over Cal State Fullerton on Wednesday night. The Tar Heels (53-13) will play Oregon State or Rice in the championship series that begins Saturday.

"It's obviously exciting to think about and say the words that we're playing for a national championship," said North Carolina coach Mike Fox, whose program had lost six of eight games in four previous CWS appearances.

The Tar Heels will have to wait a bit before finding out who their opponent will be.

Turpen, who made only 11 previous appearances, started for the first time in nearly two months and combined with Joe Paterson on a five-hitter in a 5-0 victory over Rice.

"We were on our last leg, and we asked Turp to get out there and give us a good start, to give us the distance he could go: three, four, two, five, whatever it was, and we'd clean up whatever we had to do," Beavers coach Pat Casey said.

The Beavers (47-15) forced another game against the Owls (57-12), with the winner of Thursday night's matchup advancing to the championship series.

Turpen (3-0) gave the Beavers their third straight impressive start when facing elimination. The sophomore right-hander appeared confident and relaxed in scattering five hits over a career-high 6 2-3 innings.

His last start came April 30 against New Mexico, when he went 6 1-3 innings in an 8-2 win. Paterson threw 2 1-3 hit-

less innings to seal the victory, the third straight for an excited and suddenly confident Oregon State team. The solid pitching performance followed Jonah Nickerson's seven strong innings Monday in a win over Georgia, and Mike Stutes' six-plus innings in a victory against Miami.

Shea McFeely homered for the second straight night, and the Beavers gave Turpen an early lead to work with by scoring three times in the third against Craig Crow (8-3).

"To know that you're only one game away from the championship, the three-game series, it's just awesome to be able to get here," McFeely said.

North Carolina 6, Cal State Fullerton 5

North Carolina beat Cal State Fullerton (50-15) in what was an anticipated pitcher's duel between Carolina's Daniel Bard and the Titans' Wes Roemer.

Cox's three-run homer in the third put Carolina up 4-2. He and Tim Federowicz hit back-to-back homers in the fifth — the first consecutive homers in the CWS since Missouri State's Greg Mathis and Jacob Hilgendorf did it in 2003 — to give the Tar Heels a 6-3 lead.

Carolina led by a run in the ninth when Cox robbed David Cooper of extra bases, catching a long drive while crashing into the wall in left field.

Bard (9-3), a first-round draft pick of the Boston Red Sox, gave up a career-high 12 hits in six innings.

Roemer (13-2) allowed six runs on 10 hits in 4 1-3 innings, the shortest of his 30 career starts.

After Cox's catch, first-round draft pick Andrew Miller came on for his first relief appearance since 2004. He got pinch-hitter Bryan Harris on a soft grounder for the final out.

"I'm a little emotional right now," Titans coach George Horton said after the loss. "My sadness is I can't compete anymore with these guys."

Rangers lose another close game

ARLINGTON (AP) — An aggressive play on the base paths by pinch-runner Ben Johnson gave the San Diego Padres a hard-earned victory.

Johnson raced home from third base with the go-ahead run in the ninth inning as the Padres took advantage of an error by Texas third baseman Hank Blalock in a 3-2 win over the Rangers Wednesday night.

The score was tied at 2 and San Diego had runners on first and second on singles by former Ranger Adrian Gonzalez and Khalil Greene against ex-Padre Akinori Otsuka (2-3).

With Vinny Castilla batting, Otsuka threw a wild pitch that bounced off catcher Gerald Laird, who retrieved the ball up the third base line and fired to third trying to get Johnson, who was running for Gonzalez. But Blalock couldn't come up with the throw and was

charged with an error. "Aggressive base-running got us a run," Padres manager Bruce Bochy said. "(Johnson) hesitated at first, then it was just his speed that got him there."

Johnson wanted to make sure he had a good chance at advancing to third before he took off from second. Once he got there, third base coach Glenn Hoffman told him to sprint for the plate.

"I saw the ball right underneath (Laird)," Johnson said. "Then when I saw he was looking around for it, I decided to go."

Blalock was on the move to cover third, making it a tough play. "He is a good third baseman," Texas manager Buck Showalter said of Blalock. "But he's on the run and tried to make a quick tag."

Laird didn't think Johnson would try to advance to third on the

wild pitch. "When I saw he was going, I thought we had a good chance to get him," Laird said. "Hank tried to catch it and get his glove down and make a tag but the ball got away."

Scott Linebrink (4-2) threw a scoreless eighth for San Diego and Trevor Hoffman got three outs for his 18th save in 19 chances.

Kevin Millwood turned in another strong start for the Rangers, allowing two runs and six hits over eight innings. Millwood, who has won his last five decisions, struck out three and walked two.

"It stinks to waste a good start like that," Texas' Michael Young said. "He was great."

Padres starter Chris Young threw a season-high 127 pitches in 5 2-3 innings before he was relieved by Alan Embree with runners on first and second and the score tied at 2.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring infielder Krista Chesworth's parents — mom Anita, left, and dad Mike — were also present for the scholarship signing. Chesworth, who is shown here signing her letter of intent, will play softball next season at Howard College. Chesworth earned all-state honors during her junior year after hitting better than .520.

CHESWORTH

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who earned Class 4A all-state honors during her junior season after hitting better than .520 at the plate. "I am OK with any position change if it means I get on the field quicker."

Besides her all-state honors, Krista Chesworth was also a two-time District 4-4A first teamer. She was the team's most consistent hitter this past season and hit better than .450 during district play.

"She has lots of potential and she will only get better after a good high school career," said Raines. "I know she'll be able to hit for us. She is a good kid and a hard worker and I think she fits



into what we are trying to do at Howard."

Big Spring assistant coach John Richard Sparks agrees with Raines, saying Krista Chesworth's personality fits Howard.

"Being an all-state player last year, Howard will be able to use her," said Sparks. "I think she'll be great there. She can play any infield position and do it well."

Krista Chesworth had a choice after her senior year of what sport she wanted to pursue in college because she also played volleyball and earned all-district honors as a hitter this past sea-

son. But according to Krista, there was never really a decision to make.

"I pretty much knew all along that softball is what I wanted to do," said Krista Chesworth. "It is the best choice and I like softball more."

Both Raines and Sparks believe Krista has a chance to start next season.

"She's capable of being a starter at Howard," said Sparks. "If she sets her mind to it she can do anything."

Krista is currently taking a botany class at Howard and tries to play ball as much as possible to get ready for the upcoming college season, which starts in the fall. She also plans to join a summer team after her class at Howard is complete.

Spurs deal big man to Toronto; receive Bonner, Williams

By ELIZABETH WHITE

Associated Press Writer
SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs traded center Rasho Nesterovic and cash to the Toronto Raptors on Wednesday for forwards Matt Bonner and Eric Williams and a second-round pick in 2009.

The move creates flexibility for the Spurs on their roster and salary cap.

The 30-year-old Nesterovic has \$23.5 million and three years left on his contract, while Bonner and Williams are entering the final year of their contracts.

Bonner likely will be part of a new, smaller San Antonio lineup, like the Spurs used in the playoffs against the Dallas Mavericks. He has the size (6-foot-10) and the 3-point ability to help spread the floor for Tony Parker, Manu Ginobili and Tim Duncan.

"I think it's a reaction to some of the teams that maybe we're going to continue to have to face to get out of the West," general manager R.C. Buford said, specifically mentioning versatile big men Dirk Nowitzki of Dallas and Boris Diaw of Phoenix. "This kind of gave us the opportunity to add to our team in a couple of different areas."

Raptors general manag-

er Bryan Colangelo is eager to put the 7-foot, 255-pound Nesterovic in the middle alongside two promising young forwards, Chris Bosh and Charlie Villanueva.

"We're filling a pretty big void in our lineup right now," Colangelo said. "He's a smart basketball player who will help address our needs, particularly on the defensive end of the floor. ... Offensively we've got a guy that's there to rebound the basketball when a shot goes up."

Another bonus is that Nesterovic plugs an immediately hole before the draft. The Raptors have the top pick.

"It affects (it) a little bit, not enough to necessarily alter the selection," Colangelo said. "Obviously, we've got many holes to fill on the roster. Anybody we get in the draft is likely to help us more in the long term than the short term."

Nesterovic signed with San Antonio three summers ago with the unenviable task of replacing David Robinson — numerically, that is, as no one expected him to live up to the Admiral's standards.

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Opening lead — king of hearts.

There are times for a defender when it is absolutely mandatory to falsecard. The chief purpose of this tactic is to create an impression in declarer's mind that the cards are divided differently than they actually are. Though the falsecard might not always succeed, it is far better in the long run than the alternative, which leaves declarer no choice but to find the winning line of play.

Consider this deal where the defenders started by taking three

heart tricks. East winning the third with the queen. East then exited with a club to dummy's queen.

Declarer had to take the rest of the tricks to make his contract. With the K-10-7-5-3 of trumps missing, South knew his prospects were not very good. However, although he didn't know it yet, he was about to encounter great success when he led a low trump from dummy toward his A-Q. And had East followed suit with the ten, which seems normal, declarer would have coasted home after finessing the queen.

But East threw a monkey wrench into the works by playing the king on the first spade! South won with the ace and, on the natural assumption that East had started with the singleton king, returned a low trump, finessed dummy's nine and went down one.

It is hard to fault South for failing to guess the actual trump position, since most declarers probably would have fallen into the same trap. But observe that South could not have gone wrong if East had woodenly followed to the first trump lead with the ten.

East's play thus qualifies as a mandatory falsecard, since it could do no harm and might do some good. It is surely better to have some chance than to have no chance at all.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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THURSDAY

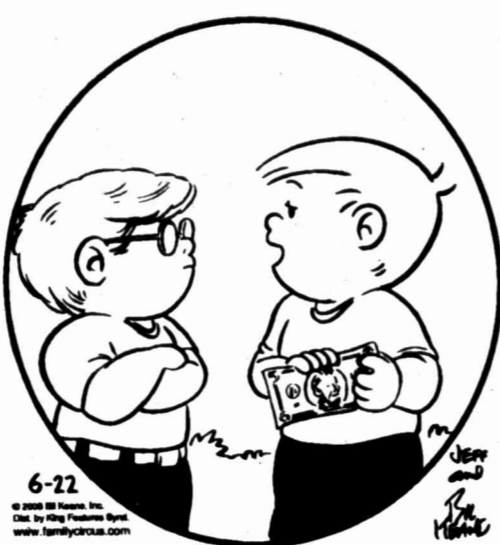
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LOOK AT THOSE SHOES! BACK WHEN THOSE WERE COOL, I WAS TOO YOUNG TO WEAR THEM. WHEN THEY BECAME RETRO COOL, I WAS OLD ENOUGH TO WEAR THEM, BUT I COULDN'T AFFORD THEM. BUT NOW THAT RETRO COOL HAS BECOME UNCOOL, THEY'RE MARKED WAY DOWN! YOU'RE TOO OLD TO WEAR THOSE.

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HOW COME WE ONLY GET TWO MONTHS OF SUMMER VACATION AFTER WE GO TO SCHOOL FOR TEN MONTHS? I DON'T KNOW, BUT WE BETTER GET BUSY! WE HAVE TO UNLEARN FIVE TIMES FASTER THAN WE LEARNED.

THE OTHER COAST



LARRY, WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU CLEANED YOUR KEYBOARD?

SNUFFY SMITH



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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, June 22, the 173rd day of 2006. There are 192 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 22, 1945, the World War II battle for Okinawa officially ended; 12,520 Americans and 110,000 Japanese were killed in the nearly three-month campaign. In 1611, English explorer Henry Hudson, his son and several other people were set adrift in present-day Hudson Bay by mutineers. In 1870, Congress created the Department of Justice. In 1911, Britain's King George V was crowned at Westminster Abbey. In 1938, heavyweight boxing champion Joe Louis knocked out Max Schmeling in the first round of their rematch at Yankee Stadium. In 1940, during World War II, Adolf Hitler gained a stunning victory as France

was forced to sign an armistice eight days after German forces overran Paris. In 1944, President Roosevelt signed the Readjustment Act of 1944, more popularly known as the GI Bill of Rights. In 1970, President Nixon signed a measure lowering the voting age to 18.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Ralph Waite is 78. Singer-actor Kris Kristofferson is 70. CBS News correspondent Ed Bradley is 65. Actor Michael Lerner is 65. Fox News correspondent Brit Hume is 63. Actor Klaus Maria Brandauer is 62. Singer Peter Asher (Peter and Gordon) is 62. Actor Andrew Rubin is 60. Actor David L. Lander is 59. Singer Howard "Eddie" Kaylan is 59. Singer-musician Todd Rundgren is 58. Actress Meryl Streep is 57. Actress Lindsay Wagner is 57. Singer Alan Osmond is 57. Actor Murphy Cross is 56. Actor Graham Greene is 54. Pop singer Cyndi Lauper is 53. Actor Chris Lemmon is 52. Actor Tim Russ is 50. Rock musician Gary Beers (INXS) is 49. Actor-producer-writer Bruce Campbell is 48.

Rock musician Alan Anton (Cowboy Junkies) is 47. Actress Tracy Pollan is 46. Rock singer-musician Jimmy Somerville is 45. Rock singer-musician Mike Edwards (Jesus Jones) is 42. Actress Amy Brenneman is 42. Actress Paula Irvine is 38. Rock singer Steven Page (Barenaked Ladies) is 36. Actress Mary Lynn Rajskub is 35. TV personality Carson Daly is 33. Rock musician Chris Traynor (Helmet) is 33. Actor Donald Faison is 32. TV personality/actor Jai Rodriguez is 27. Actress Lindsay Ridgeway is 21.

Thought for Today: "Study men, not historians." — President Harry S. Truman (1884-1972).

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Answer to previous puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in.

Newsday Crossword

PUCKER UP by Doug Peterson Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS 1 Rikki-Tikki-Tavi villain 6 Yellowish brown 11 Canine command 14 Acrylic fiber 15 WWII sub 16 Hurly-burly 17 Pilgrims' weapon 19 Follet or Kesey 20 "See ya later!" 21 At least one 22 Pep 23 Burns up 25 Friend of Pythias 27 More robust 30 Ford Cabinet member 34 New Haven student 35 Battery fluid 37 Conjurer's word 38 10 Down or 54 Down 40 Pong producer 42 Qatar's capital 43 Coercion 45 Weed chopper 47 "Runaway" singer Shannon 48 Simoleon 50 Trophy, e.g. 52 Paycheck upgrade 53 Remote-control button 55 Double-tipped swab 57 Make a knot in 59 Playground plank 63 Basic-cable network 64 Typing method 66 Actor McKellen 67 Corrects copy 68 One of the apostles 69 HMO members 70 Avian mimic 71 Comprehend 8-Antiquated oath 9 Like falling off a log 10 54 Down officers 11 Odor absorber 12 Elysian locale 13 Mallet target 18 Female in a flock 22 Divided into sectors 24 SCTV segment 26 Soviet space station 27 Cabbage units 28 Book of shots 29 They work around stacks 31 Nevada neighbor 32 Heavens 33 Author Dahl 36 Careful analysis 39 News summary 41 Hotel unit 44 Schuss 46 Suitable for most 49 Bring under control 51 Niobe, for one 54 Seabees' org. 55 Pounds, to a Brit 56 Pre-revolution ruler 58 Blues legend James 60 precedent 61 Crackerjacks 62 Sitcom call letters 64 Sown edge 65 Hearth dust

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions for clues.

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Enjoying the ride

After winning his first Busch Series race, David Gilliland soaks up the spotlight as he prepares to qualify for a Nextel Cup event

By JIM UTTER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

David Gilliland, a relative unknown and unproven NASCAR driver, will climb into a car fielded by a part-time team without a sponsor and attempt to compete in a race this weekend dominated by teams with far bigger budgets and drivers with much glossier resumes.

And he could have a chance to win if he makes the field.
Sound improbable, or even ridiculous? Of course it does.

Yet facing the very same scenario last weekend in the Busch Series race at Kentucky Speedway, Gilliland walked away the winner and ran right straight into the NASCAR spotlight.

"It's been great. I've been enjoying every single minute since our win Saturday night," said Gilliland, a 30-year-old native of Riverside, Calif.

"We didn't make the Charlotte race so we took one step back to try to take three forward and really concentrated on preparation, fine-tuning and detail. And obviously it paid off."

Gilliland, driving the No. 84 Chevrolet for the part-time and unsponsored Busch team, Clay Andrews Racing, passed Nextel Cup Series rookie J.J. Yeley with 11 laps remaining to earn his first series victory.

He became the first non-Cup series regular to win a Busch race since Clint Bowyer won at Memphis last October — a span of 18 races.

This weekend, Gilliland will try his luck in the Cup series, attempting to qualify for Sunday's Dodge/Save Mart 350 at Infineon Raceway, a 1.99-mile, 10-turn road course in Sonoma, Calif.

He's driving a car for CJM Racing, which hasn't made a race yet this season. The odds are against him, but that's nothing new.

"We're mainly doing this to get some road course experience in a heavy car, like a Cup car. I've won at Infineon in a Southwest Tour car two years ago," Gilliland said.

"We're mainly going to run there to gain experience for next year if we put a deal together to run full-time to help cut that learning curve down a little bit.

"It's kind of a new team. It's almost the same type of deal as our deal now. They are just getting going. I feel like they have a good motor and good enough car to go there and make the race."

How about a victory? Can a Cup win this weekend be any more or less improbable than his appearance in Victory Lane at Kentucky?

"I think it would be tough. The pit crew and stuff they have is really not up to par 100 percent. To run with those Cup guys you really, really have to have all that," he said.

"We're going to do our best. It will at least be great to be out there this weekend around those guys because that is definitely where I would like to end up."

While Gilliland's win certainly has showered attention on him as a driver, he is quick to cred-



David Gilliland celebrates his victory in the Busch Series Meijer 300 at Kentucky Speedway.

FAST FACTS

- **Family:** Wife, Michelle. Son, Todd. Daughter, Nicole.
- **Busch Series team:** Clay Andrews Racing.
- **Career highlights:** Won first Busch Series race Saturday at Kentucky Speedway in seventh series start.
- **Won 2005 Toyota All-Star Showdown, an all-star event featuring NASCAR regional short-track drivers.**
- **Was 2004 Grand National West series rookie of the year.**

it his team for the opportunity it provided him. Team owner Clay Andrews decided to fund the Busch team himself while searching for a

sponsor, not the typical approach to NASCAR racing nor a profitable one.

"Clay's philosophy was to get out there, run good, finish good and then go to sponsors and say, 'This is what we can do,' not 'This is what we think we can do.'"

"Well, we definitely have a lot to show for our team now."

Gilliland and his team hope to run 10 to 12 more Busch races this season. In the meantime, they will milk Saturday's win for everything they can.

"I'm enjoying every minute of it, I'll tell you," Gilliland said. "It's a dream come true for us and our team. Hopefully we can continue to have good success."

has come. Last week: 6.

6. Mark Martin (car No. 6): You want consistency? He has 29 top-10 finishes in 35 career Cup road course starts. Last week: 5.

7. Greg Biffle (car No. 16): Inside Chase cut line for the first time this year. His best career road course finish is 13th. Last week: 7.

8. Jeff Burton (car No. 31): As solid as this team has been the past few months, it still can't afford many

slip-ups. Last week: 8.

9. Denny Hamlin (car No. 11): Think he's worried about a road course? Remember, he won the Busch race in Mexico. Last week: 9.

10. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29): He's only 53 points ahead of 11th. There's a good race building for final Chase slots. Last week: 10.

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

THIS WEEK'S RACE

DODGE/SAVE MART 350
Where: Infineon Raceway, a 1.99-mile, 10-turn road course located in Sonoma, Calif.
When: Sunday at 3 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 7:05 p.m. Friday.
TV: Fox.
Radio: Performance Racing Network.
Purse: \$5,362,868.
Last year's winner: Tony Stewart.
Also this week: The NASCAR Truck Series Toyota Tundra Milwaukee 200, Milwaukee Mile, 9 p.m. Friday, Speed. The Busch Series AT&T 250, Milwaukee Mile, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, FX.
Worth mentioning: Hendrick Motorsports leads all owners with four victories at Infineon Raceway, all by Jeff Gordon.
Ken Schrader remains the only driver that has competed in every race and has yet to lead a lap this season.

STOP 'N GO

WHO'S HOT

- **David Gilliland:** Busch Series driver turned everyone's head at Kentucky.
- **Kasey Kahne:** Rain or shine, the guy to beat right now.
- **Greg Biffle:** Back in the Top 10. Now the hard part: Staying there.

WHO'S NOT

- **Clint Bowyer:** Remember when he was in the Top 10? Really.
- **Jamie McMurray:** Just when you thought he had it turned around.
- **Elliott Sadler:** Somebody give this guy a parachute before he hits bottom.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Just two drivers ranked in the top 10 after the 15th race last season failed to make the Chase for the Nextel Cup: **Elliott Sadler** (was third and finished 13th) and **Kevin Harvick** (was 10th and finished 14th). Who are this year's likely candidates to fall out? Rookie **Denny Hamlin** may not have the consistency to remain, and **Jeff Burton** probably needs to win a race to remain.

Something just doesn't sound right about **Brian Vickers'** claim that lack of performance is his main reason for leaving Hendrick Motorsports. I don't doubt his performance isn't up to his or Hendrick's expectations. But the question remains: What team other than Hendrick offers a better chance to improve that situation in the sport today?

Now that a driver who doesn't even run a full-time schedule in the **Busch Series** won a race, can we stop whining about all the Cup drivers in the series now?

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of June 18:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Jimmie Johnson	2295	21. Elliott Sadler	1502
2. Matt Kenseth	2221	22. Brian Vickers	1498
3. Kasey Kahne	2051	23. Scott Riggs	1468
4. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2020	24. Martin Truex Jr.	1460
5. Mark Martin	1989	25. Bobby Labonte	1454
6. Tony Stewart	1928	26. Jeff Green	1380
7. Jeff Burton	1888	27. J.J. Yeley	1354
8. Kevin Harvick	1849	28. Robby Gordon	1328
9. Denny Hamlin	1809	29. Joe Nemechek	1316
10. Greg Biffle	1807	30. Dave Blaney	1257
11. Jeff Gordon	1796	31. Ken Schrader	1241
12. Kyle Busch	1795	32. Jeremy Mayfield	1236
13. Carl Edwards	1722	33. Kyle Petty	1224
14. Casey Mears	1654	34. Sterling Marlin	1228
15. Jamie McMurray	1624	35. Michael Waltrip	1095
16. Ryan Busch	1620	36. David Stremme	1070
17. Kurt Newman	1555	37. Travis Kvapil	1069
18. Clint Bowyer	1550	38. Scott Wimmer	965
19. Dale Jarrett	1514	39. Tony Raines	883
20. Reed Sorenson	1508	40. Kevin Lepage	766

The top-20 drivers as of June 17:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Kevin Harvick	2541	11. Burney Lamar	1652
2. Carl Edwards	2169	12. Reed Sorenson	1621
3. Denny Hamlin	2128	13. Jon Wood	1590
4. Clint Bowyer	2125	14. Ashton Lewis	1589
5. Greg Biffle	2035	15. John Andreoli	1584
6. J.J. Yeley	2030	16. Jason Leffler	1574
7. Kyle Busch	1948	17. Todd Kuever	1536
8. Paul Menard	1825	18. David Green	1508
9. Johnny Sauter	1720	19. Darryl O'Quinn Jr.	1496
10. Kenny Wallace	1719	20. Mark McFarland	1488

NEXT RACE: Saturday, AT&T 250, West Allis, Wis.

The top-10 drivers as of June 17:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Todd Bodine	1650	6. Rick Crawford	1318
2. David Reardon	1472	7. Dennis Setzer	1317
3. Ted Musgrave	1460	8. Matt Crafton	1316
4. Johnny Benson	1440	9. David Starr	1311
5. Jack Sprague	1337	10. Mike Bliss	1308

NEXT RACE: Friday, Toyota Tundra Milwaukee 200, West Allis, Wis.

RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Kasey Kahne (car No. 9): Gets the edge over Johnson this week because he now has one more victory this year. Last week: 3.

2. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): Finished 35th and 36th in two of his four career starts on the road course

at Infineon. Last week: 1.

3. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): Factoring in what he rallied from in 129 laps, 13th at Michigan was commendable. Last week: 2.

4. Tony Stewart (car No. 20): He'll try to hammer out his fourth straight Cup road course victory this weekend. Last week: 4.

5. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): A first career top-10 finish at Infineon would really show how far his team

Overthinking the Chase for the Nextel Cup

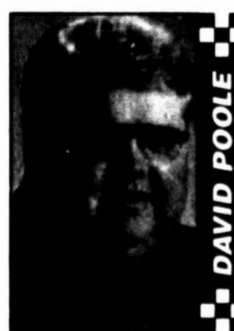
The format for NASCAR's Chase for the Nextel Cup championship format, like just about anything else of a similar nature in sports, lends itself to excruciating over-analysis.

Before Sunday's rain-shortened 3M 400 at Michigan International Speedway, for instance, Fox analyst Darrell Waltrip said he believed the race would be critical to Jeff Gordon's chances of making this year's Chase.

Mathematically that's absolutely untrue.

Like every other competitor vying for a Chase slot, Gordon has 26 equal chances to score points. Sunday's race was one of those.

At that same time, though, you knew what DW was talking about. Gordon's team has had a rough patch, so it did seem particularly important



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to see Gordon's No. 24 Chevrolet running at or near the front Sunday — he led the most laps, 50, in the race Kasey Kahne eventually won.

"The car was working the way it should," Gordon said. "It was comfortable and fast. We qualified well (second) and we were able to stay up front and race with the guys."

Because Gordon has won more road-course races than any other Nextel Cup driver, the temptation is to put a lot of stock on what might happen out at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, Calif., this weekend.

But would it surprise you to know that Gordon's average finish in his past eight road races is 20th, only 22nd best among drivers who've been in at least four of those events?

Dale Earnhardt Jr. said almost the exact thing Gordon did Sunday after Earnhardt Jr.'s third-place finish, a Nextel Cup-career best at Michigan.

And, too, it just felt like it was a big deal that the No. 8 car ran well on the kind of track that has given that team fits at times in the past couple of years.

"It really feels good," said Earnhardt Jr., who jumped from sixth to fourth in the standings and is now 224 points ahead of Gordon, who's now 11th, with 11 races left before the top 10 advance into the Chase. "It's a great little moral victory to have a good car at a track that we've struggled on."

All right, so if we convince ourselves that it's OK to consider what happened Sunday as "important" for Gordon and Earnhardt Jr., how come nobody seems to be the slightest bit shaken up by Tony Stewart's 41st-place finish?

Certainly, the early race crash that

led to that was not of his doing. But the math doesn't care about how, just how many.

Stewart finished second in the June Michigan race last year before starting a streak of five wins in seven races that had road course wins at Infineon and Watkins Glen as its bookends. Stewart has actually won three straight road-course events and his average finish on those tracks is the best in the past four years.

Does that mean Stewart "has" to win or at least have a top five on Sunday?

He's only 132 points up on Gordon right now. That puts him at the top of — but still very much in — what is shaping up as a scramble for the five Chase slots among at least eight and maybe as many as 10 or 12 drivers.

This thing's really just getting started, sports fans.

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