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Joyce Crooker, an outgoing member of the Moore Development Board of Directors, accepts a plaque commemorating her service with the local agency from Richard Steel, board president. Crooker served on the board to fill the unexpired term left by Charles Myers, marking her second time to serve on the board after completing a stint in the mid-1990s. Crooker will be replaced with local resident Frank Parker, who was named to the board Tuesday by the Big Spring City Council.

## Moore directors approve \$15,000 for student vocational program

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A new curriculum at Big Spring High School got a \$15,000 shot in the arm Wednesday, as the board of directors for Moore Development approved funding for a new vocational training program.

The curriculum — which was designed by the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) and includes classes in construction technology, metal trades and electrical trades is on the cutting edge of vocational training, according to Moore Development Director Kent Sharp.

'These text books aren't on the state's approved list, so the state won't pay for them," sa'l Sharp, holding up one of the books from the program.

"It probably will be in two or three years, but it's not now. Most high schools haven't adopted it, and this would most likely make Big Spring one of the few schools in the state to implement it."

The program was examined by Raul Marquez and the board's Workforce

Committee, and according to Marquez, represents a step in the right direction for the local high school.

"This is for some of the kids that don't want to pursue a college education," said Marquez. "And according to our census in town, we need a lot of vocational trade people, such as plumbers, electricians, welders and carpenters.

"When they first came to us, they were asking for between \$35,000 and \$37,000 to implement the pro-

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# **BSISD** to pay tuition, fees for college courses

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The Spring Independent School District has decided to put its money where its mouth is when it comes to encouraging students to attend college.

Using state funds earmarked for college-prepa- BSISD decided to use a

tory efforts, BSISD officials announced that the district will pay tuition, fee book and charges for high school students who decide to take concurrent courses at Howard

College.

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school "Students have the opportunity to not only take (college) classes, but at no cost to the student parent," BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes said.

still enrolled in high

"It's a great opportuni-High School Principal Mike Ritchey said. "It's a wonderful opportunity to pick up some college courses at no cost. These days, that's a great advantage for students and parents."

Ritchey said that, as of today, 100 BSHS students had signed up for the concurrent courses.

"What we'd like to see is an expansion of those numbers," Ritchey said. "That would mean that See BSISD, Page 3

more of our students are ready for the introductory level of college instruction.'

As part of its school reform package, the state legislature recently designated funds for school districts to use in dropout prevention and college preparation programs.

portion of those funds to pay for the concurrent classes. "The goal

strengthen our concurrent pro gram increasing the number of students earning college credit while

enrolled at Big Spring High School," Downes 'said.

For the past few years, the district has made a big push to strengthen it college prepatory program at BSHE and Downes said that effort is bearing fruit.

"We've already seen increased enrollment in our advanced academic courses," he said. "The high school has a very large offering of AP (advanced placement) and pre-AP courses.

"We've seen increased enrollment in these courses, and we believe the Howard College program will only enhance our current efforts," Downes added.

Ritchey said college readiness efforts won't be

# Up for the challenge

## Madonna Terrazas proud of year-long duty in war zone

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Serving a year in a war zone can definitely be called challenging. Then again, a challenge is what Madonna Terrazas joined the Army

Long-time Big Spring resident Terrazas recently returned from a 12-month stint in the Kuwait-Iraq theater. During that time, she endured extreme heat, dust, uncertainty that goes with serving in a war zone.

to do it again, she said.

Installing communication

cables in 137-degree heat may not be everyone's cup of tea, but Terrazas doesn't seem to mind going against the flow. A Big Spring High School

graduate (Class of 1990).

Terrazas joined the Army

National Guard right before

11, 2001.

"Well, it was something I And she wouldn't hesitate always wanted to do," she said. "There was a lot going on in the news about that time, and it just seemed the right thing to do.

"The Army just seemed like one of the toughest (services) to me," she added. "I just liked the challenge of it all."

Terrazas completed basic training in Oklahoma and

occasional boredom and the the terror attacks of Sept. advanced training in South Carolina before settling in with her National Guard

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Madonna Terrazas, right, is shown with her father, Tony Chavez. Terrazas, a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, recently returned from a year-long active duty tour in the Kuwait-Iraq theater.



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#### PEP RALLY SET TONIGHT

The annual community wide pep rally will be held at 8 p.m. tonight at the Comanche Trail Park amphitheater.

Athletes from all Big Spring High School fall sports, including football, volleyball, swimming, cross country and tennis, as well as the band and cheerleaders, will participate in the event.

The Big Spring Steers' football season begins Sept. 1 at home when they host Odessa High School.

Tim Holt, the athletic director/head football coach at Big Spring ISD, will address the crowd.

The pep rally is free to the public. For more information, call at 264-3641.

#### **UW DINE OUT DAY**

Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg, is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard

A portion of the restaurant's proceeds that day will be donated to United Wav.

Also, make plans now to attend the United Way luncheon Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

Tickets, \$10 each are available at the chamber of commerce, the United Way office at 808 Scurry or the Fist Bank of West Texas.

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County serves 15 local agencies.

#### LARGE ITEM PICKUP

The city of Big Spring will once again offer its large item pickup program Friday in an effort to help area residents get rid of items they might not otherwise be able to transport to the municipal landfill. This clean up will cover District 4, represented by Councilwoman Gioria McDonald.

All items — which may include things like sofas, appliances like refrigerators and stoves - 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. Chemicals, car batteries and tires, cannot be picked up.

For more information, call 264-2504.

## **Obituaries**

#### **Gladys Joy Loudamy**



Gladys Joy Loudamy, 80, of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Sept. 10, 1925, in Howard County to Melvin A. Loudamy and

Gladys Irene Loudamy.

Joy graduated from Big Spring High School in 1942. She had worked at Howard County Abstract, Big Spring State Hospital and Carter's Furniture, retiring in 1995. She was a member of Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors include one sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Terry Carter of Big Spring; one brother, Roy Loudamy of Mena, Ark.; one sister-in-law, JoAnn Loudamy of Big Spring; two nieces and their husbands, Lisa and David Hobbs of Big Spring, Dacia and Steve Roen of North Richland Hills; three great nephews, Derek Wash and wife Taryn of Big Spring, Brodie Wash and wife Kaci of San Antonio, and Clinton Hobbs of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Loy Loudamy, one sister-in-law, Myrna C. Loudamy and three nephews, Steve Loudamy, Lonnie Loudamy and Keith Loudamy. The family will be at

No. 5 Highland Cove.

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

Paid obituary

#### Celia Girby

Celia Girby, 61, died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2006, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m.. Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, officiating.

Celia was born Nov. 3, 1944, in Uvalde to Victor and Maria Luna. She married Pete Girby in 1968 in Uvalde. He preceded her in death Sept. 7, 2005. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1988 and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth Girby of Big Spring and Betty Girby of Rockford, Ill., two sons, Steve Girby and Roy Girby, both of Big Spring, two sisters, Soyla Ramos of Garden City, Kan., and Delfa Luna of Ulvade, one brother, Julio Luna of Uvalde. She was also survived by four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Tony Girby, one sister, Maria Luna and one brother, Victor

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

#### **Arnold Tonn**

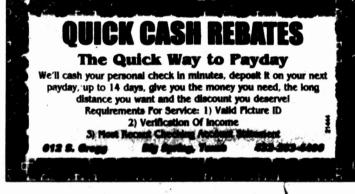
Arnold Tonn, 75, died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2006, at his residence. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

## Take Note

- H-E-B GROCERY WILL HOST A BLOOD DRIVE from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. The bloodmobile will be in the H-E-B parking lot. Sign up online in advance if you wish at www.unitedbloodservices.org
- · CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COL-LECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS. These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.
- · ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.
- NEW LIFE MINISTRIES Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free

Call 264-0771 for more information

- THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).
- HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING RECIPES to be included in a 2006 cookbook which will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Share your memories and your recipes. Contact the Hangar at 264-1999 for recipe forms.
- HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.



## Police blotter

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

• ROBERT ALDRIDGE JR., 22, of Hernandez Road, was arrested Wednesday on a Howard County war-

• THEFT was reported:

- in the 400 block of Fourth Street. - in the 900 block of Willia.

- in the 200 block of W. Marcy

 BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2700 block of Cactus.

## Sheriff's report

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

• GARY LYNN WILLIS, 45, was arrested Wednesday by DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of a dangerous drug. ROBERT C. KIDDER, 49, was arrested Wednesday

by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated. LAUREN RACINE SMITH, 18, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of interfering with an emergency phone call.

 DAVID ADAM MARTINEZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

 JONATHAN ANDREW ARRENDONDO, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license invalid and a Taylor County warrant for driving while license

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the area of ValVerde Road; and the 5000 block of Midway Road. BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the

2700 block of N. Birdwell Lane. BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2300 block of Gatesville Road.

## Fire/EMS

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

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of East Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-12-15-31-37-53. Number matching six of six: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$24

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 13-16-22-27-33. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$28,848. Winning tickets sold in: Denison. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-9-8

## **Support Groups**

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

#### SATURDAY

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

#### SUNDAY

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

#### **MONDAY**

· Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-

#### **TUESDAY**

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

#### WEDNESDAY

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

#### **THURSDAY**

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

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## **Bulletin Board**

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

#### TODAY

• Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.

• Big Spring High School community wide pep rally, 8 p.m., Comanche Trail Park amphitheater. Meet the coaches and athletes.

#### FRIDAY

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

 AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

#### SATURDAY

 Ackerly Lunch Bunch, 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1200 E. Fourth. Lunch will be served at noon for \$6.25 per person.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third. · Hawk take Off community and student rally for Howard College, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Prizes, games, contests, meet the coaches and athletes.

#### MONDAY

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

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Big Spring, 911 Goliad. A different program is offered every week. Enter through the south side door off 10th Street. Call 263-2786 for more information. • Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at

606 E. Third.

## Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows around 70. South winds around 10 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds around 10 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers

and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Sunday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. The

chance of rain is 20 Percent. Sunday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s.

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## **Around Town**

- HERITAGE MUSEUM is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.
- HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.
- POTTON HOUSE, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

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#### Former volunteer firefighter charged with setting fire

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former volunteer firefighter faces a charge of setting a fire in Atascoa County and is suspected of starting others over the past year. Jesse Rios Jr., 31, was with the Primrose Volunteer Fire Department and the Somerset department.

Investigators say he called 911 to report the blaze after

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Rios, of Somerset, was arrested this week by officials from the Bexar County Fire Marshal's Office.

During a May interview with investigators, Rios said he and other volunteers firefighters were involved in several fires starting in October 2005, according to an arrest affidavit.

No one was injured and no buildings were destroyed. Officials suspect Rios and three others started a series of brush fires that spanned hundreds of acres in Atascosa and Bexar counties. The group threw lit bottles filled with gasoline into the brush, Atascosa County Fire Marshal Chuck Garris said.

"They do it for the excitement," said Garris. "They're not busy enough so they set a fire and get busy. It's something to do."

If convicted, Rios faces up to 20 years in prison. Investigators say more arrests could follow in the Atascosa cases.

The Texas Forest Service, which helps investigate arson, was involved in at least five arrests of firefighters in the past three years, officials said.

#### Thousands risk losing rental aid from FEMA

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Some 7,000 families in Texas who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina risk becoming homeless next week.

For the past year, the families have been receiving rental assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. But the FEMA program that provides them that benefit will end Aug. 31.

Evacuees could lose the housing aid unless they meet the criteria for a new program.

Many have yet to submit the required paperwork, which asks them to provide their Louisiana address, identification and income to qualify for the other housing program.

FEMA officials say they have informed evacuee households, but only 10 percent have responded.

A team from FEMA recently distributed 22,000 information packets to apartment complexes throughout Houston, where about 3,000 to 4,000 evacuees could lose their rental assistance, said FEMA spokeswoman Franceska Ramos.

But the information packets weren't distributed in San Antonio, where 300 households could lose the housing aid, Ramos said.

Evacuees participating in FEMA's Individual Assistance Housing Program have until Oct. 31 to file their paperwork or risk loosing their rental assistance.

#### Strong winds damage motel in Hutchins:

HUTCHINS — High winds whipped through parts of Dallas County on Wednesday night, tearing off a portion of a hotel roof, ripping up trees and temporarily knocking out electricity.

There were no immediate reports of injuries.

Deputies were called to help control traffic in Seagoville after the city lost power when a transformer was hit, said Deputy Raul Reyna, a spokesman for the Dallas County Sheriff's Office.

"It's been one of those nights," Reyna said. "I don' know if the rain caught everybody off guard.'

There were about 3,000 TXU customers in Hutchins. Lancaster and southeast Dallas County without power on Wednesday night, said John Hardesty, a spokesman for TXU Electric Delivery.

Electricity was restored to almost all by early Thursday, Hardesty said.

Hutchins, a town of 2,800 just southeast of Dallas, lost power around 7:30 p.m. during the storm. Most of the outage was concentrated in the downtown area. affecting City Hall and the police station, Hardesty said.

"I was surprised at the damage," Hutchins Mayor Artis Johnson said. "I guess it was stronger than I had imagined.'

The storm also damaged part of the roof at the Gold Inn. Johnson said.

#### Tribe says defendants avoiding being served

LUFKIN (AP) — A Texas Indian tribe who filed a federal lawsuit against ex-lobbyist Jack Abramoff and his associates says former Christian Coalition leader Ralph Reed and another defendant have been avoiding

## TERRAZAS

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unit in Arkansas.

However, she moved back to her native Texas in 2004 and transferred to the Army Reserves.

Within a year, she was recalled to active duty with the 820th Signal Co., and shipped out to Kuwait in July 2005.

Terrazas' job specialty is described in Armyspeak as "25 Lima" — a communications cable and wire installer. As such, she and her comrades found themselves much in demand during her year in the theater.

"As a unit, we were

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spread out," she said. "We had people in Iraq, we had people in Kuwait, we had people in Afghanistan ... We were all over the place."

She won't discuss exactly where she went or what she experienced, but she admits the hours were long.

"It was hot; sometimes, it got up to 137 (degrees)," she said. "And we worked hard every day. We got up early and went to bed late.

After 12 months, however, it was time to go home. Terrazas and members of her unit flew to Louisiana, where they were out-processed, then she traveled by bus to Big Spring, where she was

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The Alabama-Coushatta tribe of Livingston filed a lawsuit in July alleging the men engaged in fraud and racketeering to shut down the tribe's casino. Aside from Abramoff and Reed, the suit names their associates, Michael Scanlon, Jon Van Horne and Neil Volz.

Attorney Fred Petti said Van Horne and Reed are making it difficult to serve them "by making themselves unavailable."

"It's like they've gone underground," said Petti, one of the tribe's attorneys.

Once served, the men would have 20 days to answer the suit or file a motion to dismiss it.

"They all know they've been sued...because of the media attention," Petti said. "But you have to physically give them a copy of it."

Scanlon was an aide to former Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land; Volz was an aide to Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio; and Van Horne is Abramoff's former colleague at the law and lobbying firm, Greenberg Traurig.

Abramoff, Scanlon and Volz have pleaded guilty in a public corruption probe involving Abramoff's former tribal clients and possibly members of Congress.

The Alabama-Coushatta never hired Abramoff.

#### **Convicted killer in East Texas** slaying to die Thursday

LIVINGSTON (AP) — Convicted murderer Justin Fuller isn't one to express regret over the slaying of a 21-year-old Tyler man that earned him a trip to death

"If I have regrets, it means I done it," Fuller said from a small visiting cell outside death row at the Polunsky Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal

Fuller, whose 28th birthday is next week, is set to die Thursday evening for the abduction, robbery and fatal shooting of Donald Whittington III nine years ago.

Fuller acknowledges being in the vicinity when Whittington was killed at Lake Tyler, but he says he didn't fire the fatal shots with a .22-caliber pistol or show the body to friends later and shouldn't be executed.

"I was just being a follower," Fuller said. "I was young, 18 years old. I feel like I just got caught up in a bad situation.'

Fuller would be the 19th Texas inmate executed this year in Huntsville, equaling the total executions in the nation's busiest death penalty state for all of 2005. Another condemned inmate is set to die next week and at least seven others are on the execution calendar the rest of the year. Even if all are put to death, the total would fall well short of the record 40 Texas executions

#### San Antonio officer on trial in rape of transsexual

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A transsexual who has accused a police officer of raping and beating her told a jury Wednesday that she revealed to the officer that she has HIV in an attempt to stop the assault.

Gabriel Bernal, 23, said Dean Gutierrez punched her in the face and hit her in the leg with a "black object." "When he hit me in the face, I'm assuming he's going to kill me," Bernal said.

Gutierrez, 46, is charged with depriving a person's civil rights by committing aggravated sexual abuse while on duty. If convicted, Gutierrez faces up to life

in prison. Although the names of alleged sexual assault victims aren't typically printed, Bernal has consented to have her name used. Bernal prefers to be called Starlight

and be addressed as a woman. However, prosecutors are using male pronouns to refer to Bernal. Asked by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Baumann if the acts were consensual, Bernal replied, "Not with

my consent, sir. Not with my consent.' Gutierrez's lawyers alleged outside the jury's presence that Bernal was acting naive. The defense also tried unsuccessfully to be allowed to argue that Bernal's injuries could have been caused by having sex in acts of prostitution.

Authorities say the sexual assault happened on the night of June 10, 2005. They say Gutierrez know Bernal was male.

The defense contends Bernal made up the allegations to get money from the city. Bernal has hired attorneys to pursue a civil case against the city, said Gutierrez' attorney, Ben Sifuentes Jr.

The San Antonio Police Department placed Gutierrez on indefinite suspension, which is tantamount to being fired, after his indictment in October 2005.

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gram for five years. However, the committee recommends that we fund it year by year at \$15,000 and put some stipulations on it as to what we require for our money. We want to evaluate it every year and see what kind of results

we can get." While Big Spring High School and Big Spring ISD are spearheading the effort to get the new program in the classroom, Sharp said its benefits reach far beyond just

the city of Big Spring. "I don't know exactly what the arrangement is, but I do know Coahoma is sending some of their students for the program," said Sharp. "And it is very possible Big Spring will be able to reach an agreement with Forsan for the same thing. It would be wonderful for the whole county to participate."

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With Monday's approval of funding, Sharp said the curriculum would begin being taught as early as next week, giving students time to finish the core and Level 1 studies by the end of the school year.

And while the course normally takes more than a single school year to complete, Sharp said he hopes to see Howard College step in to help seniors that will graduate in 2007.

"The students can get dual credits for this program from Howard College," said Sharp. "We're hoping that the college will step in at some point and provide adult classes in this curriculum, that way this year's seniors that will only get the core and level one classes can complete the program after they have graduated."

Once the NCCER program is completed, Sharp

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limited to juniors and seniors. Officials are currently eyeing several ideas aimed at preparing freshmen and sophomores for college careers,

"We're trying to establish a knowledge base that will pave the way for these students to have success," he said.

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said graduates have a rather handy tool at their fingertips.

"This program is part of a national database where students that complete the curriculum can register," said Sharp. "The employers, who I believe pay a small fee to fund the database, can use it to search for qualified people. For example, they can search a certain area and tell the database to show them all of the welders in that area. It's a great tool."

Also during Wednesday's meeting, the board approved a resolution for outgoing member Joyce Crooker, who completed her second term since serving on the economic development board in the mid 1990s. Crooker was presented with the resolution and a commemorative plaque for her service.

Crooker's seat will be filled by local resident Frank Parker.

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Arnold Tonn, 75, died Wednesday. The family will receive friends from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Friday at the funeral home.Services will be 10:00 A.M. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Celia Girby, 61, died Wednesday. Graveside Services will be 2:00 P.M. Friday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.





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OUR VIEWS

# United Way's 'Splash Day' is a great idea

alk about a departure from the norm, United Way of Big Spring and Howard County has planned just that for the start of its 2006 fund-raising campaign.

In years past, the United Way's campaign has begun with a "kick off" luncheon at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

And make no mistake about it, the United Way will again hold a "kick off" luncheon this fall.

This year, however, the United Way will begin its campaign with something a little "splashier," so to speak.

Splash Day for United Way is scheduled for 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the municipal swimming pool, located in Comanche Trail Park. It should be noted, however, that the event is

not really meant to be a fund-raising activity. In fact, United Way board of directors say the focus for Saturday's Splash Day is not money,

but having a little fun. Admission to the pool will be free. The food will be free. And nobody is going to be asking for con-

tributions for charity. The whole idea, according to United Way officials, is to give people an enjoyable event and provide information about the 15 local agencies

that receive United Way funding. Agencies assisted by the United Way are: YMCA, Victim Services, Girl Scouts, Westside Day Care Center, Westside Community Center, Salvation Army, Northside Community Center, Isaiah 58, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging, Buffalo Trail Council of Boy Scouts of America, Big Spring Humane Society, Boy's Club of Big Spring

and American Red Cross Plans call for the event will be very similar to the Memorial Day Splash-In held each year at the municipal pool, and sponsored by KBST radio.

And KBST will be involved in Splash Day, broadcasting live from the pool. Big Spring Rotarians will handle cooking free food, which is being donated by Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Event coordinators are preparing for a large turnout Saturday, and are taking steps to help alleviate any crowding. Swimming and the radio broadcast will be centered at the pool, while food and drinks will be served at the Old Settler's Pavilion. Inflatable games will be set up in the

Things that are "new and different" aren't always best, but in this case, we believe United Way board members have come up with a great

Having a little fun — the kind planned for Splash Day — is always a good thing to our way

We look forward to seeing you at the park Saturday.

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#### A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we do something for You today, Lord.

Amen

# Carter: Sympathy for the Devil

ant to know where the Democratic Party stands and where America would be under their leadership? Just ask Jimmy Carter.

Carter is certainly 11 not bashful about bashing the United States, even on foreign soil or to the foreign press. He sat for an interview with Der Spiegel recently and fired with both barrels at President Bush, "fundamentalist" Christians and Israel.



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But do Carter's views represent those of the Democratic Party? Well, he sure seems to think so. He told Der Spiegel, "I think I represent the vast majority of Democrats in this country." If so, that's scary.

Expanding on the theme of his latest book, "Our Endangered Values," Carter said the Bush administration has abandoned the nation's "old" moral principles. That's a curious concept: By upholding traditional moral values President Bush has diverted the nation's morals.

Carter is particularly exercised about Bush's foreign policy. He said, "Under all of its predecessors there was a commitment to peace instead of preemptive war. Our country always had a policy of not going to war unless our own security was directly threatened and now we have a new policy of going to war on a preemptive

But no less an antiwar Democrat than Sen. John Kerry — after savaging President Bush for his "preemptive" attack of Iraq — admitted in the first presidential debate that, "The president always has the right, and always has had the right, for preemptive strike. That was a great doctrine throughout the Cold War."

No matter how persistently

Carter's Democrats attempt to rewrite history, President Bush attacked Iraq because he believed it was a threat to America's security — and it was, just like Iran is today. Carter is delusional if he believes Bush was just recreationally flexing America's "imperialistic" muscles to spread democracy. The debate here between

Democrats and Republicans isn't over the use of preemptive war as Kerry reluctantly confessed but on the assessment of threats to our national security. Specifically, the debate centers on the parties' respective views of the nature and scope of the terrorist threat, whether Israel is seen as more of a victim surrounded by hostile regimes bent on its destruction or a bullying, aggressive nation, and whether we should defer on these questions to anti-American leaders in Europe and the United Nations. Carter states the Democrats'

position quite clearly. Islamo-fascist terrorists aren't that bad. They are probably peace-loving people like the rest of us who just have their noses out of joint over Bush's "unilateral" foreign policy and his "preemptive" attack on Iraq. Indeed, Carter said the Arab world hates us because we invaded Iraq, and even more so for "supporting and encouraging Israel in its unjustified attack on Lebanon."

So the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, occurred because we attacked Iraq in 2003? Israel was unjustified in retaliating against Hezbollah, which is supported by (and a part of) the Lebanese government and its people? If we would just talk to these reasonable terrorists — such as Hezbollah and Mike Wallace's hero, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, we could achieve peace?

In the interview, Carter pointedly blamed Bush's foreign policy on his Christian "fundamentalism." He nicely articulated the position of today's Democratic leaders, which while scrambling for "values voters," consistently insult them, and while holding themselves out as superior guardians of our national security, see America, not the terrorists, as the problem.

Carter, after unmistakably implying that Bush is a fundamentalist, said that fundamentalists believe "they are speaking for God" and "anyone who disagrees with them is inherently wrong" and "inherently inferior." "In extreme cases — as is the case with some fundamentalists around the world — it makes your opponents sub-humans, so that their lives are not significant." Since "the negotiating process itself is an indication of implied equality" the fundamentalist (read: President Bush) "can't bring himself or herself to negotiate with people who disagree with them." Carter also said that since the

fundamentalists believe they are speaking for God, they think they are above making, much less admitting, mistakes. "So when we permit the torture of prisoners in Guantanamo or Abu Ghraib, it's just impossible for a fundamentalist (read: Bush - again) to admit that a mistake was made.'

Carter couldn't be more wrong. Bush, though not even close to a fundamentalist, is a Bible-believing Christian who by definition believes in the equal dignity of all

But leave it to Carter to say Bush "permitted" torture, which is an outright lie. Leave it to him to believe the worst about "fundamentalist" Christians and the best of Islamo-fascist terrorists.

Sadly, I believe Carter does speak for the Democratic leadership, and that speaks volumes about the Democrat leadership.

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# Bushies having tough time un-lying

oyal Masset, a Texas Republican political consultant who has been accused of being less than brilliant, recently had this to say about Karl Rove: "I think we actually like Karl a lot more now than we did when he was more active locally.

Masset told the San Antonio Express-News he believed that Rove in Washington is remaining loyal to Bush while "fighting the good fight. He's fighting budgets. He's fighting wars. He's doing conservative kinds of things." When Rove was in



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Texas, Masset continued, "there was a real sense of him being a total self-centered (person) who didn't care about anybody. He would literally destroy people who tried to oppose him."

Plenty o' food for thought in that.

But first we should maybe figure out how to smuggle Royal out of the country with a fake passport.

The Bushies are having the hardest time trying to un-lie now. For example, at his Monday press conference, the president asserted. "Nobody's ever suggested in this administration that Saddam Hussein ordered the (Sept. 11) attack.'

How true: What Vice President Cheney in December 2001 said about links between 9-11 and Iraq was that it was "pretty well confirmed" that hijacking ringleader Mohammed Atta had met with Iraqi intelligence.

On June 17, 2004, Cheney said: "We have never been able to confirm that, nor have we been able to knock it down, we just don't know. ... I can't refute the Czech claim, I can't prove the Czech claim, I just don't know.'

In July 2004, the CIA's own report stated it does not have "any credible information" that the alleged meeting ever took place. The CIA said the whole concoction was based on a single source "whose veracity .... has been questioned" and that the Iraqi official allegedly involved was in U.S. custody and denied the meeting ever took place. The 9-11 commission had already concluded the meeting never occurred.

Cheney has a consistent pattern of exaggeration on intelligence related to Iraq.

The tragedy is that at least half the American people believed Saddam Hussein was connected to the 9-11 plot — and most soldiers serving in Iraq still believe this.

It's pretty embarrassing when the British intelligence services, MI5 and MI6, accuse the FBI of leaking like a sieve. British intelligence has a lengthy history in the leaking-like-a-sieve department so that's some pot calling our kettle black. Nevertheless, they are making the point that our leaks about the "liquid terror" plot have pretty well bollixed up the case.

**Deputy Prime Minister John** Prescott was so annoyed he referred to the entire Bush performance in the Middle East as "crap.'

This truth-telling has gone too

Or, come to think of it, maybe it's just begun — and it's high damn time we got on with it.

I'd suggest starting with the reality on the ground. Iraq is a disaster. The most credible estimate of how long it would take to fix it if it is fixable — is another 10 to 25 years and a commensurate amount of dollars.

Is it doable? Is it worth it?

What are the consequences if we do or do not continue the effort? What are the consequences if the most likely result of our withdrawal - partition into three parts — takes place? (That's also a likely consequence of our staying.)

It seems to me that those who advocate withdrawal ASAP have just as much of a duty to make the arguments for doing so - and to admit how much they don't know — as those who got us into this mess five years ago with that titanic combination of misinformation and ignorance.

Let's start with what Donald Rumsfeld once described as "the known unknowns" and then see how far we get.

Let's have what we should have had at the beginning - as informed and unideological a debate as possible, with attention to the effects on our allies and the region. Onward.

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U.N. could be next stop in impasse over Iranian nuclear program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is working with European allies and other governments over a possible U.N. response to what the Bush administration characterizes as Iran's inadequate answer to demands that it cease uranium enrichment.

Iran maintains it has offered "positive and clear signals" to resolve the dispute over its nuclear program, but could face U.N. sanctions unless it reverses course and agrees to a verifiable halt to enrichment activities that can be a precursor to the manufacture of nuclear weapons

French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy says Iran must suspend uranium enrichment if it wants to return to negotiations, but Russia's foreign ministry said it would continue to seek a negotiated solution and China appealed for patience and more dialogue.

The State Department acknowledged that Iran considered its proposal to be a serious one and promised to "review it."

But the U.S. statement issued Wednesday went on to say that Iran's response to a joint offer of U.S, and European trade and other benefits if the enrichment program was halted "falls short of the conditions set by the Security Council" — full and verifiable suspension of all uranium-enrichment activity.

'We are consulting closely, including with other members of the Security Council, on next steps," it

The United Nations has set a deadline of next Thursday for a formal reply by Tehran.

EU officials tallying troop offers before key meeting on Mideast peacekeeping force

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — EU diplomats meeting before foreign minister talks later this week have attempted to draw up a list of troop contingents that member nations could contribute to a strengthened U.N. force in Lebanon.

But most EU nations remain wary of making firm commitments until the mandate for the new force is clarified, fearing that their peacekeepers could be dragged into a conflict with the Hezbollah militants based in south Lebanon or with Israel if the current cease-fire between them collapses.

Temu Tanner, ambassador of Finland — which holds the EU's rotating presidency - said there were no breakthroughs at Wednesday's preparatory discussions of ambassadors and their deputies at EU headquarters in Brussels. But firm decisions on assembling the force may come as soon as Friday, when EU ministers meet with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in Brussels.

"We didn't expect any definitive indications of troop contributions today, but the feeling is now that on Friday the ministers will have a fruitful discussion,'

He said the Italians, who have pledged the largest contingent for the force, made a strong appeal for more EU troops on the ground.

Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni was meeting Thursday in Rome with her Italian counterpart Massimo D'Alema and Premier Romano Prodi for expected talks about the shaping of the peacekeeping mission, which Italy seems on the verge of leading.

A U.N. diplomat said that France is also considering increasing its commitment, and a high-level meeting is planned Thursday with President Jacques Chirac, the foreign and defense ministers and key military officials to look at several options to add more troops. The diplomat spoke on condition of anonymity.

France disappointed some by offering only 200 troops to double its contribution to the existing U.N. force in

#### California officials told Colorado authorities of Karr's interest in JonBenet Ramsey in 2001

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California detectives learned of John Mark Karr's apparent fascination with the JonBenet Ramsey murder while investigating him in 2001, but said Wednesday he did not appear to have any special knowledge of the case.

The Sonoma County Sheriff's Department said in a statement that it notified Colorado officials five years ago about Karr. It is the earliest known time that Karr was brought to the attention of authorities investigating the 1996 slaying of the girl in her Boulder County. Colo., home.

"We never uncovered any 'confession' statements, overt murder evidence, or other indications that John Karr possessed secret knowledge that only the murderer of JonBenet Ramsey would know," the statement said.

The Boulder County district attorney's office did not immediately return a call for comment.

Karr remained jailed in Los Angeles on Wednesday awaiting transport to Colorado, which has issued a murder warrant for his arrest. He told reporters in Thailand last week that he was with JonBenet when she died and that it was an accident.



# Pluto kicked out of planet club

Astronomers demote much-maligned body to 'dwarf planet' status

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — Leading astronomers declared Thursday that Pluto is no longer a planet under historic new guidelines that downsize the solar system from nine planets to eight.

After a tumultuous week of clashing over the essence of the cosmos, the International Astronomical Union stripped Pluto of the planetary status it has held since its discovery in 1930. The new definition of what is - and isn't - a planet fills a centuries-old black hole for scientists who have labored since Copernicus without one.

Although astronomers applauded after the vote, Jocelyn Bell Burnell a specialist in neutron stars from Northern Ireland who oversaw the proceedings — urged those who might be "quite disappointed" to look on the bright side.

"It could be argued that we are creating an umbrella called 'planet' under which the dwarf planets exist," she said, drawing laughter by waving a stuffed Pluto of Walt Disney fame beneath a real umbrel-

international group spells out the basic tests that celestial objects will

elite cosmic club.

For now, membership will be restricted to the eight "classical" planets in the solar system: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Saturn, Uranus and Jupiter, Neptune.

Much-maligned Pluto doesn't make the grade under the new rules for a planet: "a celestial body that is in orbit around the sun, has sufficient mass for its self-gravity to overcome rigid body forces so that it assumes a ... nearly round shape, and has cleared the neighborhood around its orbit.'

Pluto is automatically disqualified because its oblong orbit overlaps with Neptune's.

Instead, it will be reclassified in a new category of "dwarf planets," similar to what long have been termed "minor planets." The definition also lays out a third class of lesser objects that orbit the sun — "small solar system bodies," a term that will apply to numerous asteroids, comets and other natural

It was unclear how Pluto's demo-The decision by the prestigious tion might affect the mission of NASA's New Horizons spacecraft, which earlier this year began a 9 have to meet before they can be 1/2-year journey to the oddball

The decision at a conference of 2,500 astronomers from 75 countries was a dramatic shift from just a week ago, when the group's leaders floated a proposal that would have reaffirmed Pluto's planetary status and made planets of it's largest moon and two other objects.

That plan proved highly unpopular, splitting astronomers into factions and triggering days of sometimes combative debate.

Now, two of the objects that at one point were cruising toward possible full-fledged planethood will join Pluto as dwarfs: the asteroid Ceres, which was a planet in the 1800s before it got demoted, and 2003 UB313, an icy object slightly larger than Pluto whose discoverer, Michael Brown of the California Institute of Technology, has nicknamed "Xena."

Charon, the largest of Pluto's three moons, is no longer under consideration for any special designation.

Brown was pleased by the decision. He had argued that Pluto and similar bodies didn't deserve planet status, saying that would "take the magic out of the solar system."

"UB313 is the largest dwarf planconsidered for admission to the object to unearth more of its et. That's kind of cool," he said.

## FDA allows some nonprescription sales of morning-after pill

WASHINGTON (AP) -Women may buy the morning-after pill without a prescription — but only with proof they're 18 or older, federal health officials ruled Thursday, capping a contentious 3year effort to ease access to the contraceptive.

Girls 17 and younger still will need a doctor's note to buy the pills, called Plan B, the Food and Drug Administration told manufacturer Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc.

The compromise decision is a partial victory for women's advocacy and medical groups that say eliminating sales restrictions could cut in half the nation's 3 million annual unplanned pregnancies.

The pills are a concentrated dose of the same drug found in many regular birth-control pills. When a woman takes the pills within 72 hours of unprotected sex, they can lower the risk of pregnancy by up to 89 percent. If she already is pregnant, the pills have no effect.

Barr has said it hopes to begin nonprescription sales of Plan B by the end of the year. The pills will be sold only from behind the counter at pharmacies — so the pharmacist can check photo identification — but not at convenience stores or gas stations.

There isn't enough scientific evidence that young teens can safely use Plan B without a doctor's supervision, Dr. Andrew von Eschenbach, the FDA's acting commissioner, said in a memo obtained Associated Press.

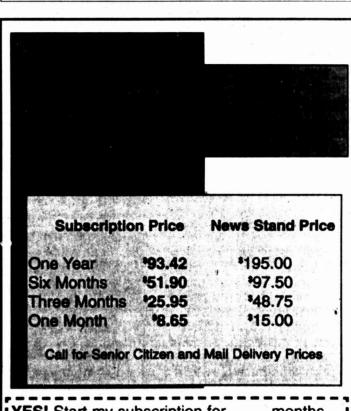
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# Dodge consults students in quest for young buyers

By KORTNEY STRINGER

**Detroit Free Press** 

A couple of months ago, Frederica Piphus knew almost nothing about Dodge except that it made the truck her dad drives.

But after about a month of getting up to speed on the DaimlerChrysler AG Chrysler Group brand, the 19-year-old Cincinnati resident decided to spend a few weeks in Michigan working 16-hour days unpaid — to make sure her peers know all about Dodge, too.

Piphus. a Tennessee State University junior, is one of 21 college students from all over the country picked to create business and marketing plans to help Dodge strengthen its appeal to so-called millennials. Millennials are the estimated 100 million people born roughly after 1980 who are likely to become new car buyers in the next five years.

"We're looking at needs. about b u t needs, said Piphus. The three week initiative, paid for by Dodge, is exten-

world business BBDO Detroit. problems while working with companies. About 67 students spent the first month or so of the program working with about 40 companies across the country including Dodge. They do things like promote concerts, help firms understand their target markets and work on marketing events.

During the second phase, about one-third of the students were chosen to conduct research to help Dodge attract young people to the brand.

Since mid-July, the students have worked 12- to 16-hour days meeting with Dodge executives and the company's ad agency, BBDO Detroit. They've toured car-testing facilities and gone to places like downtown restaurants or local concerts to survey and observe young people. They created a business plan in a war room at Oakland University filled with laptops and bright yellow, orange and pink Post-it notes.

Lindsay Matthews, a junior majoring in engineering at Vanderbilt, said that because of the program, she's thinking about switching her career plans to becoming a product manager.

"It's great. We've been exposed to things that we aren't in school, like deadlines and teamwork,' the 20-year-old Boston resident said.

The students didn't get a salary or stipend, class credit or grades.

"They're working the hardest they've ever worked in their life, but they're having the most fun," said Mike Sicard, a Vanderbilt business professor who runs the program. "They're getting the experience, not the cash."

Dodge's program illustrates the growing desire by large U.S. companies

that sell everything from tion itself as a bold, inmakeup to mortgages to attract millennials. Marketing to this group is particularly complex for advertisers because it's larger, more ethnically diverse and technologically savvy and less receptive to traditional 30-second TV spots than previ-,

Automakers, in particular, are paying close attention to millennials.

"From our perspective, our job is not only to sell cars today but also to look into the future and do everything we can to see who the customers are so we can be successful into the future," said Jim Yetter, senior manager of Dodge marketing. "These students are working as a consultant team with us to define what we can do to make Dodge relevant to them." Dodge, most recog-

such as the Ram, recently

has been trying to reposi-

nized for its

your-face American brand. To appeal to the youth market this year, it replaced its Neon compact, which appealed to many young car buyers, with the Caliber. The Caliber is a compact with more bells and whistles such as fold-down speakgenerations., ers and a so-called chill zone in the glove compartment for keeping beverages cold.

According to a recent survey of more than 30,000 people age 16 to 24 by auto research firm CNW Marketing Research, a modest 13.5 percent said they want to someday own a Dodge car, while 11 percent said they would like to buy a Dodge truck. In comparison, 21.5 percent said they'd like to buy a Lexus car, 28 percent fancy dri-

> ving a Mini Cooper in the future, and 24 percent would like to own a Chevy truck.

Dodge, which acknowledges brand the doesn't rank high among millennials, said its goal with Accelerator program is hear directly from the horse's

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MCT photo/Fric Seals/Detroit Free Press

David Doughty of Oklahoma City directs Andrew Walters of Sharon, Conn., as he shoots video for part of the groups' presentation for Dodge executives in Rochester, Mich.

there were major takeaways.

Among them: Millennials don't like to be preached to. They don't feel productive unless they are multitasking, and they value most the opinions and referrals of their network of friends. That tends to be significant because of networking Web sites they frequent such MySpace.com.

"We need to start connecting with this group now because their buying power is enormous, and it will be humongous in a few years," said Tom Loveless, Dodge's director of marketing. "What we learned was different from what the consultants have been telling us. In fact, we're better off not doing anything than attempting to

would turn millennials away from us."

One auto expert said whatever Dodge learned from the group could be an effective, competitive weapon, but only if it actually uses the information.

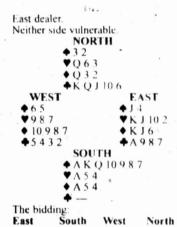
"It's not a case of them telling Dodge what would work with their age group; it's a case of

wrong thing, which whether Dodge listens," said Art Spinella, president of CNW Research. "Do they have the potential to gain some insights? Absolutely, yes. It's essential they capture the aspiration of this group because sales five years out will depend on this."

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#### The Serendipity Factor



Pass Pass Opening lead - two of clubs. Pinochle is a crazy, mixed-up

- at least to anyone not familiar with it. Not only does the deck contain 48 cards instead of 52, but there are no cards lower than a nine. What's more, there are two queens of spades, two aces of hearts, and, in fact, every card has a twin an identical twin, no less

And, to add to the confusion, the cards rank in order from the ace down to the nine, just as in bridge, with one exception — the ten is higher than the king!

Now, my friend John, an inveterate pinochle player who never had a kind word to say about bridge though he understood the game was at the club one day, and there weren't enough players for a inochle game. So he co play bridge just for kicks.

On the very first deal, he picked up the South hand and got to six spades. John is a pretty good cardplayer and saw right away that he couldn't make 12 tricks even though he got a club lead and ruffed East's ace. There simply was no sure entry to dummy to cash the clubs. But John thought that if he ran all

his trumps, the defenders might blunder and let him make the contract. So he cashed the ace of spades, continued with the ten and was about to play the king when East rudely interrupted and said, "It's my lead." You see, John had forgotten he was playing bridge, not pinochle, and that the ten was not second in rank to the ace. But his inadvertent mistake

proved to be just what the doctor ordered. After winning the ten with the jack, East was forced to return a club or lead from one of his kings, so John wound up making the slam.

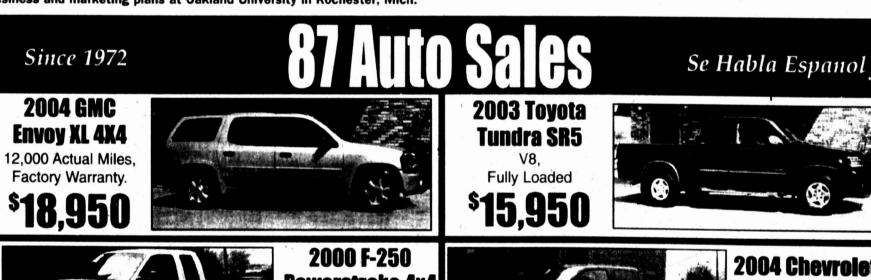
Nowadays, John doesn't play

much pinochle anymore. You just can't tear him away from the bridge

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz. £2006 King Features Syndicate Inc



Students in the Vanderbilt Summer Business Initiative "Accelerator Program" work on their business and marketing plans at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich.





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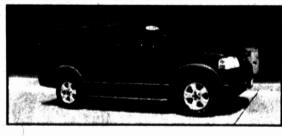
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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call 263-7331. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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Steers scrimmage set for Lubbock

The Big Spring preseason scrimmage will be Friday in

Lubbock vs. Pampa. The scrimmage, which will feature the respective schools' ninth grade, junior varsity and varsity squads, will be held at the Lubbock Monterey School practice field.

Freshmen and junior varsity will scrimmage at 5 p.m., followed by the varsity at 7 p.m.

There is no admission to the scrimmage, but officials urge people planning on attending to bring their own chairs, as there are no bleacher facilities at the Monterey practice field.

The Steers open the regular season at home against Odessa High School Sept. 1.

#### Coahoma Booster Club sets event

The Coahoma Booster Club will hold its annual Meet the Bulldogs Night for 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

#### Youth volleyball sign-ups under way

Registration Volleyball Youth League play has started at the YMCA.

Families with children in Grades 3-6 are eligible to play.

The registration fee \$45 per player a the deadline to register is Saturday. Players will be

divided inot two age groups - third- and fourth-graders in one division and fifthand sixth-graders in the other.

Teams will be formed Aug. 31 at a coaches meeting and clinic and league play begins Sept. 16.

For more information, call 267-8234.

#### Quarterback Club meetings slated

Big Spring High School's Quarterback Club will meet at 7 Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Mark Tissue, the booster club's president, encourages all parents of BSHS football players and fans of the Steers to attend.

For 'more information, call Tissue at 816-3458.

#### **Fort Worth Bowl** gets new name

The Fort. Worth Bowl has a new name and a new sponsor. Bowl president To announced will now be known a Bowl to "honor our nation's men and vomen in unifo

# Devil Rays keep giving Rangers a problem

By The Associated Press

Struggling Jorge Cantu put the Texas Rangers into a deeper

Cantu hit his first homer since July 29 and drove in three runs to help the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat the Rangers 7-3 Wednesday night.

Cantu had sat out the previous

two days and was hitting just .146 since July 24 before going 3for-4 against Texas. "He gets the next two days off," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon

joked. "He responded really well. I think he feels pretty good about himself right now."

Mark Teixeira hit a two-run homer for the Rangers, who have

lost the first three games of a four-game series with the Devil Rays. Texas is 7 1/2 games behind the AL West-leading Oakland Athletics, who beat Toronto 6-0.

"It's not unfathomable," Teixeira said. "It's a big league rolling. Tonight, I'm embarteam. They want to win just as much as we do, and they've played better than us the last three days. They can go out and beat anybody, so we just have to play better.'

Cantu hit a two-run drive in fifth and a run-scoring double one inning later that gave Tampa Bay a 4-3 lead.

"I needed to clear my head," Cantu said. "I feel really relaxed. Very, very relaxed for the first time in a long time."

Cantu's double went over center fielder Jerry Hairston, who got turned around on the play. Hairston made the start to give Gary Matthews Jr. some rest.

"I let the team down," Hairston said. "My job is to keep the train rassed. It's unacceptable.

Carl Crawford added a two-run shot in Tampa Bay's three-run seventh. It was his career-high 16th homer of the season.

In other AL games, it was: Cleveland 15, Kansas City 13; Chicago 7, Detroit 5; Minnesota 4, Baltimore 1; Oakland 6, Toronto 0; New York 9, Seattle 2; and Boston 5, Los Angeles 4.

In National League action, it Houston 7, Cincinnati 3; San game that we've done well.'

Diego 7, Los Angeles 2; New York 10, St. Louis 8; Milwaukee 7, Colorado 1; San Francisco 7, Arizona 6; Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 4; and Florida 9, Washington 7.

**Shawn Camp (6-1) threw 1 1-3** scoreless innings to get the win. . The Devil Rays are 13-25 since the All-Star break.

Rocco Baldelli doubled in a run in the first and Cantu snapped an 0-for-19 skid with his 10th homer. of the season against Kevin Millwood (12-9) in the fifth, putting the Devil Rays ahead 3-0.

Millwood gave up six runs and eight hits over 6 1-3 innings "It's been real frustrating seeing as how we haven't done any-

thing well," Millwood said. "You was: Philadelphia 2, Chicago 1; can't pick out one facet of the

# **Henson done with Cowboys**

#### Romo still No. 2 behind Bledsoe on depth chart

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

**AP Sports Writer** 

IRVING Henson won't be on the Dallas Cowboys roster this season, and the former third baseman once considered the team's quarterback of the future might be on the trading block.

"I just didn't see enough," coach Bill Parcells said Wednesday. Henson's locker had

already been cleaned out when reporters were allowed into the locker room before practice. For now, rookie free agent Matt Baker is the No. 3 quarterback behind Drew Bledsoe and Tony Romo.

"I'm really not at liberty to discuss the situation because I'm not privy to that information," Parcells said. "He's not going to be on our roster. That's all you need to know."

Parcells also reiterated that Bledsoe is the starting quarterback and that he is just trying to get a true evaluation of Romo, who has never thrown a pass in a regular season game, with extended play during the preseason.

Romo took every snap in the preseason opener, then played in the second half Monday night against New Orleans after Bledsoe was 12-of-16 passing for 156 yards and two touchdowns before halftime in his first preseason action. Romo is 25-of-33 for 373 yards with two TDs.

"I think if the day ever comes when I am going to be committed to Romo, the first person I would let know would be Bledsoe. I am going to owe him that," said Parcells, who drafted Bledsoe with the first



Drew Henson warms up during a Dallas Cowboys' practice in Oxnard, Calif., on Aug. 3. The Cowboys announced Wednesday that Henson would not be on the team's roster this season.

not at that day right now.

"But I am happy with Romo's progress. I'm sure most of you can see why I was hoping this would kind of go, so we would have some hope for the future."

Henson had spent three seasons playing baseball in the New York Yankees' organization when the Cowboys acquired him from the Houston Texans in March 2003. The Texans, already with David Carr at quarterback, had the rights to Henson after drafting him in 2002.

Three years ago the

England in 1993. "We're eight-year deal with a guaranteed \$3.5 million the most ever for a sixthround pick — and sent a third-round draft pick to the Texans. The final four years of Henson's con-

tract were voidable. About \$3 million of Henson's contract will count against the Cowboys' salary cap.

"I don't keep players that I don't think can play for us," Parcells said. "We tried very diligently with this guy. I really don't want to comment. This is a little bit of a limbo situation. There are a couple of moving parts."

Baker has taken most of

overall pick with New Cowboys gave Henson and the snaps with the thirdteam offense since being added to the Cowboys roster Aug. 7.

> Henson's only start for the Cowboys came on Thanksgiving Day 2004 for an injured Vinny Testaverde, who then replaced Henson at halftime. Henson was the Cowboys' third quarterback all last season.

While calling Henson's performance during camp "average," Parcells insisted that the quarterback's roster spot wasn't in danger. Cowboys owner Jerry Jones still considered Henson "an excellent prospect," but admitted last week that he thought headed to another team.

the quarterback would be further along in his development.

'It's accurate to say that I had higher expectations," Jones said then. "It wouldn't surprise me if we didn't wake up here and he was starting for a team in the NFL. ... Not right now, but in the future.'

In Henson's first Dallas camp two years ago, he was shaking off the rust after being out of football starting since Michigan as a junior in the 2001 Rose Bowl. Last year, he was competing with Romo for the No. 2 job. Now, he appears

# wens reaggravates hamstring injury

By The Associated Press

Terrell Owens' first game action with the Dallas Cowboys will have to wait yet another week — at least.

The star wide receiver, who has yet to play in the preseason, said he reaggravated his left hamstring injury by returning to practice too soon last week.

"At this point, yeah, I will be close to 100 percent before I get back on the field," Owens said Wednesday. "I'm not going to jeopardize my health just because of speculation or anything like that."

Like he did for most practices during training camp in Oxnard, Calif.. Owens rode a stationary bicycle when the Cowboys held their first workout at home.

Owens characterized his injury as a "severe pull" and said he

almost certainly will miss his him. third straight preseason game. The Cowboys play at home Saturday against San Francisco.

"It's frustrating, but it's not where I need it to be to play and perform like I need to," Owens said. "So at this point, I'm going to be smart about it."

Asked if he could play if the regular season were starting, Owens said, "I doubt it, not the way I need to play.'

After missing 14 consecutive training camp practices and the preseason opener in Seattle because of the hamstring problem that has bothered him all month, Owens returned for five practices last week. He then missed the final full workout in California and didn't play Monday night against New Orleans in Shreveport, La., after the hamstring tightened up on

. Owens had returned to practice after Cowboys owner Jerry Jones suggested that the receiver needed to learn how to practice at less than 100 percent. His first practice back came only hours after coach Bill Parcells reiterated that Owens needed to be on the field.

"I felt like I was never pressured to get back on the field. I just tried to compromise with some people, just try to be around the team and get back out there," Owens said. "It just flared up again."

**Titans** 

Vince Young gave the Titans and himself - a scare when the back of his throwing hand slammed against a helmet during practice.

Young was examined on the

field, then walked off for X-rays and did not return to practice. Coach Jeff Fisher said he wasn't too concerned, because the preliminary examination on the **field indicated only a bruise.** 

#### Bears

Running back Thomas Jones will start Friday against the Arizona Cardinals after missing the first two preseason games with a pulled hamstring.

Jones, who rushed for a careerhigh 1.335 yards last season, was dropped from the top of the depth chart after missing voluntary offseason workouts.

He was expected to compete with Cedric Benson for the starting job, but injuries to both players put that on hold. Benson, who sprained his left shoulder Aug. 5, is not expected to play

this week.

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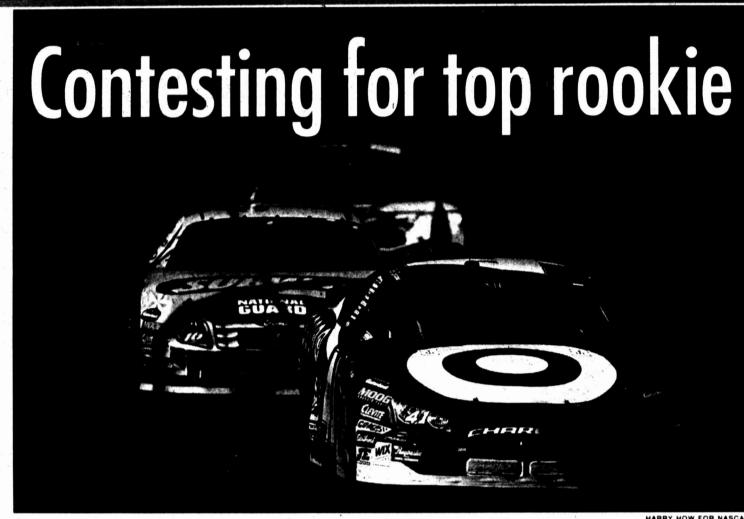
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"It feels a lot like 2003, except our cars are faster."

Matt Kenseth, who scored his third victory of the season Sunday at Michigan International Speedway.

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Reed Sorenson, driver of the Target-sponsored No. 41 car for Chip Ganassi Racing, is 21st in the Nextel Cup series points standings.

# First-year driver Reed Sorenson focuses on building team for the future while competing for rookie honors

BY JIM UTTER
McClatchy Newspapers

here is the Chase for the Nextel Cup.
And there's the race to get in the Chase.
Both of those contests have provided plenty of interesting storylines this season, but there is one more race gathering steam of late — the rookie-of-the-year race.

While Denny Hamlin is in firm control of the rookie standings — in large part due to his two Cup victories this season — there is a battle brewing for second place. Richard Childress Racing's Clint Bowyer

has held the second spot most of the season, but Reed Sorenson, the talented young rookie with Chip Ganassi Racing, has been finding his rhythm of late.

Sorenson, 20, has finished 12th or higher in three of his past six races entering Saturday's Sharpie 500 at Bristol (Tenn.) Motor Speedway. He's now 21st in the points standings, two positions short of his season-high (19th after Texas).

In the rookie race, Sorenson has pulled to within nine points (181 vs. 190) of Bowyer in the rookie standings.

"I think every driver had a little bit different situation to deal with in each different organization this season: As far as myself, I have a Raybestos rookie teammate (David Stremme) and our team hasn't won a (Cup) race in four years now," Sorenson said.

"We're trying to build our organization to where we can get top 10s and top fives and then win races, and we're definitely getting a lot closer to that now. Denny has somebody



Sorenson is in third place in the 2006
Nextel Cup rookie-of-the-year standings.

### THE ROOKIE RACE Here's how the contestants in the 2006

Nextel Cup rookie of the year measure up:

Name	Rookie pts.	Wins	Top 10s
Denny Hamlin	237	2	11
Clint Bowyer	190	0	6
Reed Sorenson	181	0	5
Martin Truex Jr.	161	0	2
J.J. Yeley	157	0	2
David Stremme	136	. 0	0
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like Tony (Stewart) to rely on and he won a championship last year.

"We're just trying as an organization to get better as a whole. We're just at a different point as a team than some of the other teams are, but we're definitely getting better."

Signs of improvement in Sorenson's No. 41 Dodge team have been showing in recent

weeks.

New Hampshire in July with new short-track cars, and all three were very competitive. Sorenson was running third — in line for his career-best Cup finish — but ran out of gas when the race was extended eight laps by a late caution. He ended up 24th.

After finishing 29th in the series' first road course race at Sonoma, Calif., Sorenson improved dramatically this month at Watkins Glen, N.Y., finishing 12th. Last weekend he finished eighth at Michigan, giving him top-10 finishes in both races at that track this season.

"We know what not to do at a lot of these places. At some places we've been pretty good and at others we just had some bad luck," Sorenson said.

"We're going to go back to some of these tracks where we can learn from our mistakes or just try not to have any bad luck and we'll be OK."

Sorenson's crew chief, Jimmy Elledge, said he is looking forward to taking advantage of new cars that have been built at the

shop.
"We've got some new stuff coming.
We'll have a new car at California. We had a
new short track car that we had at Loudon
(N.H.), so I feel good about our short track
stuff," he said.

"We seem to get a little bit better and I think we can (compete). It's just so hard these days. You've got to do the right things at the right time and it's all got to work out perfect."

### THIS WEEK'S RACE

#### **SHARPIE 500**

Where: Bristol Motor Speedway, a .533-mile concrete highly banked oval located in Bristol, Tenn.

When: Saturday at 7:40 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 3:40 p.m. Friday.

Radio: Performance Racing Network. Purse: \$6,075,119.

Last year's winner: Matt Kenseth.

Worth mentioning: Jeff Gordon has started in the top 15 in 26 of his 27 races at Bristol, including 13 times on the front row. There have been four different race winners and four different car-owner victories in the last four races at Bristol. Greg Biffle has a 9.857 finishing average in seven races at Bristol, best among active drivers. All 23 Nextel Cup victories this season have been earned by drivers ranked in the top 14 in points.

#### POLL POSITION

#### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

What do you think of the incident that occurred between Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Carl Edwards in the 2006 Food City Busch Series race and NASCAR's reaction to it?

Cast your vote at: www.thatsracin.com

#### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. are currently ninth and 10th in the standings, respectively, as the Chase nears. Kasey Kahne is close in 11th and Kurt Busch is back a little further. In your opinion, which one of these drivers won't make the Chase?

Number of votes: 7,746

No. of votes	Percent
4,148	54%
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1,428	18%
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#### STOP 'N' GO

#### WHO'S HOT

■ Kevin Harvick: Has outscored all drivers in the last 10 races. That's championship-like material.

■ Matt Kenseth: Big weekend. He showed a sense of humor AND won a race.

#### WHO'S NOT

■ Dale Earnhardt Jr.: When he gets booed, you know he did something wrong.
■ Jeff Burton: Without a win, he will be lucky to make the Chase.

## RANDOM THOUGHTS Drivers like Kenny Wallace and Jimmy

Spencer, who still compete yet also offer their opinions on issues involving NASCAR on various TV programming, must walk a very thin line. They must still compete on the track with many of the same people they often criticize. You can be a good driver and a good reporter, but it seems being good at both is nearly impossible.

— Jim Utte

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3. Kevin Harvick3048	23. Martin Truex Jr 2275
4. Mark Martin 2970	24. Robby Gordon 2178
5. Tony Stewart 2959	25. Bobby Labonte 2162
6. Jeff Gorden 2931	26. Dale Jarrett 2120
7. Kyle Busch 2922	27. Jeff Green2045
8. Denny Hamlin 2920	28.J.J. Yeley 2043
9. Jeff Burton 2916	29. Dave Blaney 1946
10. Dale Earnhardt Jr. 2881	30. Joe Nemechek 1944
11. Kasey Kahne 2832	31. Ken Schrader 1920
12. Greg Biffle 2692	32. Kyle Petty 1843
13. Carl Edwards 2637	33. Sterling Martin 1821
14. Kurt Busch 2802	34. David Stremme 1684
15. Brien Vickers 2484	35. Jeremy Mayfield . 1647
16. Jamie McMurray . 2455	• 36. Michael Waltrip 1563
17. Casey Mears 2452	37. Travis Kvepil 1522
18. Ryan Newman 2444	38. Tony Raines 1420
19. Clint Bowyer 2414	39. Scott Wimmer 1374
20. Ellott Sedler2349	40. Terry Laborte . 1031

# The top-20 drivers as of Aug. 19: Rank/Driver Points Renk/Driver Point 1. Kevin Harviot. . 3920 11. Reed Sorenson . 28 2. Cerry Harviot. . 3436 12. John Andrett . 25 3. Carl Edwards . 3434 13. Jean Laffer . 25 4. Clint Bowyer . 3335 14. John Wood . 24 5. Jul. Yeley . 3284 15. Devid Green . 28 5. Paul Menard . 288 16. Ashton Levis . 28 7. Greg Bille . . 288 17. Denny Crount . 128 8. Kyle Busch . . 288 18. Todd Guever . 28 9. Johnny Seaser . 2885 19. Burney Larner . 22 10. Kerny Wallace . . 2884 20. Steey Compton . 22 NEXT RACE: Friday, Food City 250, Bristol, Tenn.

## RANKINGS

#### THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): He and Kenseth could have quite a tussle over that five-point lead to start the Chase. Last week: 1.

2. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): There is talk of changing the championship rules again, so naturally he's in the hunt. Last week: 2. 3. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29): Avoided woes of his Childress teammates to keep his Chase momentum at Michigan. Last week: 3.

4. Tony Stewart (car No. 20): Will short-track racing provide chances for him to get payback from earlier incidents? Last week: 6.

5. Mark Martin (car No. 6): Could this team be saving up its very best for the last part of the season? We'll see. Last week: 8.

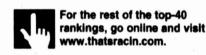
6. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): From the bubble up to sixth with runner-up finish at Michigan. But he's not safe yet. Last week: 9.

7. Denny Hamlin (car No. 11): Short-track racing is this rookie's milieu, which is a fancy word for "right up his alley." Last week: 7.

8. Kyle Busch (car No. 5): A 39thplace finish at Michigan dropped him right back into the bubbling Chase pot. Last week: 4.

9. Jeff Burton (car No. 31): He kept trying to tell us the Chase wasn't a done deal yet. Michigan proved him right. Last week: 5.

10. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): Sixth-place at Michigan was a big boost. Bristol should be a place where he can make hay. Last week: 10.



## What (I think) should be done with the Chase

t's been six weeks since Brian France announced that NASCAR would be looking to "tweak" the Chase format for 2007 and beyond.

So far, there's been no official word on any changes, but with attention on this year's Chase ramping up, it's a good time to look at some of the ideas we've heard.

#### WHAT MUST CHANGE

Winning a race has to mean more. First place should be worth, at least, 20 points more than second place. A driver who wins three or four of the 10 Chase races ought to be difficult for anybody else to beat for the title.

Also anyone with hopes of making the Chase and then winning it should know that winning races is part of that process. That's why we like the 500-point rule. Give a driver a 500point bonus for a driver's first victory in the 26-race regular season — not every win, just his first one — and then do that again during the Chase.

That would make winning the first priority, and make it an absolute necessity during the Chase.

#### WHO MAKES IT?

The current rule is the top 10 in points after 26 races, plus anyone within 400 points of first place, qualify for the Chase. Statistically, history shows it very rarely would be a factor at all.

France hinted strongly that this is an area where NASCAR would like to tinker, and the predisposition clearly is to get more drivers into the Chase

The simple way to do it would be to let the top 12 or even the top 15

into the Chase, but neither 12 nor 15 has the same ring to it as the top 10.

There would be more drama in not knowing exactly how many people will make the Chase, so long as the rules could be adjusted so that the dividing line between in and out can move around logically.

There are a few ideas about how to make that happen:

1. Change the 400-point window to allow anyone within 500, 600 or even 750 points of first to make the Chase. Opponents argue that anyone 600 to 750 points outside of first after 26 races shouldn't have a shot at a championship anyway.

2. Change the rule so that it keys off 10th place, not first. Allow anyone within 100 or 200 points of 10th after 26 races into the Chase. That means the people battling for those final spots would really be racing each other, and statistics indicate this rule would come into effect more readily than tying the gap to the points leader.

But again, if someone is 800

points out of first after 26 races, should he have a shot at the championship?

3. Allow anyone who wins one of

3. Allow anyone who wins one of the first 26 races to automatically make the Chase. This rule would have to be accompanied by the proviso that a driver must enter all 26 of the regular-season races to qualify so that, for instance, a road-course "ringer" couldn't make the Chase by winning in a one-and-off deal with a team.

The objection to this is that consistency should be important to the championship, too.

#### WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

The top-10 drivers in the standings after 26 races make the Chase. So do any drivers within 200 points of 10th place at that point AND any driver not otherwise qualified who has won at least TWO points races to that point in the season.

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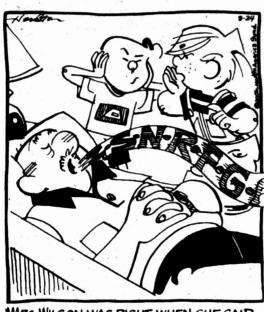
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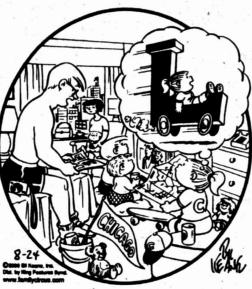
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On this date:

In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeif and Herculaneum in volcante ash. An estimated 20,000 people died. In A.D. 410, Rome was

overrun by the Visigoths, an event that symbolized the fall of the Western Roman Empire.

In 1572, the Bartholomew's Day massacre of French Protestants at the hands of Catholics began in Paris. In 1814, British forces

invaded Washington, setting fire to the Capitol and the White House. In 1932, Amelia Earhart embarked on a 19-hour

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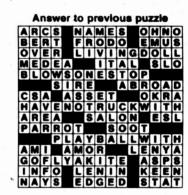
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In 1970, a bomb planted by anti-war extremists exploded at the University of Wisconsin's Army Math Research Center Madison, killing 33-year-old researcher Robert rassnacht.

In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for slaying rock star John Lennon.

Birthdays: Today's Former education secretary Shirley Hufstedler is 81. Actor Kenny Baker ("Star Wars") is 72. Composermusician Mason Williams is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marshall Thompson (The Chi-Lites) is 64. Rock musician Ken Hensley (Uriah Heep) is 61. Actor Joe Regalbuto is 57. Actorwriter Stephen Fry is 49. Actor Steve Guttenberg is 48. Baseball star Cal Ripken Jr. is 46. Talk show host Craig Kilborn is 44. Rock singer John Bush is 43. Actress Marlee Matlin is 41. Country singer Kristyn Osborn (SheDaisy) is 36.



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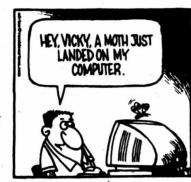
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#### Legals

INVITATION FOR BIDS Sealed proposals addressed to John Grant, General Manager, be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, PO Box 869 Big Spring, Texas 79721-0869, 400 East 24th Street,

Big Spring, Texas, 79720. Until 3:00 PM, Wednesday, 14 September, 2006, For the purchase of the following

Employee Uniform Rental Service

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#### Legals

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENTOF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

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MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene Contract 0005-05-097 for RE-MBGF in HOWARD County will be opened on September 08, 2006 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Contract 0005-06-107 for PLAN-ING, FLEX BASE REPAIR, UN-DERSEAL & ACP in HOWARD County will be opened on September 07, 2006 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/ or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available TxDOT's website www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 20970

State Office

Constr./ Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540 Dist/ Div Office(s)

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#### Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS The Virgo solar and lunar energy tickles us with the idea of perfec-

Perfection is relative matter, as the thing that most pleases one person may not match stanthe dards of the next person. The easiest way to enjoy

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tion.

**MATHIS** yourself now could be to lower your standards. expect nothing and be delighted by whatever

HOLIDAY

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The person with the very best manners is the one who overlooks the bad manners of others. You're happiest when you embody tolerance and allow others to march to their own beat without feeling you must control

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The value of chemistry, even on a platonic level, is priceless. Make the effort to keep in touch with someone with whom you have snappy repartee and sparkling conversa-

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Holding yourself in high esteem isn't vain. Without self-respect, it's impossible to respect others. The stars cheer you on when you treat yourself like one of the great loves of your life.

CANCER (June 22-July

stars make it so easy for is your key to doing fabuyou to turn your character flaws into character assets. The bad news is you must first admit your flaws — at least to yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your tendency to overthink things could be a problem. Confidence is a matter of trusting youryour impulses. Try not to censor yourself quite so much.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You get along with so many different kinds of people now. Your earthy approach to ethereal or intellectual matters creates a common reality. This is a skill that often goes overlooked, so be sure to pat yourself on the back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The planets align to bring a spotlight to your world and you're compelled to stand in it because you have something to publicly get off your chest. For once, you don't even care whether what you have to say is P.C.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're the master of figuring out what motivates others, but even you could be stymied by an utterly charming newcomer. When it matters, seek advice from someone without a vested interest in your affairs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Past heartache is your best fuel for making beautiful art. When you activate this creative part 22). The good news is the thrives. Also, an audience Aug. 5 person, prone to DICATE, INC.

lous work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're admired, you're scrutinized and you're considered the one to compete with. These are all signs that you're on top. Hopefully, you don't mind that all eyes are on you. Act wisely. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

self enough to commit to 18). Your work persona and your real self are slightly at odds because you're not sure how accepting certain people will be of you. That's why it's more important than ever that you're able to express yourself freely at home. PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). It's wonderful that you have friends who've known you forever, until one of them reminds you of something you'd rather forget. Oh, well — chalk it up to double insurance that you won't make the same mistake again. ASTROLOGICAL QUES-

TIONS: "I think I'm falling in love with one of my good friends, but I'm not sure if this is right. She was born Jan. 2, 1972, and I was born Aug.5, 1984."

No way! Really? I was born on Aug. 5, too! That's why I have to give it to you frankly now, Leo to Leo: Falling in love isn't a thinking matter. What you're really thinking about is whether she loves you, too. If you have to think, it's because she doesn't. No matter. Love, in its purest form, is a of your life, your love life selfless act. As a fellow

obsession and grandiose notions (but with your mad talent, that just comes with the territory), I'd encourage you to go deeper and deeper into this love. So deep that you realize what you really love is the "you" that comes to the surface whenever this person is near. When you fall in love with yourself, new prospects start lining up. The first few won't be of interest to you, but a few weeks into your love affair with yourself, you'll actually meet someone who interests you! Believe it! Best wishes!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Self-deprecation comes naturally to Virgos and is an essential trait for a successful showbiz career. So, when "Achy Breaky Heart" country crooner Billy Ray Cyrus sings, "I miss my mullet." we know he's in for the long haul. The famously sidestepping Cyrus has found his newest success alongside his adorable and equally musical daughter, Miley, on the Disney series hit "Hannah Montana."

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## Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My first wife died when my children were small. I remarried "Eleanor" when my kids were teenagers, and they came to love her.

Eleanor has four children older than mine who were out of the house and on their own when married. Three of her children are wonderful. I feel blessed by their attention. My problem is "Tina." In spite of the fact that I met my wife long after her divorce and we've been married for almost 20 years, Tina is always on my back.

**Months** 

**On All Remaining 2006** 



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

I try to be patient with Tina, but she makes snide remarks about everything I do. For example, if I drop something, she says, "Isn't he clumsy? Ha, Ha!" On one occasion, she served hors d'oeuvres to the person I was talking to, with her

back to me, and then walked away with the tray.

I don't mind the rude behavior half as much as her attitude. She seems to think I'm too stupid to get it. She becomes especially rude in a group, particularly if my wife is out of sight, telling me my attire is inappropriate or my hands are dirty, or my shoes are scuffed, whatever. I keep turning the other cheek, but that has only made her more tenacious.

I will not step between my wife and her child, so I tolerate this. My problem is the grandchildren. All the others are a bundle of joy, but Tina's children, 12 and 8, think I am just some man who hangs around Grandma. When they shy away, it brings me to tears. I am rarely allowed to speak to them, and they actually think my name is "Stranger." No joke. What can I do? Grandpa Stranger

Dear Grandpa: We don't understand why Eleanor allows her daughter to treat you so abysmally, and we guarantee nothing will change until your wife demands that Tina show more respect. If you don't want to mention the general rudeness, you certainly ought to tell Eleanor that you would like the grandchildren to call you something other than "Stranger." It's way past time. Dear Annie: My hus-

band and I sleep in the nude. When our first child was old enough to notice, we modified our habits. We always keep a robe next to the bed so we can quickly slip into it. We keep our bedroom door closed. This has worked well. While our children know we sleep in the nude, they don't see us naked.

Our question is, what we should tell our children if they ask us if they can sleep in the buff? This hasn't happened yet, but we expect it. We can't see any harm if they are old enough to keep warm in their blankets and understand the rules of privacy that we adhere to. On the other hand, sleeping in the nude is something we did not do until we were adults. What is your opinion? -Connecticut

Dear Conn.: As long as your children understand the need to cover up when they are not under the blankets, there's no reason they cannot sleep in the altogether. You can stop worrying.

Dear Annie: I agree completely with the position of "Frustrated Doctor," who objected to office staff addressing her and other women doctors by their first names, while addressing male doctors as "Dr." In a professional setting, all doctors should be addressed by their titles. However, I wonder if these doctors return the courtesy.

Most doctors address their staff by their first names. And doctors are among the worst offenders when it comes to firstnaming their patients. I am in my 60s and have had doctors half my age call me by my first name without so much as a byyour-leave. Many medical procedures are unavoidably intrusive and embarrassing. If the doctor addresses adult patients properly by title, it can help them retain a sense of dignity in an awkward situation. — Call Me Mrs.

Dear Call Me Mrs.: A lot of readers agree with you. Anyone who does not want a doctor using his or her first name should make it clear to the physician immediately.

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