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Chill out!

Enter the Farmers Market ice cream eating contest in the city park Saturday

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

How much ice cream can you eat in one minute?

Well, if you can scoop down the most — and avoid brain freeze in the process —

you'll win a couple of tickets to Schlitterbahn Waterparks.

The contest is part of the West Texas Producers and Farmers Market, held each Tuesday and Saturday at Heart of the City Park in Big Spring. This Saturday's market will include demonstrations on making ice cream as



Zant

well as the contest. "Everyone will have one minute to eat as much ice cream as they can," explained Kelly Zant, spokesperson for the market. "There is no age limit. Anyone can participate."

Contestants will be placed in front of small containers of Blue Bell ice cream, donated by Porter Henderson Implement Company. Whoever eats the most ice cream will be named the winner. There is no entry fee and there will be only one winner.

The contest is expected to begin about 10:30 a.m., or following the ice cream making demonstrations, which will

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SUMMER FUN



Dylan Nutter, 8, and Alexis Henry, 8, let their artistic imaginations run wild as they make teddy bears out of paper plates during the Salvation Army's Girls and Boys Club summer program.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

City talking bigtime trash in District 3

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Spring cleaning moves into the summer this month, and the city of Big Spring gets ready for the third stop on its annual large-item pickup program.

Targeting District 3 of the city, represented by Councilwoman Jo Ann Staulcup, the program was

designed largely for elderly and handicapped citizens who don't have the means to transport large items, such as couches and broken-down refrigerators, to the city landfill.

"There's no charge to use the program," said Todd Darden, director of public works for the city. "Some of the more typical items we pick up are tree branches, appliances that don't



Darden

work anymore, couches and mattresses. Those are the kind of things that we can take to our landfill.

"We can't pick up any household hazardous waste. That means any kind of chemicals including lawn chemicals, car batteries and

tires and things of that nature." Darden said the program has grown in popularity among city residents since its inception several years ago.

"It's a widely used program," said Darden. "This is a service the city is providing as a courtesy and give people the opportunity to get things off their property they might not be able to otherwise."

All items must be by the curb in the city's right-of-way no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pick up. Items need to be separated as much as possible for its trip to the municipal landfill.

Darden said customers need to be aware of gas, water and

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Food, fun and games: St. Thomas Festival nears

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Food, fun and plenty of smiles will be the order of business Friday and Saturday, as the annual St. Thomas Catholic Church Festival gets under way.

According to Isabel Escovedo, secretary for the local church, area residents can get their palates ready for an array of different treats when the festi-

val will basically take over the corner of N.W. Sixth Street and N. Main Street.

"We'll have a lot of different Mexican foods. People really get into it," said Escovedo.

"We'll have flautas, gorditas and guiso. All kinds of different dishes for people to choose from and enjoy, starting at 11 a.m. on both Friday and Saturday.

"We'll have things like hamburgers, corn on the cob turkey legs, Frito pie and buffa-

lo wings beginning at 6:30 p.m. each night. We'll also have soft drinks, water and things like sno-cones for everyone to enjoy. There's something for everyone."

Escovedo said the festival will also have its share of entertainment, with Anson-based band Jimmy Garcia and Grupo Viento set to play at approximately 8 p.m. Saturday, and local DJ Rigo Moren providing music Friday evening.

The 3rd annual St. Thomas Festival Washer Tournament is set for 2:30 p.m. Saturday, with the deadline to sign up for the competition at 1 p.m. the same day.

Escovedo said the festival will also feature a number of outdoor booths, much as it has in the past, to entertain the "smaller" guests.

"We'll have all of the outside booths, just like last year, with games for the kids," said

Escovedo. "There will be a baseball throw, darts, golf games and a cake walk. There's going to be a lot to do for everyone. It's a family affair, so everyone in the community is invited."

For more information, contact Escovedo at 263-2864.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspring-herald.com

Lawmakers want social services contractor fired

By LIZ AUSTIN

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Wednesday, 60 state representatives asked the Health and Human Services Commission to fire the contractor in charge of processing applications for Texas' low-cost insur-

ance program for children and running the state's new benefits eligibility system.

The letter, written by Republican state Rep. Pat Haggerty of El Paso, urges Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Albert Hawkins to cancel the

state's contract with Accenture and rebuild the community-based benefits system.

"Every dollar we spend on our health and human services is precious," Haggerty said in the letter signed by 12 Republicans and 48 Democrats. "We do not have the luxury of

throwing good money after bad."

Technical and operational problems have dogged Accenture's implementation of a new state computer system that lets people apply for benefits such as Medicaid, food stamps and Temporary Assistance to Needy

Families over the phone, online or in person.

The problems forced Hawkins to delay the system's rollout indefinitely. Commission officials have said they may penalize the contractor for failing to meet performance goals and force it to repay the state for unexpected

costs.

But commission spokeswoman Stephanie Goodman said Hawkins remains committed to the project.

"We understand their concerns with performance, but we think it's

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ELECTRIFYING TALE

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — A power outage that blacked out about 2,000 customers in Las Cruces is being blamed on the combination of a snake and a bird.

The customers lost their electricity Tuesday after a bird dropped a bull snake on a power line, shorting out the line, El Paso Electric Co. spokeswoman Teresa Souza said.

"I know that's weird. ... I've never heard anything like that and I've been working here for 10 years," Souza said.

She said she did not know how large the snake was, and she would not speculate on what type of bird dropped it. Power was restored in less than an hour.

ATKINS RECEPTION SET

Lou Ann Atkins, director of the Big Spring VA Medical Center for the past two years, is leaving to take on a similar position in Ann Arbor, Mich.

A community reception in her honor will be held from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday in Room 219 of the medical center.

Atkins was named director of the Big Spring VAMC July 11, 2004. Prior to that, she had served as associate director of VA medical centers in Erie, Penn. and West Palm Beach, Fla. She received her master's of nursing from St. Louis University and her masters of business administration from the University of South Florida.

ISRAELI STRIKES LEBANON

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Israeli warplanes blasted runways at the main army air base in eastern Lebanon near Syria's border today, police said, an attack that could draw the Lebanese army into Israel's war with Hezbollah guerrillas.

Jets dropped bombs on the runway at the Rayak air base in the eastern Bekaa Valley, police said. Earlier, Israeli planes struck runways at Beirut airport, the only international facility in the country. The Lebanese army has largely stayed out of the fighting between Hezbollah and Israeli forces. But Israel held Lebanon's government responsible for the guerrillas' seizing two Israeli soldiers.

Obituaries

Ellihue 'Possom' Magers



Ellihue "Possom" Magers, 83, of Big Spring died Friday, July 7, 2006, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Holston Banks of the Shiloh House of Praise officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born June 16, 1923, at Wortham to Betty and Bill Majors. He accepted Christ at an early age and was of the Baptist faith. He married Opal Scott, June 4, 1955, in San Angelo. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army in Europe. He worked 27 years in Civil Service at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, and then at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, retiring in 1978 with the closure of the base. He had lived in San Angelo from 1950 until 1956, then moving to Big Spring. He loved all sports, especially baseball, having coached Little League baseball. He coached the Dodgers in the Texas League, winning the city championship. He also enjoyed traveling, especially his several trips to Japan.

He is survived by his wife, Opal Magers of Big Spring; three sons, Eugene Magers of Big Spring, and John Magers and James Magers, both of Midland; five daughters, Lena Mae Magers and Nanna Lee Magers, both of Omaha, Neb., Sandra Magers of Charlotte, N.C., Rose Magers-Powell of Huntsville, Ala., and Linda Magers of Tampa, Fla.; one brother, Willie Magers of Fresno, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister and three brothers.

Pallbearers will be Coach James Griffin, James LaBrew, Oscar Tucker, Leroy Perkins, Hebrew Jones, and Thomas Evans. Honorary Pallbearers will be Robert Evans, T.J. Evans, Tommy Lee Mitchell, Richard Evans, Don Wheat and Son Foreman.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

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Helen Thompson McCrary



Helen Thompson McCrary, 88, passed away Saturday, July 8, 2006, at the Town and Country Manor Care Facility in Boerne. Memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring, Friday, July 14, 2006, at 11 a.m.

Helen was born July 19, 1917, at Grundy Center, Iowa. Her parents were Clinton W. and Mamie Miller Thompson. She moved with her family to West Texas in the 1920s. She graduated from Big Spring High School. She married B. Elvis McCrary on July 24, 1935.

Helen focused her life on family, church and community. She was an active participant in all the activities of her four children. As a member of the First Presbyterian Church for more than 60 years, she was a Sunday School teacher and served as an officer in various women groups. In the community she was active in several organizations, especially the Parent Teachers' Association. She excelled in playing bridge in which she became a Life Master in duplicate bridge.

Later in life she enjoyed working on her genealogy and was accepted into memberships of the Mayflower Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames and Iowa Pioneers. Helen will long be remembered for her love of her family, friends and church.

Survivors include a son, James C. McCrary and wife Sue of Boerne; a grandson, J. Clinton McCrary; great grandson Derian McCrary; son, Benjamin R. McCrary and wife Judy of Odessa; grandson Michael C. McCrary and wife Shannon; daughter-in-law Jan McCrary of Littlefield; grandson Darrin McCrary and wife Sharla; great grandsons Christian and Devin McCrary; granddaughter Shay Kay and husband, Josh; great grandson Coleman Newton; daughter Kelley A. Howard and husband Shain of Big Spring; grandson Justin Langston; grandson Coby Howard and wife Amy; two sisters, Ruth Jane Hartzog and Nancy T. Smith, of Sun City, Ariz.; two sisters-in-law, Neil R. McCrary and Zula McCrary of Big Spring; and several nephews and nieces.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; a husband, B. Elvis McCrary; a son, Daniel T. McCrary; a sister, Sibyl J. Whittington; and a brother, Richard W. Thompson.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church or the Star Chapter of Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 1959, Midland 79702.

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Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

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Ray McKinnon



Ray McKinnon, 86, of Elbow died Monday, July 10, 2006, at his daughter's residence in San Angelo following a long illness. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Monroe Teeters, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 15, 1919, in Big Spring. He was a member of a pioneer Elbow family. He was the son of Corrie and Smith McKinnon, and the grandson of Sarah Elizabeth and John Calvin McKinnon. The family gave the land for the Elbow School. He married Charlene Grissam, Dec. 24, 1945, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death Dec. 15, 2003.

He was a lifetime resident of Elbow except for his time in the Air Force. He was a veteran of World War II and Korea. He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1939 and retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1963 from Webb Air Force Base. After retiring from the Air Force, he began work at Gamco while it was in its infancy. He also raised registered Brahma cattle on the original McKinnon homestead. He served on the Forsan school board and with his wife Charlene on the board of the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. He was a member of Berea Baptist Church.

He is survived by two sons, Ray McKinnon Jr. and his wife Doris of Coahoma and Clayton McKinnon and his wife Reann of Garden City; two daughters, Pam Roper and her husband Billy of Anton, and Belinda Koehler and her husband Craig of San Angelo; nine grandchildren, Jennifer Pulis, Kari Denton, Julie Wright, Annie McKinnon, Jon McKinnon, Lance Soles, Chad Soles, James Soles and Cody Downing; and 14 great grandchildren, Kirstyn Pulis, Kiefer Pulis, Kaleb Denton, Bailey Wright, John Brady Wright, Taylor Soles, Kenda Soles, Mattie Soles, Kylie Soles, Kenzie Soles, Kaycie Soles, Ahston Downing, Kolby Denton and Brooks Wright.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Kenda Soles; and one brother, Don McKinnon.

Pallbearers will be James Soles, Chad Soles, Lance Soles, Cody Downing, Jon McKinnon and David Denton.

Special thanks to Caring Hearts in Big Spring, TLC in San Angelo and Girling Home Health in San Angelo.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

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Marilee Kemery

Marilee Kemery of Middleburg passed away July 7, 2006. She was born July 24, 1935. She is survived by her husband Harold Kemery; two sons Tim and Steve Shugrue; her daughter Wendy Pittman; sister Gyla Ingram; grandchildren Christa, Timothy, Halley, Shawn and Jay Shugrue, Cole and Bailey Pittman, Jennifer Bernauer and Samantha Warr; great grandchildren Storm and Mackenzie Brigman, Abigail Shugrue and Isabelle Bernauer; daughter-in-law Laurie Shugrue; son-in-law Paul Pittman; and great-grandson-in-law Keith Bernauer.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she adored her family and her family adored her.

Arrangements are by Jacksonville Memory Gardens Funeral Home, Orange Park, Fla.

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Fire/EMS

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

Note: An activity log was not available at press time.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 15-28-35-40-41-43.

Number matching six of six: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$8 million.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-5-15-28-29.

Number matching five of five: 0.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

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The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 2-5-15-28-29

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today:

- **FELIX GARCIA**, 22, of 201 Fourth Street in Coahoma, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.

- **ALFREDO HARPER**, 17, of 501 N.E. Eighth Street, was arrested Wednesday on two local citations.

- **YESENIA PENA**, 24, of 701 Anna, was arrested Wednesday on warrants from Menard and Gaines counties.

- **TAMMY COKER**, 29, of 1208 Blackmon, was arrested Wednesday on a local citation.

- **FRANK JACKSON**, 47, of 107 W. 19th Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of criminal mischief.

- **LARRY STERLING**, 48, of Austin, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

- **ERINEO SANCHEZ**, 30, of 1513 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

- **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lancaster.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 100 block of East 19th Street.

- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1500 block of Chickasaw.

- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1900 block of Scurry.

Sheriff's report

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

- **ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK**, 66, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

- **ABEL GOMEZ**, 29, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance - four years in TDCJ.

- **GARY PARTLOW**, 37, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property.

- **MARCUS JOE ANDERSON**, 25, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - intentionally giving false information and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

- **DONALD RAY SPRINGS**, 30, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of failure to yield right of way to an emergency vehicle, a capias warrant for driving while license suspended/invalid and a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended/invalid.

- **CLAY GRANT**, 20, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of evading arrest or detention - two counts.

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Mike Gassler, formerly of New Jersey, says the produce at the West Texas Producers and Farmer's Market is "lovely." Gassler was one of many who attended the first day of the annual farmers market last Saturday at the Heart of the City Park. This Saturday, ice cream demonstrations will be held at 10 a.m., followed by an ice cream eating contest.

ICE CREAM

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begin at 10 a.m.

"I'll be showing people how to make ice cream using all Texas ingredients," said Zant. "We'll be using different Texas fruits and all, and those who attend will have an opportunity to sample the home-made ice cream. It should be a lot of fun."

The market is partially supported by grant monies, which are contingent upon educational demonstrations, such as the ice cream-making presentation planned Saturday. Zant said other demonstrations — and contests — will be held throughout the market's season, which runs through October.

Themes include home canning demonstrations Aug. 19; Labor Day celebration, Sept. 9; Deiz y Seis celebration in conjunction with

LULAC, Sept. 16; Safety Saturday, Oct. 7; and Halloween candy and closing events, Oct. 28.

Next up after this Saturday will be an Aug. 5 watermelon eating contest.

"I think instead of one minute, we may go two minutes on that one," said Zant.

There is no preregistration for Saturday's ice cream eating contest.

"Just show up," Zant said.

Divided over details, GOP lawmakers bringing Voting Rights Act renewal to vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — Having quieted dissenting conservatives, House Republicans are trying again to renew the 1965 Voting Rights Act in an election-year effort to win support from minority voters.

The bill's progress through Congress is considered by Republican leaders as one way to stem the damage to the party's "big-tent" image among minorities watching the contentious debate over whether to grant most of the nation's 12 million illegal immigrants a chance at citizenship.

The renewal of the Voting Rights Act — the legislative centerpiece of the civil rights movement — is widely supported by House leaders in both parties. It had been expected to sail through the House last month, but a rebellion in a closed GOP caucus meeting forced supporters to cancel the vote.

Conservatives, mostly from the South, contended that the bill singled out their states for Justice Department scrutiny without giving them credit for strides on civil rights.

Hours of negotiations in recent days yielded an agreement, approved 8-3 on Wednesday by the Rules Committee, to allow votes on a few amendments proposing the changes pushed by the objectors.

The changes are not expected to be added to the legislation. But House leaders, intent on passing the bill over to the Senate this week, agreed to allow votes on the four amendments to move it along.

Civil rights advocates, however, see the amend-

ments as the latest in a history of attempts to undercut growing political influence of racial minorities.

"I hope the House will see this for what it is and vote against these amendments," said Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., a veteran of the civil rights movement.

They got some firepower late Wednesday from big business — namely Tyco, Comcast, Disney and CBS Corp.

"Reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act reinforces the importance we as a nation attach to each vote cast by every adult American," CBS Corp. President and CEO Leslie Moonves wrote to congressional leaders. "I look forward to saluting you and your colleagues when this important task is suc-

cessfully completed."

Congress has far to go before that. The objections from House conservatives are being echoed by their colleagues across the Capitol. Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., wondered Wednesday on the Senate floor why Congress had to rush to renew the law when it doesn't expire until next year.

Back in the House, the amendments' authors — who hail from Georgia, Texas, Oklahoma, Michigan, Florida and Alabama — say the renewal as written would unfairly single out their states for another quarter of a century.

The amendment with the most appeal, sponsored by Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, would renew the law for a

decade, rather than 25 years.

Another, sponsored by Rep. Lynn Westmoreland, R-Ga., would make it easier for cities and towns to be crossed off the list of localities that must get Justice Department approval before changing voting rules. His amendment would turn the "bailout" process upside-down and require the Justice Department to prove which localities should remain on the "preclearance" list rather than require localities to appeal for a "bailout."

"If the burden is so great that the DOJ cannot figure out which jurisdictions are eligible for bailout, why should we think that a small city or county like Grantville (Ga.) will be able to?" Westmoreland said.

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electricity meters and lines when they put their large items out to be picked up in an effort to protect their services and the city employees helping with the program.

"The reason we need people to be cognizant of where those meters are is because a lot of time we have to bring in equipment to pick those large items up," he said. "If you cover the meters up, it's hard for us to know where they are. Using the equipment makes the pick up go quicker and

we want to make sure our employees are safe while they are picking these things up."

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

Large item pickup days are also planned for District 4, Aug. 25; District 5, Sept. 22; and District 6, Oct. 20.

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SERVICES

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important to remain focused on the long-term goal," she said.

Jill Angelo, a spokeswoman for Accenture's Texas Access Alliance, said they are working with the state to meet its requirements and have made significant progress over the past several months.

Haggerty's letter was sent two days after 30 Republican state representatives sent a letter urging Hawkins to stay the course.

In the Monday letter, state Rep. John E. Davis, of Houston, said he and his colleagues recognize the new system has experienced problems. But, he added, that was to be expected.

"While HHSC and their contractor are working through the early challenges, we are confident they can be resolved and the new system completed to benefit both low-income Texans in need and Texas taxpayers," Davis said in a Wednesday statement.

The TAA also has been criticized for the way it handles applications for the Children's Health Insurance Program, Texas' low-cost insurance program for the working poor. Nearly 299,000 children are currently enrolled in CHIP, about 24,000 fewer than in December.

Staff members who deal

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Vernard Cleon "Smokey" Rigdon, 73, died Monday. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM Thursday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

My thanks to John Moseley for the excellent and informative article on the editorial page of the weekend edition of the *Herald*. It is sometimes difficult to realize that many people do not know how much work goes in to this performance which is free to the public. I'm sure many don't realize how much it truly costs even with so many volunteer hours being donated. The musicians are the only ones being paid, and if you realize how many hours they practice and how much schooling they have had to obtain their proficiency, you would realize they are definitely being underpaid.

If most musicians could get by without paying their bills, I'm sure they would play for free, they love it so much! The choir is all volunteer. They, too, spend many hours in rehearsal for all the concerts and many of these people also come from out of town.

I was symphony treasurer when we had the first Pops in the Park and you are right that Gene Smith, the conductor, also conducted the Fourth of July concert in San Angelo on that July 4 and I believe all the musicians played both concerts. What you probably don't realize is that because the symphony paid the entire bill for that first concert, one of our regular concerts had to be cancelled.

We are so blessed to be one of the 107 symphony organizations in the United States and to be the smallest town in Texas to have its own symphony orchestra. We are also blessed that some wonderful people had such visions back in the early '80s that they wanted a symphony orchestra in Big Spring. Some of the early presidents were Jerry Worthy, Rick Hamby and Suzanne Haney. Johnnie Lou Avery was the incorporator and Joan Beil helped to get our Symphony Guild started. We have a board of about 18 volunteers and presently there are only about 12 active Symphony Guild members. There is a lot accomplished by these few people and we are

always looking for more volunteers, both in the Guild and on the board.

We put our money where our mouth is since we all donate, buy tickets, furnish refreshments and all the time necessary to do the job. The Guild donated \$7,000 to the association last year! We Guild members have started our big endeavor of selling advertising for next year's programs. This is such a good advertising dollar because one fee will get advertising all year in every symphony program.

I have had people tell me they don't like symphony music. This is probably because they haven't given themselves an opportunity to be exposed to a concert.

When I have been told that, I always respond, "Do you think it is good for Big Spring to have a symphony orchestra?" Invariably the answer is, "Oh! Yes!" It takes a lot of money for all our concerts including the Pops in the Park to provide this spot of "culture" in West Texas. We are also blessed to have received grants from Dora Roberts Foundation, Alon and others.

I believe it is very important that those of us who can't afford to give in the thousands also give what we can. It makes us feel a part of it and shows volunteers that we aren't the only ones who care.

I don't want to leave out another blessing we have which is the Big Spring Auditorium. None of our neighbors have anything like this and many of Midland and Odessa friends come over for our concerts. The combination of symphony music and fireworks has been such a great idea and really puts Big Spring on the map with the marvelous attendance.

Jan Hansen did a marvelous job, as did everyone on the committee. I really enjoyed Los Greengos and I especially enjoyed our Salute to the Armed Forces. Never forget!

We have so many blessings here, but it takes lots of work, time and money to obtain the success we have had.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, You save us from a fearful heart when we walk in our faith with You.

Amen

Old media remains unrepentant

The Old Media are far from contrite about their latest national security betrayal. Instead, they have begun attacking their accusers.

Every time the Old Media are criticized, they trot out the First Amendment, as if they are its exclusive guardians. Heaven help us if that's the case. For it's not the First Amendment they worship, but their self-anointed stewardship of it. Why else would they so adamantly favor suppression of political speech for all but themselves during the 60 days preceding elections? Why else would many of them favor the "Fairness Doctrine" to squelch their successful conservative competitors on radio? Why else would they defend draconian campus speech codes?

The New York Times and Los Angeles Times came under deservedly harsh criticism for reporting — over the administration's vigorous objections — the CIA's program of tracking terrorists' financial transactions.

Instead of apologizing, they congratulated themselves for defending the Constitution. Bill Keller of the New York Times and Dean Baquet of the Los Angeles Times co-wrote an op-ed defending their decision. New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof followed up with a supporting editorial.

Keller and Baquet wrote, "But the virulent hatred espoused by terrorists is also aimed at our values, at our freedoms and at our faith in the self-government of an informed electorate. If the freedom of the press makes some Americans uneasy, it is anathema to the ideologists of terror."

Who says "some Americans" are "uneasy" about the freedom of the press? It is not the "freedom" that

makes people uneasy but the reckless abuse of that freedom.

Keller and Baquet approvingly quoted Justice Hugo Black, that "The government's power to censor the press was abolished so that the press would remain forever free to censure the government. The press was protected so that it could bare the secrets of government and inform the people." Yes, but it was not protected to inform our enemies.

Keller and Baquet lamented that they get no credit for deciding not to publish certain stories where they were convinced "the risk of publication outweighed the benefits."

Well, I personally don't believe they are entitled to plaudits for acting in the national interest, as if their occasional conquest of an irresistible impulse to betray an administration for which they have seething contempt makes them Nobel-worthy.

More importantly, their previous good deeds do nothing to undo the damage they deliberately inflicted on the national interest and American lives by exposing details of a live-saving program. A first-time murderer is still a murderer. His formerly pristine record will not make his victim any less dead.

Why must these Old Media dinosaurs always cry "censorship" every time someone calls them to the carpet for their irresponsible acts? If anyone is attempting to chill someone else's speech, it is they. If censorship means simply criticizing speech, then they are guiltier than everyone else put together, because they will not tolerate criticism of their own speech and lash out against their critics.

They need to dismount their high horses and acknowledge that the freedom of speech is neither absolute nor a license for seditious or other irresponsible behavior. Not all speech is constitutionally protected, and some can even be criminal — such as perjury — or

an essential element of criminal activity, such as all kinds of conspiracies, including conspiracy to commit murder.

Keller and Baquet wrote, "We understand that honorable people may disagree with any of these choices — to publish or not to publish. But making those decisions is the responsibility that falls to editors, a corollary to the great gift of our independence. It is not a responsibility we take lightly. And it is not one we can surrender to the government."

Similarly, Nicholas Kristof wrote, "We face a fundamental dispute about the role of the news media in America. At stake is the administration's campaign to recast the relationship between government and the press."

These gentlemen seem to be arguing, essentially, that all final judgments concerning what the Old Media withhold and what they release are the prerogative of the Old Media alone — absolutely unchecked, no matter the consequences. Presumably because the First Amendment and our entire library of liberties would vanish otherwise, they want the unfettered freedom to publish classified, sensitive national security secrets even if it will help our enemies to kill us. That is breathtaking.

No one is suggesting the media surrender their responsibility to the government; nor is the administration trying to recast the relationship between government and the press.

But we are suggesting they don't confuse betrayal with responsibility and that they truly act responsibly instead of abetting the enemy and damaging the American people in the name of helping them.

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Detailing the politics of greed

I don't get it. What's the percentage in keeping the minimum wage at \$5.15 an hour?

After nine years? This is such an unnecessary and nasty Republican move. Congress has voted seven times to raise its own wages since last the minimum wage budgeted. Of course, Congress always raises its own salary in the dark of night, hoping no one will notice. But now it does the same with the minimum wage, quietly killing it.

Anyone who doesn't think this is a country where the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer needs to check the numbers — this is Bush country, where a rising tide lifts all yachts.

According to the current issue of *Mother Jones*:

- One in four U.S. jobs pays less than a poverty-level income.
- Since 2000, the number of Americans living below the poverty line at any one time has risen steadily. Now, 13 percent — 37 million Americans — are officially poor.

- Bush's tax cuts (extended until 2010) save those earning between \$20,000 and \$30,000 an average of \$10 a year, while those making \$1 million are saved \$42,700.

- In 2002, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, compared those who point out such statistics as the one

above to Adolph Hitler (surely he meant Stalin?).

- Bush has diverted \$750 million to "healthy marriages" by shifting funds from social services, mostly childcare.

- Bush has proposed cutting housing programs for low-income people with disabilities by 50 percent.

A series of related stats — starting with the news that two out of three new jobs are in the suburbs — shows how the poor are further disadvantaged in the job hunt by lack of public or private transportation.

Meanwhile, for those who have been following the collapse of the pension system, please note a series in *The Wall Street Journal* by Ellen Schultz taking a hard look at executive pension obligations:

- "Benefits for executives now account for a significant share of pension obligations in the United States, an average of 8 percent (of large companies). Sometimes a company's obligation for a single executive's pension approaches \$100 million."

- "These liabilities are largely hidden, because corporations don't distinguish them from overall pension obligations in their federal financial findings."

- "As a result, the savings that companies make by curtailing pensions of regular retirees — which have totaled billions of dollars in recent years — can mask a rising cost of benefits for execu-

tives."

- "Executive pensions, even when they won't be paid until years from now, drag down the earnings today. And they do so in a way that's disproportionate to their size, because they aren't funded with dedicated assets."

It seems to me that we've seen enough evidence over the years that the capitalist system is not going to be destroyed by an outside challenger like communism — it will be destroyed by its own internal greed. Greed is the greatest danger as we develop an increasingly winner-take-all system. And voices like *The Wall Street Journal's* editorial page encourage this mentality by insisting that any form of regulation is bad. But for whom?

It is so discouraging to watch this country become less and less fair — "justice for all" seems like an embarrassingly archaic tag. Republicans have rigged the "lottery of life" in this country in ways we don't even know about yet. The new bankruptcy law is unfair, and the new college loan rules are worse. The system has been stacked so that large corporations have an inside track over small businesses in getting government contracts. We won't see the full consequences of this mean and careless legislation for years, but it's starting to affect us already.

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♥ J105
♦ A10842
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♠ 965
♥ 886
♦ AK109543
♣ —

EAST
♠ J8432
♥ 3
♦ J953
♣ QJ2

SOUTH
♠ AK10
♥ AKQ742
♦ KQ76
♣ —

The bidding:
South West North East
2♥ 4♣ 4♦ Pass
3♥ Pass 5♥ Pass

Opening lead — ace of clubs.
Assume you reach seven hearts on the bidding shown and West leads the ace of clubs, which you ruff. The contract seems very easy to make; the only noticeable complication is the possibility that one defender might have all four missing diamonds.

You begin by drawing trumps, West latching up with three and East only one. You then have to decide whether it's better to start the dia-

mond suit by first cashing the king or the ace. (Remember, you are assuming a 4-0 division because, if the suit is divided 3-1 or 2-2, the grand slam is sold.)

To settle the question beyond the shadow of a doubt, you next cash the ace of spades, and when everyone follows suit, you know that playing a low diamond to the ace is certain to bring home the grand slam.

This is because West cannot have less than a six-card suit for his four-club bid, and since he has already shown up with three hearts and a spade, he cannot hold four diamonds.

Sure enough, when you lead the diamond six to the ace, West shows out. You then continue with the deuce and trap East's J-9-5, whatever he does. If he plays the five, you finesse the seven; if he plays the nine instead, you win with the king, cross to the queen of spades and return the four of diamonds, gobbling up East's J-5 with your Q-7.

Ordinarily, when you hold K-Q-x-x opposite A-10-x-x-x, you would cash the king first — and it would be easy to make that mistake here from force of habit. But in the present case — where you're lucky enough to hold the seven and eight in the two hands, and also have the benefit of West's four-club bid — cashing the ace is clearly the correct play.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Wishing you enough

I went by to visit my 94-year-old aunt the other day and as I was leaving I kissed her and said "I love you!" She looked up at me and said "I love you too, and I wish you enough!"

I told her thanks but I didn't really know what that meant. She smiled her little smile and told me that she thought I would be baffled by it. Then she told me this story.

I love to read my e-mail every day. Yesterday I received a wonderful story that went like this: I was at the airport the other day and I noticed a lady whose daughter was preparing to board the plane. As the daughter was getting ready to leave, her mom hugged her and said, "Honey I love you and I wish you enough!"

The daughter replied, "Mom, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I

ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Mom."

They kissed and the daughter left. Then the mother walked over to the airport window where I sat. Standing there, I could see she wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on her privacy but she welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone, knowing it would be forever?"

"Yes, I have," I replied. "Forgive me for asking, but why is this, a forever good-bye?"

"I am old and she is moving so far away. I just feel that reality is that the next trip back will be for my funeral," she said.

"When you were saying good-bye, I heard you

say, 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?"

She began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down for many generations. My parents used to say it to everyone."

She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail, and she smiled even more. "When we said 'I wish you enough' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them."

Then turning toward me, she shared the following, reciting it from memory: "I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun. I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive. I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you

enough loss to appreciate all that you possess. I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye!"

She then began to cry and walked away. I will probably never see that lady again but I learned a valuable lesson from her that day. My aunt smiled at me and said, "Now you know why I said I wish you enough!" That story has been in my thoughts since then.

What a wonderful way to greet one another. It has been said that it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them and an entire life to forget them. So, may we accept the challenge to tell all the special people who have filled our lives with memories. "Take time to live and I wish you enough!"

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



DARRELL RYAN

News briefs

Houston-area murder suspects nabbed at Canadian border

RICHMOND — Two high school seniors accused of murdering a classmate and burying her body in a shallow grave were arrested as they tried to cross into Canada, authorities said.

Sean H. Brown and Matthew R. McCombs, both 18, were detained Wednesday evening in Port Huron, Mich. Hours earlier, the men had been charged in the weekend death of 16-year-old Ashton Glover, Fort Bend County Sheriff Milton Wright said.

Upon being charged, the suspects' names were entered into a national crime database with a description of the truck they were thought to be driving. Wright said the county would immediately begin extradition proceedings.

"I am thankful they caught those boys and are bringing them back to Texas," said Sue Smith, Glover's mother. "I'm happy they are going to be brought back to justice."

Workers installing utilities for a new subdivision discovered Glover's body on Monday afternoon at a construction site west of Missouri City. Brown and McCombs, who are next-door neighbors in Sugar Land, disappeared from their homes about two hours after the body was unearthed, authorities said.

Glover's family reported her missing Saturday. She was last seen by her friends getting into a pickup in Sugar Land early Saturday morning. Police said Glover and her friends had been out "mudding," or driving pickups and off-road vehicles through muddy fields.

Brown and McCombs were questioned Saturday evening, but police now say the two gave a fabricated story about seeing Glover get into an unknown truck.

An autopsy showed Glover to have died from blunt force trauma. Wright said there were no signs of robbery or sexual assault. He said the motive for the slaying is unknown.

Strayhorn sues secretary of state

AUSTIN (AP) — Independent candidate for governor Carole Keeton Strayhorn sued the Texas secretary of state Wednesday in her attempt to have "Grandma" listed along with her full name on the Nov. 7 ballot.

Strayhorn warned earlier this week that the lawsuit was coming after Secretary of State Roger Williams ruled that "Grandma" is a slogan, not a nickname permitted on the ballot.

Strayhorn's attorney, Roy Minton, filed the lawsuit in state district court. It alleges that Williams denied Strayhorn the right to have her nickname on the ballot as provided for by the Texas Election Code.

Judge in academy rape case asks why records not obtained

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE (AP) — Lawyers for an Air Force Academy graduate charged with rape argued on Wednesday that the charge should be dropped because the protracted case is violating his constitutional rights.

The court-martial of Capt. Joseph Harding resumed Wednesday after being put on hold in June 2005 by the judge in the case, Col. David Brash, because a civilian therapist for Harding's accuser wouldn't hand over the records of their sessions.

Harding, now assigned to Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., is accused of raping Jessica Brakey at the Colorado academy in 2000. He was charged in 2004.

David Sheldon, Harding's lawyer, said

his client's right to a fair trial has been compromised because Brash's order for Jennifer Bier to surrender her files hasn't been enforced.

"We're not in trial and it's July 2006," Sheldon said. "The only fair remedy is to dismiss the

Minton stated that the word "Grandma" has never been a slogan. Minton has said that Strayhorn began using the name when she became a grandmother in 1994.

Local agreement trumps Wright Amendment, key lawmaker says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas' top Republican in the House said a local agreement that will eventually expand flights from Love Field in Dallas should supersede the Wright Amendment, which restricts them.

Rep. Joe Barton, testifying before a House aviation subcommittee, said the Wright Amendment has been good policy and would continue to be if left in place. Barton, chairman of the powerful Energy and Commerce Committee, has previously said he would do "whatever it takes" to prevent efforts to repeal the amendment.

But he told the panel the agreement negotiated between American Airlines, Southwest Airlines, and officials and residents in Dallas and Fort Worth "should supersede the Wright Amendment."

Repeal of the Wright Amendment or any changes to it must be approved by Congress.

Lottery commission defends jackpot advertising policies

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery Commission defended its Lotto Texas jackpot advertising policies Wednesday, a day after an audit said the current practice could reduce the amount of money transferred to the state to support education.

An uproar last summer over the lottery's decision to advertise four jackpots that officials knew they couldn't afford to pay cost former executive director Reagan Greer his job and shook public confidence in the games.

As a result, the lottery commission approved a measure in October that guarantees all grand prize winners will be paid either the advertised jackpot or the jackpot based on sales, whichever is greater. Previously, only the jackpots for the first four drawings were guaranteed.

The advertised jackpot has exceeded sales estimates three times since the new policy was adopted, according to a report released Tuesday by the State Auditor's Office.

DA says he will resign in September after DUI arrest

MONTAGUE (AP) — A week after his arrest on a drunken driving charge in Oklahoma, the district

attorney for Montague, Clay and Archer counties said he will resign Sept. 1.

In a shaky voice, Tim Cole read a brief statement Tuesday at the Montague County Courthouse. Cole, who recently resigned as the president of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, did not answer questions.

He pleaded guilty Friday to a charge of actual physical control of a vehicle while intoxicated, a Marshall County, Okla., Courthouse official said. Cole received a one-year deferred sentence, three days of community service and an \$1,148.40 fine after his July 5 arrest.

Cole, who was re-elected to a four-year term in 2004, expressed regret for the way he will leave office. Cole asked to be judged by his three-and-a-half terms as district attorney and "not just by (his) worst day."

Study shows higher rate of birth defects

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Babies born in the Corpus Christi area are more likely to have birth defects than those born in other parts of the state, according to a newly released state study.

The study by the Texas Department of State Health Services analyzed six years of data from a state registry of birth defects. It found that Corpus Christi babies were 17 percent more likely to have a severe birth defect and nearly twice as likely to be diagnosed with any birth defect.

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Gas crunch means midsize SUVs run low on sales, too

By TERRY BOX

The Dallas Morning News

As fuel prices soar, big SUV sales sink — or so the story typically goes. But the media may be focusing on the wrong segment, some industry officials say. Midsize truck-based SUVs are even more endangered.

Although \$3-a-gallon gas has scared off some buyers of full-size sport utility vehicles and pickup trucks, it has deeply eroded the sales of semital truck-based vehicles such as the Ford Explorer and Jeep Grand Cherokee, which ironically launched the SUV craze 15 years ago.

Although midsize SUVs introduced America to big, trucky boxes on wheels, the full-size versions that became popular in the mid-1990s have largely overshadowed them.

Full-size SUVs have more space, cargo capacity and cachet. And most full-size SUV buyers care more about interior space and cargo capacity than fuel consumption, so the midsize SUVs are not an option when gas prices shoot up, some analysts say.

"That (midsize) segment has fallen off significantly," said Paul Ballew, executive director of global marketing and industry analysis at General Motors Corp. "Our mids get worse mileage than our full-size SUVs, and you're seeing manufacturers shift accordingly. Its day in the sun has probably passed."

All five traditional midsize truck-based vehicles have weathered double-digit sales declines since the first of the year, ranging from a 13.9 percent drop for the Chevrolet TrailBlazer to a 39.3 percent dive for the Dodge Durango, according to national sales statistics compiled by Automotive News.

Full-size SUV sales fell an average of 11 percent during the same period, and some increased dramatically. Sales of the Chevrolet Tahoe, one of the newest SUVs in the segment, were up 35.4 percent through April, while sales of the GMC Yukon full-size SUV increased 3.6 percent.

And more challenges for midsize SUVs are on the horizon. Next fall, the Environmental Protection Agency will release new fuel ratings for all vehicles sold in the U.S.

The EPA intends to establish a more realistic test procedure that is likely to drop current city ratings 10 percent to 20 percent on all vehicles and highway estimates 5 percent to 15 percent, EPA officials say.

"You could argue that the new ratings will make midsize look even worse," Ballew noted.

"It's a vehicle that has no rationality," added George Hoffer, a professor of economics at Virginia Commonwealth University who follows the auto industry and has owned three midsize Jeep SUVs. "I don't criticize GM for putting their money into full-size SUVs. They can haul and tow. My Jeep does nothing well. I look good in it, and that's all."

Truck-based midsize SUVs have also been hurt by ferocious competition from smaller, softer car-based SUVs — vehicles such as the Toyota Highlander and Honda Pilot. The main vehicles

in the truck-based portion of the segment are the Durango, the Explorer, the GMC Envoy, Grand Cherokee and the TrailBlazer — all of them domestics.

"I think they will fall to a relatively small niche after next year," Hoffer said. "They have no reason to exist."

A Chevrolet TrailBlazer, for example, is powered by a 291-horsepower, six-cylinder engine that's rated at 16 miles per gallon city and 22 on the highway. It can haul 1,194 pounds of cargo and tow up to 6,800 pounds. The new Tahoe, though \$8,000 more expensive, has a 320-horsepower V-8 that also is rated at 16/22. The Tahoe can haul 1,835 pounds of cargo and tow up to 7,500 pounds.

Last November, GM announced that it was closing 12 factories by 2008, including a midsize SUV plant in Oklahoma City that employs 2,400 people. Ford has already shuttered an Explorer plant in St. Louis.

Despite all the talk about fuel consumption these days, there is little evidence that consumers are turning away from big SUVs and pickups strictly because of high gas prices, some industry observers say. There are few alternatives to those vehicles for drivers who need them, analysts say.

"We really don't think we will see any changes in consumer behavior until gas gets to \$4 a gallon and stays there for a year," said Tom Libby, senior director of industry analysis at Power Information Network, a division of J.D. Power and Associates.

Full-size pickup sales in general are flat. U.S. sales of the big Dodge Ram, for example, fell a modest 3 percent through April, and those of the aging Chevrolet Silverado were down 5.3 percent. But Ford continues to sell F-150 pickups, with sales up 1.4 percent through April.

Moreover, by the end of the year, Chevy dealers will have an all-new Silverado, and Toyota will be building an all-new Tundra pickup.

"Those vehicles are likely to get that segment revved up again," Libby said.

Likewise, the once-prominent Ford Expedition full-size SUV — whose sales are down 24.1 percent through



Chevy's Tahoe is among the SUVs taking a sales hit due to higher gasoline prices

April — will be replaced by a new model later this year.

For now, sales of all truck-based SUVs — midsize and full-size — are down a total of 9 percent this year on top of a 13 percent decline last year.

In the same period, car-based crossover utility vehicles have seen a 27 percent increase in sales, said George Pipas, sales analysis manager at Ford Motor Co.

"Most of the shift is from demographics," he said. "Baby boomers are

getting older. If I don't really need that vehicle, the older I get, the less interested I am in stretching to get up into a big SUV or truck. The second factor is gas prices."

Neither is obvious these days at Classic Chevrolet in Grapevine, one of the largest Chevy dealers in the United States. Classic is so confident about full-size SUV sales that it's carrying an inventory of 300 new Tahoes and 100 new Suburbans.

Salesman Ken Thompson says he isn't

worried.

"People are talking more about fuel economy," said Mr. Thompson, head of the Thompson Group, a specialized sales unit that has been the nation's top Chevrolet retailer for 25 years. "But if you need a Tahoe or Suburban, it's not going to stop most folks."

One final test may await truck-based midsize SUVs, noted Jerry Reynolds, host of the weekly Jerry Reynolds Auto Advice Show on WBAP-AM.

The Chrysler Group has announced that it will offer an optional diesel engine in the Jeep Grand Cherokee — a modern, economical 3-liter motor from Mercedes-Benz.

"If that sells, the problem is gas prices, and maybe the segment comes back at some time," Reynolds said. "If it doesn't, that segment is done."

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IN BRIEF

Softball tourney set for this week at Cotton Mize Park

The first-ever Ball Busters Softball Tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday at Cotton Mize Field inside of Comanche Trail Park.

The tourney costs \$125 per team and trophies and T-shirts will be awarded to the top three teams. There is also a six home run limit.

For more information, contact Amador Rios at 432-466-1128, Pete Carrillo at 432-816-1245 or Abel Rios at 432-213-2115.

BSHS announces baseball camp for upcoming week

Big Spring head baseball coach Clint Clayton, along with his assistant coaches, will be having a summer baseball camp this upcoming Monday through Thursday.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon daily and is for first through ninth graders. It also costs \$25 per participant.

For more information, call coach Clayton at 214-801-2782 or the ATC at 264-3662.

Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education class has been scheduled for July 22-23 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building.

The cost of the class, which will be held at 8 a.m. each day, is \$15 per person.

For more information or to register, contact Steve Poitevint at 264-7033 during the evening hours.

Dessel takes lead, Landis falls to fifth at Tour de France

PAU, France (AP) — French rider Cyril Dessel took the Tour de France leader's yellow jersey on the first high altitude stage, and American Floyd Landis fell from second to fifth overall.

Juan Miguel Mercado of Spain won the stage.

Big Ben says he nearly lost his life

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said he was told he was "seconds, maybe a minute away from dying" immediately after his motorcycle accident last month.

Roethlisberger, in his first interview since the June 12 accident, told ESPN's "SportsCenter" that he doesn't remember much about the accident when he rammed his motorcycle into a car that was making a left turn in front of him on a Pittsburgh street. He did, however, remember what he was told by people at the scene.

Mavs look to improve defense, sign Buckner

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Having lost out on scoring guard Mike James, the Dallas Mavericks instead went for defense by agreeing to a deal Wednesday with guard Greg Buckner.

Buckner's three-year contract is expected to be finalized Thursday. Dallas turned to Buckner after James spurned their three-year offer for a four-year deal with Minnesota.

Buckner spent the past two seasons in Denver,

but is quite familiar to the Mavs. He spent his first three NBA seasons in Dallas, breaking in during the 1999-2000 season after a year in the CBA.

Buckner, 29, is valued mostly as a perimeter defender, something the Mavericks sorely lacked against Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat in the NBA finals.

"Buck is a winner in every sense of the word and a glue guy that makes his teammates better,"

said Donnie Nelson, the Mavericks president of basketball operations. "He's capable of defending three, even four positions. We used to put him on big point guards all the way to finesse (power forwards)."

Buckner averaged a career-best 6.7 points per game last season, but that was only slightly higher than what he averaged previously with the Mavericks. The key is that much more of his scoring came from the

outside.

Buckner was 135-of-364 on 3-pointers during his two years in Denver, compared to 17-of-49 his first time in Dallas.

Far more important than the slight increase in accuracy (37.1 percent, up from 34.7) is the drastic increase in confidence indicated by the radical increase in attempts.

"Good players in this league, they grow," Nelson said. "When Buck first came in he was known more as a tough-

nosed defender. But he spent a lot of time in the gym shooting into the wee hours and his shooting has drastically improved."

The arrival of Buckner and first-round pick Maurice Ager solidifies the Mavericks at off guard, a weakness the Heat exposed.

Adrian Griffin is a free agent who could return in a reduced role, while Marquis Daniels was traded to Indiana for Austin Croshere.

Rockets finalize trade for Memphis' Battier

By CHRIS DUNCAN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Shane Battier and Tracy McGrady faced off in a pickup game about 10 years ago, when Battier was a freshman-to-be at Duke and McGrady was a prep phenom at nearby Mount Zion Christian Academy.

After seeing McGrady play, Battier wondered if he would ever be good enough to play in the NBA. Now, Battier is wondering what he can do to make McGrady and his team even better.

The Houston Rockets finalized a trade Wednesday that brought Battier from Memphis for Stromile Swift and Rudy Gay.

Not long after Battier learned of the trade, he talked to McGrady and reminded him of their initial encounter.

"I told him I'm excited to be on his team," Battier said Wednesday, "and that I'm really excited I don't have to chase him around for 40 minutes a night."

Battier will most likely fill the power forward spot for the Rockets, but he's willing to play small forward or even in the backcourt if it will help McGrady and Houston's other All-Star, Yao Ming.

"I don't get caught up in statistics or positions," he said. "I've always had great coaches and teachers who've taught me to make winning basketball

plays. This team is Tracy and Yao's team," he said. "The rest of our jobs is to complement them and make them better players."

The 6-foot-8 Battier played his first five NBA seasons with the Grizzlies and is the franchise's career leader in games played (396) and steals (507). He ranked second in 3-pointers made (389), third in blocks (418) and fourth in points (4,160).

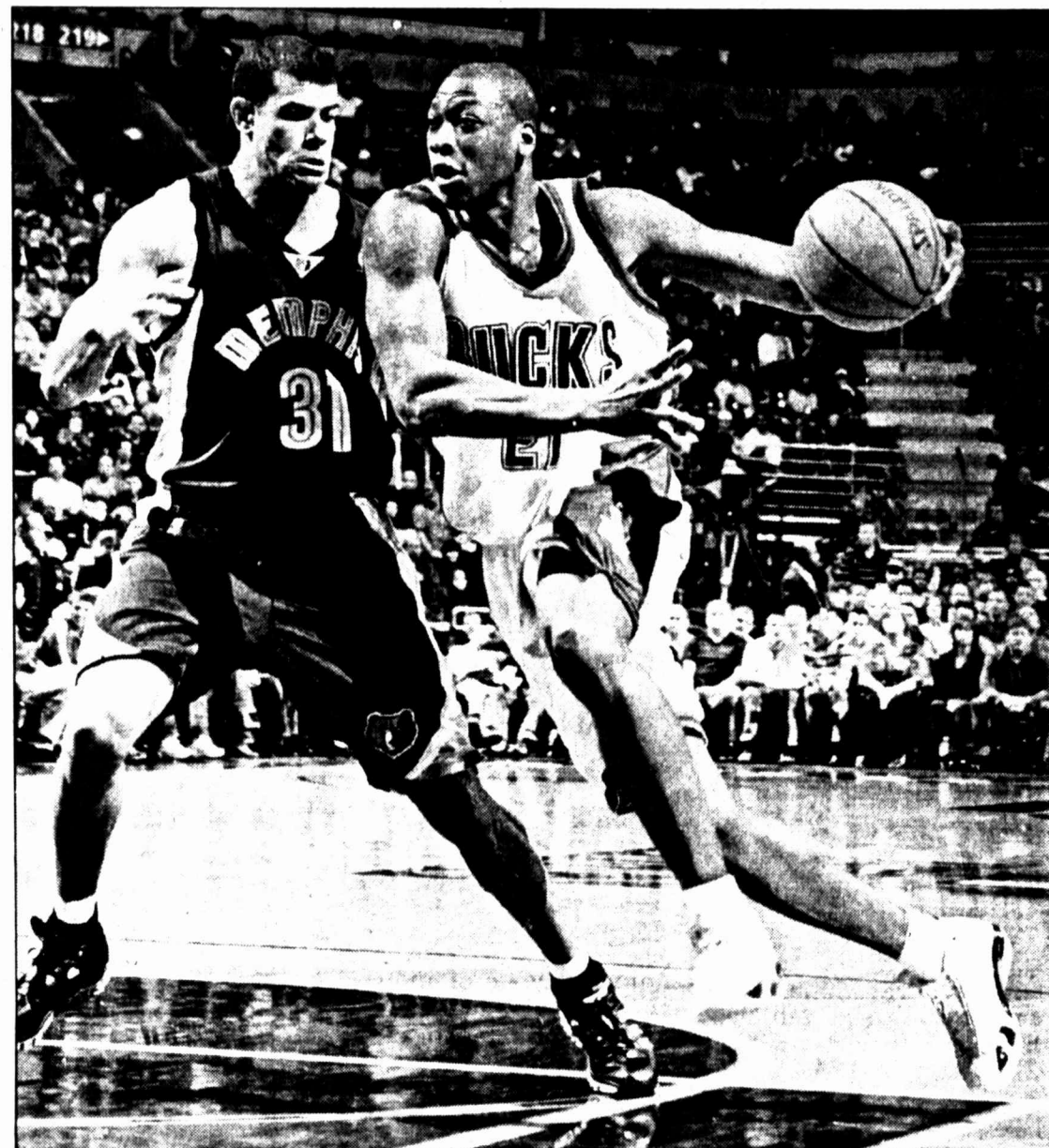
The Rockets made Gay the eighth pick in last month's draft, but the trade was already in the works. Neither team was allowed to announce the deal until Wednesday, the day after the league determined its salary cap for the upcoming season.

"I spent five great years in Memphis and for someone who's never been traded, it's a shock," Battier said. "But then you start looking at the situation, and it's a very positive situation for me."

The Rockets went 34-48 last season, missing the playoffs for the fifth time in seven years. The Grizzlies have reached the postseason the last three years, though they still haven't won a playoff game.

"The thing I'm most looking forward to is playing for an organization that's hungry to return to the playoffs," Battier said. "It's an exciting challenge."

Battier said he was one of many who thought the



MCT photo/Jack Orton, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
Bobby Simmons, right, of the Milwaukee Bucks drives to the basket against Shane Battier of the Memphis Grizzlies during NBA action last season. The Houston Rockets completed their draft-day trade to bring Battier to Texas Wednesday.

Rockets would challenge Dallas, Phoenix and San Antonio last season. But injuries wrecked the Rockets' season and Battier sees plenty of potential if they can just stay healthy.

"I don't know if it was in the water, but the injury bug was pretty severe last year," Battier said. "That's probably the only thing that prevented

Houston from winning 50, 55 or 60 games."

The Grizzlies, meanwhile, sacrificed a solid veteran to acquire one of the draft's flashiest prospects.

Gay, a 6-9, 220-pound forward from Connecticut, started 59 games and averaged 13.6 points and 5.9 rebounds last season. He signed a two-year deal with team

options for a third and fourth year immediately after the trade was completed.

"We are hopeful people will enjoy watching this special kind of athlete," said Jerry West, the Grizzlies' president of basketball operations.

The 6-9 Swift returns to Memphis after one disappointing season in Houston.

Astros acquire Huff from Tampa Bay, hope to boost 'O'

By JUAN A. LOZANO
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros acquired third baseman Aubrey Huff from the Tampa Bay Devil Rays for two minor league prospects Wednesday, hoping the native Texan can help revive the Astros' struggling offense.

The Astros, who also got some cash in the deal, are tied for last in the National League in batting average.

"This will give us an offense boost which we sorely need," Astros general manager Tim Lincecum said.

The 30-year-old Huff, who went to high school and junior college in Texas, hit .283 with eight home runs and 28 RBIs in 63 games for the Devil Rays this season. He has been the subject of trade speculation each of the past three years.

In his sixth major league season, Huff has a career average of .287 with 128 home runs and 449 RBIs.

Houston will pay \$1.4

million of the \$3 million that remains on the final year of Huff's contract. Tampa Bay will pay the rest, Purpura said. The Devil Rays get right-hander Mitch Talbot and infielder Ben Zobrist from the Astros' system. Both players will report to Double-A Montgomery.

Huff is Tampa Bay's career leader in games (798), at-bats (3,016), runs (399), hits (868), doubles (173), home runs (128), extra-base hits (307) and RBIs (449). He's hit 20 or more home runs four times and is one of five left-handed hitters — along with David Ortiz, Carlos Delgado, Hideki Matsui and Bobby Abreu — to average 100-plus RBIs the past three seasons.

Purpura said getting Huff was a "great first step" in making a push during the second half of the season.

"We're certainly within striking distance if we play better baseball," he said.

Houston, the reigning NL champions, is just 7-13



MCT photo/Sharon M. Steinman, Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Houston Astros' Morgan Ensberg, right, tags Texas Rangers' Brad Wilkerson out as he tries to slide around the tag at Ameriquest Field in Arlington July 1 during interleague play. Ensberg could see less playing time after Houston acquired Aubrey Huff from Tampa Bay Wednesday.

since June 18. But the Astros are coming out of the All-Star break in better shape than last year, when they were 44-43 and 11 1/4 games behind the St. Louis Cardinals. This year they are only six games back of the Cardinals.

To make room for Huff, Houston will send out fielder Jason Lane to Triple-A Round Rock. Lane has struggled in the Astros lineup, batting only .205 this season.

Purpura said Huff's arrival could also affect third baseman Morgan

Ensberg, who has also struggled at the plate. Besides third base, Huff has also played first base and the outfield.

"Obviously it will cut into (Ensberg's) playing time," he said. "We're in a position where we have to start moving forward."

That's Racin'

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"That's why last year I said I learned never to say 'never.' I'm not saying this is my last year in Cup. I'm not saying anything, if you get my drift."

— Mark Martin, on keeping his racing options open for next season and beyond

Raising Drivers share ideas on how to improve the

By DAVID POOLE
McClatchy Newspapers

Jeff Burton isn't going to lie about it. There's pressure involved in gunning to be part of the Chase for the Nextel Cup when the 10-race playoff begins the next time the circuit visits New Hampshire International Speedway.

"The thing that makes sports great, the thing that makes watching a sporting event worth the time to do it is the intensity level," said Burton, who goes into Sunday's race at NHIS fourth in the standings, 155 points clear of 11th-place Greg Biffle.

"The importance for us is to continue ... to make my life more stressful, make my life more difficult, to make my life more pressure-filled," Burton said.

"That's what people come to see, and that's what we've got to create." Burton was responding to questions about possible changes in the format for the Chase that, according to NASCAR chairman Brian France, are being considered for 2007 and beyond.

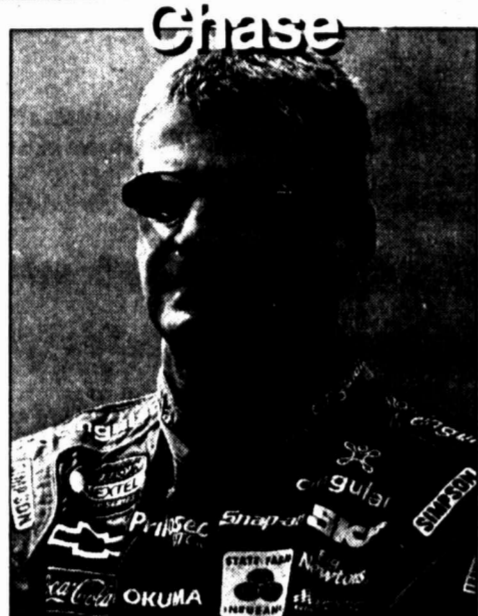
Opinions about what could or should be done to the Chase are almost as varied as the original reactions to the idea when it was first announced in early 2004.

Points leader Jimmie Johnson, for example, is against the idea of increasing the number of Chase qualifiers, which is one of the ideas being floated.

"There are rumors of expanding that to 15, and I think (that) dilutes the concept of having a great year for whoever it is that can be the top driver for all 36 races," Johnson said. "If we expand it to 15, I think it takes some importance off of how hard it is to make the Chase and to be in the Top 10."

Another idea is to change the rule that allows anyone within 400 points of the leader to make the Chase, opening that window to 500 or even 600 points.

Matt Kenseth, the last driver to win a Nextel Cup title under the pre-Chase for-



Chase

Nextel Cup driver Jeff Burton believes that NASCAR officials can't get complacent about the Chase for the Nextel Cup format. He says: "We can't get lazy with it and think that it's good enough."

mat in 2003, would go the opposite way. "If it was up to me and there still was going to be a Chase, I'd make it 400 points, whether that's two cars or 15 cars," said Kenseth, who's second in the current standings, 51 points behind Johnson. "Four-hundred points is the cutoff and that's it."

"I think if anybody's farther behind than 400 points going into the last 10 races, that's a long way down. I just think you should have to run good all year, not just the last 10."

Mark Martin, who's sixth with just eight races remaining before the Chase field is set after the 26th race at Richmond in September, believes the drivers who qualify for the Chase should compete in their own points system.

Chase drivers would be scored on the

basis of their finish relative to each other and not to the rest of the field in those final 10 races, beginning with the second visit here.

"The Chase needs to be 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1," Martin said. "That way, you couldn't get buried because you finished 43rd in a race. ... I don't think you should have all of the other guys who aren't in the Chase take you out of the running for a championship. They can. If they all pile in between you and the leader because you had a bad day it's really difficult to recover from that."

Burton has suggested a playoff-like system that eliminates drivers from contention as the season nears an end.

The Chase would begin, for example, with 15 drivers contending with 15 races left. Then, with 10 races to go, the field would be cut to 10. Another cut, from 10 drivers to five, would come with five races left.

"The more of a playoff system that we have, the more people that are going to watch," he said. "The sooner we can have the playoff system start, the more people are going to watch. The more important we can make the games before the playoff mean something, the more people are going to watch."

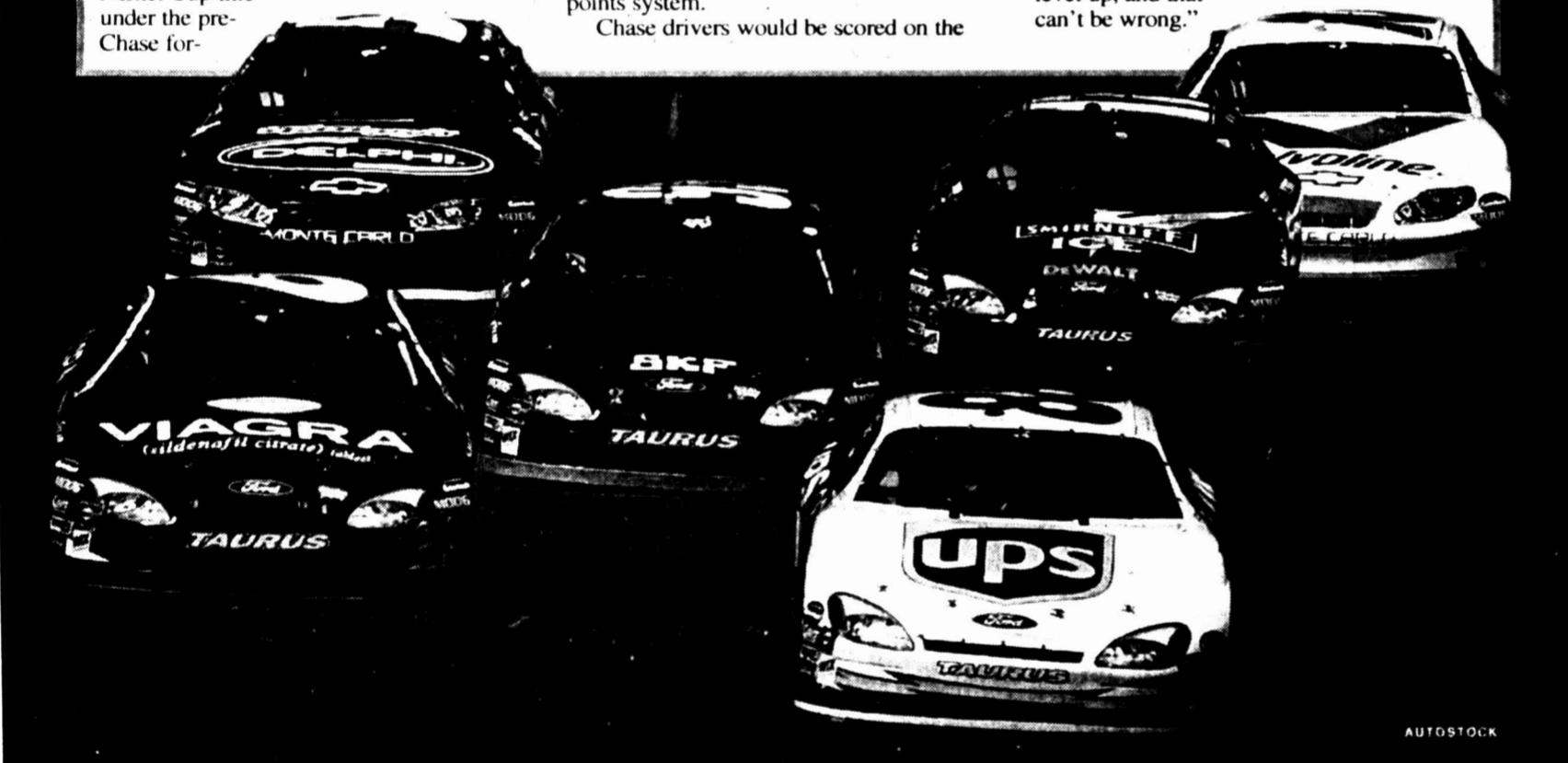
Burton said the battle for the Chase spots already is intense this year.

"There is no question that right now, today, there's a higher level of intensity going on in this race than there would have been three years ago," he said.

Burton has 2,327 points through 18 races, good enough for fourth. Rookie Denny Hamlin is 12th with 2,169 points, putting him only 158 behind Burton.

"We can't get lazy with it and think that it's good enough," Burton said. "I think Brian (France) is thinking right."

"I don't know if I'll end up agreeing with what he decides to do, but I think the thought process is to keep that intensity level up, and that can't be wrong."



RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

- Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48):** Johnson has never finished outside the top 15 or off the lead lap in a race at Loudon. Last week: 2.
- Matt Kenseth (car No. 17):** He's led 288 laps at Chicagoland in the past two years but has no win to show for it. Last week: 1.
- Tony Stewart (car No. 20):** Lost about 100 points to Chicago fuel "miscalculation." Now only 102 inside the Chase. Last week: 3.
- Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8):** Earned a top-five finish on a 1.5-mile flat track. Has five top 10s in his past six Loudon starts. Last week: 5.
- Kasey Kahne (car No. 9):** Not what he was looking for in a 23rd at Chicagoland with what has been his best car. Last week: 4.
- Jeff Burton (car No. 31):** Has four career Loudon victories. He led every lap in the most recent one in 2000. Last week: 8.
- Greg Biffle (car No. 16):** Two top fives last year at Loudon, the first year he's had much success there at all. Last week: 6.
- Kyle Busch (car No. 5):** Third-place finish at Chicagoland places him on the good side of the Chase bubble. Last week: 9.
- Mark Martin (car No. 6):** Five straight finishes outside the top 10. That's not the trend this team's looking for. Last week: 7.
- Jeff Gordon (car No. 24):** Chicagoland is off the list of places he's never won. Matt Kenseth is off his Christmas card list. Last week: 12.

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

THIS WEEK'S RACE

LENEX TOOLS 300
Where: New Hampshire International Speedway, a 1.058-mile paved flat oval located in Loudon, N.H.
When: Sunday at 2:10 p.m. (all times ET).
Qualifying is 3:10 p.m. Friday.
TV: TNT.
Radio: Motor Racing Network.
Purse: \$5,294,946.
Last year's winner: Tony Stewart.
Worth mentioning: Mark Martin is expected to make his 600th career Nextel Cup Series start this weekend, while Jeremy Mayfield will make his 400th start. Three of the last four races at New Hampshire have been won from outside the top-10 starting positions.

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION
Danica Patrick's future — whether it's with NASCAR or not — has been in the headlines a lot this week. If it were your call, which way would you help steer her career?
Cast your vote at: www.thatstracin.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

What do you think about Fox ending its NASCAR coverage for the season?
Number of votes: 6,192

Driver	No. of votes	Percent
I'll miss the Fox bunch in the booth.	2,965	48%
A little change will do us good.	1,961	
Doesn't much matter who it is, I'm ready for some racing.	1,266	20%

STOP 'N GO

WHO'S HOT
■ **Matt Kenseth:** Hot under the collar that is.
■ **Richard Childress Racing:** Poised to make its first appearance in the Chase a memorable one.
■ **Jeff Gordon:** Taking out the opposition one by one.

WHO'S NOT
■ **Tony Stewart:** The lack of gas probably hurt more than his shoulder injury.
■ **Mark Martin:** He better hold on to something, the Chase is falling from his grasp.
■ **Jamie McMurray:** The grass isn't so green at Roush Racing these days.

RANDOM THOUGHTS
■ So many media and fans got all bent out of shape because Jeff Gordon bumped Matt Kenseth out of the way to help earn his victory. If he hadn't, they would've instead spent the time complaining about how boring the race was. Which would you rather have?
— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADER
The top-40 drivers as of July 9:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Jimmie Johnson	2651	21. Reed Sorenson	1851
2. Matt Kenseth	2600	22. Martin Truex Jr.	1773
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2394	23. Scott Riggs	1771
4. Jeff Burton	2327	24. Dale Jarrett	1747
5. Kasey Kahne	2303	25. Bobby Labonte	1691
6. Mark Martin	2291	26. Jeff Green	1659
7. Tony Stewart	2274	27. J.J. Yeley	1659
8. Kyle Busch	2265	28. Robby Gordon	1633
9. Kevin Harvick	2253	29. Joe Nemechek	1627
10. Jeff Gordon	2219	30. Dave Blaney	1487
11. Greg Biffle	2172	31. Kyle Petty	1487
12. Denny Hamlin	2169	32. Jeremy Mayfield	1487
13. Kurt Busch	2087	33. Karl Schmid	1487
14. Carl Edwards	2026	34. Sterling Marlin	1487
15. Casey Mears	1991	35. Michael Waltrip	1371
16. Clint Bowyer	1937	36. David Stremme	1290
17. Jamie McMurray	1921	37. Travis Kvapil	1194
18. Ryan Newman	1915	38. Tony Raines	1159
19. Elliott Sadler	1870	39. Scott Wimmer	1029
20. Brian Vickers	1857	40. Terry Labonte	811

BUCH SERIES POINTS

The top-20 drivers as of July 8:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Kevin Harvick	2022	11. Jason Leffler	1599
2. Carl Edwards	2599	12. John Andretti	1599
3. Clint Bowyer	2540	13. Ashton Lewis	1599
4. Denny Hamlin	2502	14. Jon Wood	1599
5. J.J. Yeley	2494	15. Burt Myers	1599
6. Greg Biffle	2284	16. Todd Kluever	1597
7. Paul Menard	2213	17. David Green	1511
8. Kyle Busch	2191	18. Reed Sorenson	1859
9. Johnny Sauter	2070	19. Stacy Compton	1770
10. Kenny Wallace	2068	20. Denny O'Connell	1762

TRUCK SERIES

The top-10 drivers as of July 8:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Todd Bodine	2043	6. Ron Hornaday Jr.	1740
2. Johnny Benson	1931	7. David Green	1740

Montoya's move to NASCAR sure to have a big effect

A photographer was trying to snap a picture as Jeff Gordon chatted with Juan Montoya before the Nextel Cup drivers' meeting before Sunday's USG 400 at Chicagoland Speedway in Joliet, Ill.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. walked in and wanted to sit in a chair in the front of Gordon. For once in his life at a NASCAR track, a person with a camera couldn't have cared less it was Earnhardt Jr. trying to get by.

When it comes to competing in NASCAR, Montoya might never be able to drive a nail. But Montoya, a 27-year-old from Colombia, will try to do it in the No. 42 Dodge for Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates next year.

There are dozens of drivers who'd

have a better chance than Montoya of getting a car around, say, Martinsville, Va., with any success next year. But nobody you or I or anybody in NASCAR can come up would have been a better hire for Ganassi's team.

Montoya's racing resume cannot be questioned. He's won the Indianapolis 500 and the Championship Auto Racing Teams championship. He also has won seven times in FI, which whether you like it or not is the world's premiere series.

Only two drivers in history have won in both the FI and Cup series — Mario Andretti and Dan Gurney. Immediately, at least, it doesn't really matter whether Montoya has any real chance to join that duo.

Montoya has a major following, and his presence immediately raises NASCAR's profile in Central and

South America and with potential fans in the Hispanic community here.

Motorsports media snobs from around the world will come around next year to see how Montoya does in the "saloon cars." It won't be fair to evaluate him, of course, until after at least a year or two of experience, any more than it'd be fair to instantaneously judge what a Jeff Gordon or Tony Stewart might do if they jumped the other way.

Montoya is a NASCAR driver with a broad range of talent and top-notch equipment would automatically fail if he decided to try FI. It's equally foolish to assume that Montoya can't compete, eventually, with NASCAR's best.

Montoya's attitude, he's already taken one big step toward success.

FAST FACTS

Name: Juan Pablo Montoya
Age: 30
Hometown: Bogota, Colombia
Career highlights: 1999 Championship Auto Racing Teams (CART) championship, 2000 Indianapolis 500 winner.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The moon is void this morning, and getting centered isn't so easy. Maybe it's not so necessary, either.

There are benefits to sleeping in, or at least playing it low-key. The rest will allow you to get a better perspective on a problem you've been tangling with. The moon enters Pisces this afternoon, which grooves well with the Cancer sun.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Fearful thoughts are the norm for most of the people in the world. So it's an act of bravery just to choose happiness, optimism and hope. You influence those around you with your courage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Since nobody is perfect, the best you can do is keep giving second chances today — and

third and fourth and fifth chances. Be sure to extend the same courtesy to yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can't give what you don't have. That's why your day will probably be spent cultivating in yourself the change you'd like to see in your loved ones, like being organized, conscientious and thoughtful.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll get back on track. Perhaps not at the exact place where you jumped off, but the setback allows you the ambitious start you need to jump the hurdle before you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your heart is so generous that when loved ones meet with challenges, you take them on as your own. You may not be able to fix the situation, but you can overcome it, and by doing so, you teach others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The feeling you create between yourself and others is more important

than what you do to create the feeling. You could find wild success today by simply keeping your communication cheerful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are talents, innate skills and magical parts of your personality that are lying dormant, yet to be activated. The planets align to give you a glimpse of what they might be and an inkling as to how you might awaken them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). This is a day of practicing, but it's best to do so with very little expectation. It's OK not to want to do things you know you're supposed to do. You simply haven't found joy in those things as of yet, but you will.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's an action-packed morning. Experiences before noon could wake up or shake up sleeping aspects of your life. Loved ones are thrilled to hear your stories tonight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Having a sense

of control over your life is a need that is exaggerated now. So the mischievous stars are watching to see what will happen when you're in a situation over which you have no control at all. This is a blast!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is the prime time to adopt a new hobby — preferably one that requires no schedule, no lessons and no special clothing. For instance, lying on your back and looking aimlessly up at the sky.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This is your day to be who you might have been. You have the chance to embody the you who was once in your mind's eye as just a shadowy outline with a question mark over it.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I was born June 15, 1956, at 11:57 a.m. My husband was born June 18, 1957. He's a very nice guy — everyone thinks so — but he cannot engage in relationship that's more than superficial with anyone, including

his four kids or me. He calls this his greatest flaw. He loves us... but is the most self-contained individual I've ever known. I just feel like I'm finished. Can you offer guidance, please?"

You're both Geminis, with Mercury (communication) in Gemini. Superficial, upbeat communication was once enough for you, but recent transits affecting your chart have you questing for deeper intimacy and meaning in your life. With all the Leo influences in your chart, let's face it, you need some attention! You can have it, too — just not from him. Instead of exasperating yourself by focusing on his lack, go from the premise that he will never change. Truly, he has an emotional disability, and he's blameless. Asking your husband to open up is like asking a lame man to walk. He would if he could. My advice is to not make a decision for two months. Focus only on

expanding your spiritual awareness and enriching your life in other ways, and see if you don't feel differently in September.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Penultimate leading man Harrison Ford goes from saving the universe in "Star Wars" to saving the country in "Air Force One" to saving relics in the "Indiana Jones" series. Cancer men are great at playing the hero in their real life, too, and get a thrill from narrowly escaping peril. I predict the upcoming "Indiana Jones 4" will bring a whole new generation of fans to adore the dashing Ford.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My fiance and I have been together for three years. "Tom" is a wonderful man. Our only problem is his ex-wife, "Bertha."

Bertha and Tom have been divorced for five years, and she remarried two years ago. I make every effort to get along with her, but she is very controlling and has tried everything possible to break us up.

Bertha calls Tom at least five times a week. They have a daughter together, and I know that requires communication. I talk to my ex once a week. But Bertha tells Tom he must always take her calls in case there is an emergency with their daughter. When he's not home, she leaves a message saying, "Call me back," but with no details, so Tom always has to phone her immediately, just in case it's important. It rarely is.

I have asked Tom repeatedly to limit these calls to once or twice a week.

When we are together, he silences his ringer or doesn't answer his phone. However, from things that come up in our conversations, I know they are still talking quite a bit.

Bertha is way too involved in our lives. Am I being unreasonable? — Frustrated Fiancee

Dear Frustrated: No, but if Tom thinks he needs to speak to his ex several times a week, that is up to him. If he didn't want the constant contact, it would end. It's possible Bertha is using these calls to keep Tom involved in his daughter's life, but if he is an attentive parent, it sounds more like manipulation and a way to prove that she still matters. Decide how big an issue it is, since Tom is not likely to set the limits you want.

Dear Annie: My elderly "Aunt Lulu" lives by herself some 30 miles away, and is lonely and starved for human contact. Lulu phones me often, each time with a different reason why I should come by for a visit.

The problem is, from the moment she opens her front door to the time I leave, she does not stop talking. There's not so much as a pause between subjects — just one long nonstop sentence for nearly four hours. The visits are mentally and emotionally exhausting, but I can't bring myself to shun her like everyone



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else. Is there a polite way to modify Lulu's behavior? — Drained in Derby City, Ky.

Dear Drained: You can say sweetly, "Aunt Lulu, can I get you a drink of water? You must be so dry from all that talking." Or pat her hand gently to get her attention while you attempt to get a word in. Also, many hard-of-hearing people cover their deafness with constant chatter. You are a kind soul to see her, so please keep visiting, even if it means bringing earplugs and nodding absently while she goes on and on.

Dear Annie: I had to respond to "Damned in Detroit" because it hit very close to home. He said there was no affection or intimacy in his marriage. He was so depressed he hoped for a heart attack in his sleep.

I've been married for 11 years. I love my wife, but there is no affection. I'm not talking about sex. I'm talking about the hugging, the kissing, the reaching out to let you know you are wanted. At times she is receptive, but God forbid I interrupt her favorite TV show. When I try to hug her, she says, "Why are you being such a pest?" We don't sleep in the same room because of my snoring, so I go to bed alone.

I know marriage is hard work, but I wonder, if this is what it's like after 11 years, what will it be like in 20? Do I want to live like this for rest of my life? The more I think about it, no, I really don't. — Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Jacksonville: We cannot understand a woman who withholds tenderness from her husband, the person she presumably loves and cherishes. How terribly sad.

Dear Annie: I work in a very small office. A co-worker has recently taken up gum chewing. This person is in his 60s and ought to have manners by

now. He constantly snaps, crackles and pops bubbles, even while you are speaking directly to him. He spends much of his day on the phone, and we can hear the popping noises even when he is providing customer service. He also chews with his mouth open and clips his nails at his desk.

We've complained to management, but no one wants to offend this person. Please tell me what we can do, because someone will surely snap soon. — Frazzled

Dear Frazzled: Your co-worker may be trying to give up a bad habit (like

smoking) and is using the gum as a substitute. First try the direct-but-friendly approach: "I'm sure you don't realize how loud your gum chewing is. Any possibility you can tone it down?" If that doesn't work, inform management that the customers can hear the gum popping and it could hurt business. If all else fails, try headphones, a fan or some other white-noise assistance to block out the sound.

Dear Annie: I know exactly where "Turned-Off" is coming from. She said her boyfriend will not see a dentist. My husband is exactly the same

way. When we married, he had beautiful white teeth. Not anymore. He is so scared to go to the dentist that he starts shaking when I bring up the subject. I have refused to kiss him or make love until he sees the dentist, and so far we are going on five months.

I talked to my dentist, and he said there is medication my husband can take to make the visit not only painless, but he will barely remember it. My husband refuses. Worse, he also chews tobacco, so his mouth is extra gross, and I worry about mouth cancer. What do I do? Take him to counseling?

— Going Through the Same Thing

Dear Going Through: You can't force someone to see a counselor or a dentist. You only can decide how you will respond to the situation. If your husband was simply fearful of dental care, that would be one hurdle. But he also chews tobacco, which solidifies the kissing distance between you, and he knows it. We think there is more going on here. If you can get your husband to come with you to a counselor, great. If not, go without him and see if you can figure out what is behind his oral intransigence.

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7:30 PM	Master of Champions	Master of Champions	Premios Juventud 2006	70s Show	Big Brother 7	Tierra de Pasiones	Name Is Earl	Friends (CC)	Update/Israel	The This Old House Hour	Real Miami Cops (CC)	Movie: The Fly	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	Without a Trace (CC)	The Parkers	Movie: Beethoven's 3rd (CC)	Announced	World Cup - Great Britain	Movie: Slayer
8:30 PM	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy		You Can Dance	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	Amores de Mercado	The Office	Friends (CC)	Light of the Southwest	Antiques Roadshow	Supernatural (CC)	UFC Unleashed	Movie: Seven	Girlfriends	3rd (CC)			vs. US Baseball	Movie: Slayer
9:30 PM	PrimeTime Live (CC)	PrimeTime Live (CC)		Becker (CC)	Without a Trace (CC)	Decisiones	Windfall (CC)	Movie: Sleepless in Seattle (CC)		Soundstage (CC)	Most Evil	Movie: The Fly II	The Dudesons Raising Roots	ComicView (CC)	Emperor New American Orgn	Boxing	Tonight SportsCenter		
10:30 PM	News (CC)	News	Pomer Impacto	70s Show	News	Noticias	News	Seattle (CC)	The Hour of Healing	To Be Announced	48 Hours: Hard Evidence		TNA IMPACT!	Nightmares & Dreamscapes	Jamie Foxx	Zack & Cody	Quite Frankly With Smith	(CC)	Quest for Atlantis
11:30 PM	Entertainment	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill	Letterman	Laura	Late Night	25 Movie: Curt Landry		Sign Off	Real Miami Cops (CC)	15 Movie: Poltergeist III	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.	Nightmares & Dreamscapes	In Living Color	Phil of Future	City Slam	Baseball	Starting New Secrets (CC)
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"NOTHIN' HELPS A SANDBOX LIKE GOOD OL' RAIN."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"This is the highest I've ever been able to climb in this tree."

HAGAR

"I'LL NEVER FORGET WHEN I FIRST STARTED DATING HELGA..."
"OUR COURTSHIP WAS VERY ROCKY..."
"EVERY TIME I CAME AROUND..."
"HER MOTHER THREW ROCKS!"

BLONDIE

"YOU SURE HAVE MADE SOME GREAT STRIDES IN YOUR DRIVING, HONEY"
"THANKS, DADDY, I REALLY ENJOY IT"
"OKAY... I THINK YOU'RE READY TO BACK OUT OF THE DRIVEWAY"

BC

"OUR FAMILY WAS 5000 POOR."
"HOW POOR WERE YOU?"
"WE HAD TO USE PAY PHONES."

WIZARD OF ID

"HERE YOU GO, FRESH SWILL!"
"AN OXYMORON IF EVER I HEARD ONE"

AGNES

"TODAY WE START OUR QUEST TO BE NUMBER ONE AT SOMETHING."
"BUT I THOUGHT WE WERE GONNA BUY GUM AND GO TO THE POOL!"
"THAT WAS BEFORE I DECLARED THE OFFICIAL END TO OUR CHILDHOOD IN ORDER TO CONCENTRATE ON OUR GOAL."
"DARN... AND CHILDHOOD WAS SUCH A HOOT, TOO!"
"YOU CAN STILL HOOT DURING DESIGNATED BREAK PERIODS."

HI AND LOIS

"IT'S JUST LIKE IN REAL ESTATE, MOM."
"NOBODY BUILDS SMALL SAND CASTLES ANYMORE!"

THE OTHER COAST

"IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE YOU STARTED YOUR NOVEL AND YOU HAVEN'T EVEN WRITTEN ONE PAGE!"
"VICKY, I NEED TO SUFFER BEFORE I CAN UNLOCK MY CREATIVE ID."
"EATING CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES, DRINKING BEER, AND WATCHING TV IS SUFFERING?"
"HAVE YOU WATCHED DAYTIME TV RECENTLY?"

SNUFFY SMITH

"WANNA KNOW YORE FORCHUN, PARSON?"
"I DON'T HOLD WIF NO WITCHCRAFT, JUG-HAID!!"
"OH, IT AIN'T WITCHCRAFT, PARSON!!"
"IT'S A SIMPLE CON GAME!!"

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"Y'KNOW, YOU GO OUT, HAVE A FEW DRINKS AND WANT TO FIGHT WITH EVERYONE"
"SO, SUE ME, DID I SLUG ANYONE LAST NIGHT?"
"JUST THE GENERAL."

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 13, the 194th day of 2006. There are 171 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 13, 1793, French revolutionary writer Jean Paul Marat was stabbed to death in his bath by Charlotte Corday.

On this date:
In 1787, Congress enacted an ordinance governing the Northwest Territory.
In 1863, deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City.
In 1878, the Treaty of Berlin amended the terms of the Treaty of San Stefano, which had ended the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-78.
In 1886, Father Edward Joseph Flanagan, the founder of Boys Town, was born in Roscommon, Ireland.
In 1960, John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination at his

party's convention in Los Angeles.
In 1967, race-related rioting that claimed 27 lives broke out in Newark, N.J.
In 1977, a blackout lasting 25 hours hit the New York City area.
In 1978, Lee Iacocca was fired as president of Ford Motor Co. by chairman Henry Ford II.
In 1979, a 45-hour siege by Palestinian guerrillas began at the Egyptian Embassy in Ankara, Turkey.
In 1985, "Live Aid," an international rock concert in London, Philadelphia, Moscow and Sydney, took place to raise money for Africa's starving people.
One year ago: A suicide car bomb exploded next to U.S. troops handing out candy and toys in Iraq, killing more than two dozen people, including 18 children and teenagers and an American soldier.

Today's Birthdays: Former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp is 71. Actor Patrick Stewart is 66. Actor Robert Forster is 65. Actor Harrison Ford is 64. Singer-guitarist Roger McGuinn (The Byrds) is 64. Actor-comedian Cheech Marin is 60. Actress

Daphne Maxwell Reid is 58. Actress Didi Conn is 55. Singer Louise Mandrell is 52. Actor-director Cameron Crowe is 49. Tennis player Anders Jarryd is 45. Rock musician Gonzalo Martinez De La Cotera (Marcy Playground) is 44. Country singer-songwriter Victoria Shaw is 44. Bluegrass singer Rhonda Vincent is 44. Actor Michael Jace is 41. Country singer Neil Thrasher is 41. Singer Gerald Levert is 40. Singer Deborah Cox is 33. Rock musician Will Champion (Coldplay) is 28.

Thought for Today: "The worst cynicism a belief in luck." — Joyce Carol Oates, American author.

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