Heflin: Opponent backed by out of district funding

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

To Joe Heflin, the race for the District 85 state representative seat is all about money — how much money the respective candidates have raised and where that money has come from.

Heflin, the Democratic candidate for the District accused seat, Republican Landtroop of trying to buy his way to election with money raised largely out of the district.

"Who's Mr. Landtroop going to represent — the people of District 85 or the money," Heflin asked.

"My opponent's attack ad is an effort to hide the fact that he's a bought-and-paid-for, private school voucher candidate. That's not an unfair attack, that's simply the truth."

County Judge also took great offense to Landtroop campaign advertising the people who gave him that painted Heflin in a negative light because of The former Crosby his being an attorney.

"I was not surprised by his negative turn since he did the same thing to (Big Spring attorney) Drew Mouton during his primary campaign," Heflin said. "I am disappointed that someone who claims to possess values prized by West Texans would stoop so low."

But Heflin wasted little time in firing back at Landtroop.

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Joe Heffin, Democratic candidate for the District 85 state representative seat, talks to a supporter prior to a news conference Wednesday afternoon at the Holiday Inn Express in

County early voting total exceeds 3,100

☐ Polls open until 8 p.m. today at courthouse...

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Local election officials say early voting is moving along smoothly with more than 3,100 ballots already cast

According to Saundra Bloom, elections administrator for was left off the electronic bal-

including 260 mail-in ballots have been cast in early voting thus far, compared to 1,675 in the 2005 election.

Bloom said there has only been one glitch with the electronic voting thus far, which was easily corrected.

"In Precinct 205, which is in the Coahoma school district the Justice of the Peace race Howard County, 3,126 ballots — lots," said Bloom, "We've added



a supplemental ballot since then, however. So the problem has been corrected." Bloom said early

voting will continue the Howard County Courthouse lobby from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., through

Extended early voting hours will be offered at the courthouse polls today, when area voters may cast their ballots until 8 p.m., according to Bloom.

Although there are plenty of candidates vying for different elected positions, voters are also being asked to choose between several different bond issues. Among them are \$10.1 million for a county jail facility, an \$11.1 million proposal from the city of Big Spring for a See VOTE, Page 3A

street reconstruction project and sports and recreation complex and a \$13.9 million improvements package from Coahoma Independent School

Both the Coahoma ISD and city of Big Spring bonds will give voters the option to choose different combinations of projects, giving voters five different bond choices on the ballot.



Local resident Lee Emerson lights his candle with help from Salvation Army Asst. Corps Sgt. Major Bessie Flores during a special Salvation Army fund-raising luncheon Wednesday afternoon at the

'Circle of Caring campaign launched to aid Salvation Army

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Salvation Army is launching a new campaign called "Circle of Caring" in hopes of raising funds to support its day-to-day operations and recruit volunteers for the charity's many programs.

Several officials with the Salvation Army and its advisory board shared insight into the world behind the Army's red shield during a special luncheon Wednesday afternoon at the Kentwood Center, hoping to inspire local residents to join its new "circle."

Capt. Russ Keeney shared several stories during the afternoon gathering, including one about a homeless man named Mark who came into a Salvation Army shelter in search of food several years

"I can remember a time when I was working full time at a shelter as a cook," said Keeney. "We had a gentleman come in after we had

"I'm asking you to join me as a stockholder in the Army. It's not just an investment in the

Salvation

Army, it's an investment in our community."

already shut the kitchen down and he was hungry and wanted something to eat. So I told him I'd fix him something, and he sat there and he ate, and he ate, and he ate. I didn't think he was ever going to stop eating.

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DINE OUT DAY IS FRIDAY

Red Mesa Grill is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. A portion of Red

Mesa's proceeds this Friday will be donated to United Way, which serves 15 local agencies.

The following is the list of Dine Out Days that will be the Restaurant of the Week for November:

Friday, Nov. 10, Cowboys Friday, Nov. 17, Sonic Drive Ins, both ocations

IS THAT YOUR BEST SHOT

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. (AP) - A stun gun apparently makes for a lousy cattle

Johnson City police learned that Monday afternoon while trying to force a bull and cow off a city street.

Officers fired the electric stun gun at the animals after they escaped from a nearby farm and wandered around several major intersections and roadways in the city of about 55,500 people.

It didn't help, according to a police

The cattle were brought under control after officers used a tranquilizer gun, police said.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

Howard County Health Department will give flu shots from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Senior Citizen Center.

The cost is \$10.

There is no charge if you have Medicaid or Medicare. If so, bring your card with

This service is open to everyone. For more information, call the Department of State Health Services at

According to the Center for Disease Control, those at highest risk for getting the flue or those under age 5, age 50 and older, pregnant and people with certain chronic medical conditions.

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Obituaries

George Marvin Becker

George Marvin Becker, 80, of San Marcos formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006, in a San Marcos nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, Big Spring with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Sept. 26, 1926, in Ft. Sumner, N.M., and had been a resident of Big Spring since 1936. He worked for Harding Well Service and Bond Well Service for many years until retiring in 1980. George was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sand Springs and served in the United States Army during World War II with the military police in Hawaii.

Survivors include a sister, Mabel Chute of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters: seven brothers and a great nephew.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the American Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32. Midland 79705.

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

Support Groups

 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.

 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.

· 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-**5239**.

Police blotter

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

JESUSA CANO PEREZ, 52, 807 Anna, was arreston a charge of driving while license suspended. JOSE BURCIAGA, 23, 800 W. Marcy, was arrested on four local warrants.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION and BUR-GLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 600

block of Caylor. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1000

block of Bluebonnet and the 500 block of Goliad. CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg.

Sheriff's report

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

 POSSIBLE ANIMAL CRUELTY was reported in the 100 block of Hoosier.

• THEFT was reported in the 5800 block of Oaks

• JESSE ROGER HOLGUIN, 22, was arrested on a

motion to revoke probation for criminal mischief. • ELIAS HOLGUIN, 20, was arrested on a Nolan County warrant for burglary of a habitation.

JAMES EARL HINKLE, 55, was arrested on bondsman off bond warrants for driving while license invalid and possession of a controlled substance.

· JOSE JESUS BURCIAGA, 23, was arrested on a charge of violation of promise to appear. HENRY JUSTIN LARA, 20, was arrested on a

charge of possession of marijuana in a drug free zone. LOUIS YANEZ JR., 27, was transferred from BSPD after being arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

 NICKOLE RUTH MORROW, 37, was arrested by DPS on a charge of theft by check.

Fire/EMS

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

· MEDICAL was reported in the 2300 block of Gatesville Road. Service was refused.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of E. Fourth. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

Take Note

• BORDEN COUNTY PARENTS CLUB is sponsor-County Show Barn, behind the school. Bingo prizes include a Nano IPOD, DVD players, Armani leather watch, circular saw, knife set, cordless drill, wool rug RECIPES to be included in a 2006 cookbook which from Haverty's, Cinemark movie passes, dinner at the will display memories of Big Spring over the years. Texas Roadhouse, an autographed Nolan Ryan baseball and much more.

 RELAY SUPER HEROES! The Howard Glasscock Counties 2007 Relay For Life Community Kickoff will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 9, at Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry Street (First United Methodist Church). Everyone is invited to help start the new campaign.

 A MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR ESTHER LOPEZ has been established at Howard College by J.O. and Annabel Barker. To make a contribution, contact Jan Foresyth at 264-5051.

• THE POWWOW COMMITTEE OF BIG SPRING is planning its 2007 Powwow and is in need of new members and volunteers. Anyone interested in Native American dancing or just interested in helping to bring an exciting weekend event to Big Spring is encouraged to contact Robert Downing at 263-3255 or Randy McKinney at 267-4843.

 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.

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• THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owning a fall festival and Bingo, to be held from 6:30 p.m. ers of found pets. To volunteer or for more informato 9:30 p.m. Saturday. The event will be in the Borden tion, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

> HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM IS COLLECTING 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.

· ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

 THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

 LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters commerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

 BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

 SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

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dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY • The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will hold at adult eyeglass clinic from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the Event Center,. 1607 E. Third St. This provides recycled eyeglasses for adults who cannot afford to pay for an eye examination or buy eyeglasses. For information, contact Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

Bulletin Board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the

· Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m.

• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30

· Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9

a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's, 10th and Goliad.

AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in

Spring City Senior Citizens country and western

Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Herald news room at 263-7331 or email

editor@bigspringherald.com

p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

the Big Spring Country Club.

TODAY

• Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m. • Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

 Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

MONDAY

· Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College. • The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in

the Texas RV Park meeting room.

 District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

• 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. • Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at The

Event Center, 1607 E. Third St. Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the

Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. East winds around 10 mph. Friday Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph? 6 49 i Friday night-Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday-Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s. South winds around 10 mph.

Saturday night-Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower Sunday-Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s.

Sunday night—Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. .Monday...Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s.

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Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 10-11-17-19-31-36. Number matching six of six: 0.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$15 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 9-11-15-24-33. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$15,041. Winning tickets sold in: Dallas, Houston. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-0-0

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BIG SPRING HERALD

"I sat there and visited with him for a few minutes and Mark told me he had been on the road for three days and had nothing to eat for those three days. You know, we feed a lot of Marks in our Big Spring lodge every day. Although our shelter dining room only seats 14 people at a time, we served more than 25,600 meals out of it last year. That's a staggering effect.'

And while many problems face the Salvation Army and its Big Spring office — from the size and setup of the charity's shelter to the need for funding and volunteers — Keeney said there is still no other place he would rather be.

"I've worked many jobs, from working in the sales field to putting up septic tanks, driving city busses — even 14 years in restaurant management," said Keeney. "And I can say without a doubt this is by far the most rewarding job I've ever had because I've see countless lives changed through the ministry of the Salvation Army.'

Advisory board member and Big Spring Herald Managing Editor John Moseley also recounted how the Salvation Army had an impact on his life

during the luncheon.

Moseley told those in attendance about his battles with drug addiction, and how a fateful meeting with a captain with the organization ended up with a trip to Fort Worth and a new lease on life.

"My mother took me down to the brand new corps building in Paris, Texas, and I sat down with the Captain, and he told me to tell him about it," said Moseley. "The more I would tell him about it, the more I would cry. The more I would tell him about what was going on, he would tell me he knew what it was like and he understood. I finally slammed my hands down on the table and told him he didn't have any idea what it was like. He said, 'Yeah I do, John. I've had my troubles too. And I know where we can get you some help.

"He loaded me up in a Salvation Army van and he took me to the Adult Rehabilitation Center in Fort Worth. He asked me what I thought about it, and I told him I wasn't sure about it, but I knew I couldn't go back to where I had been.

because I owe my life to the Salvation Army," Moseley said through tears. "There's no longer a Jekyl and Hyde existence for me. I don't show up in the day and look like a newspa-

"The reason I'm here today is



Salvation Army Capt. Russ Keeney speaks to those attending Wednesday's "Circle of Caring" campaign start-up luncheon.

per man and spend the nights running the streets doing dope. I'll go home and try to be a good citizen tonight, and the Salvation Army made that possible. It's a privilege to be associated with the Salvation Army here today."

Moseley challenged those in attendance — as well as the rest

of the community — to support the local charity, whether it be through funding or volunteering time and resources.

"I'm here to ask you to make a financial investment in the Salvation Army and the future of our community," said Moseley. "I'm asking you to join me as a stockholder in the

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Army. It's not just an investment in the Salvation Army, it's an investment in our community. We need financial support for day-to-day operations. We need to make sure we're always there for those that are hurt and struggling, and have problems.

"There were 258 families last year that needed help with utility bills and we didn't have the money to help them. That's pretty sad and it breaks my heart. I've been without electricity, but that was because I chose to use drugs rather than pay my electric bill. It's a little different when you're forced to choose whether you're going to feed your kids or pay your electric bill."

Among the items on the local Salvation Army's wish list are canned foods; cleaning supplies, diapers and personal hygiene products; towels and twin-size sheets for the shelter; furniture donations to the charity's thrift store; a salvage truck with Tommy Lift; a gymnasium; and volunteers for its numerous programs.

For more information on how to make a donation or help the local Salvation Army, call 267-

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by at citydesk@bige-mail springherald.com

VOTE

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Incumbent Republican nominee Randy Neugebauer seeks to hold District 19 Congressional seat, up against Democratic nominee Robert Ricketts of Lubbock. Fred C. Jones of 'Libertarian Abilene rounds out the District 19 candidate list with the Libertarian nod.

The District 85 seat in the Texas House is up for grabs. Plainview businessman Jim Landtroop, the Republican nominee. faces former Crosbyton judge and Democratic nominee Joe Heflin.

Schumacher is also on the ballot. Democratic nominee

Mark Barr is facing off against write-in candidate John Wayne Metcalf for the Howard County Judge seat. Also running as a write-in candidate is local resident Erven Fisher, who faces Republican

David nominee and incumbent Jerry Kilgore for the Precinct 2 seat on the county commissioner's court. Gary Simer, the incum-

bent Democratic nominee for the Precinct 4 seat on the commissioner's court, is being challenged by Republican Roy Don Beauchamp.

"Don't get behind that idea ... It just won't hap-

pen," he said.

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The Precinct 1 Place 2 Justice of the Peace position is up for grabs, as incumbent Republican candidate Kathryn Wiseman is challenged by

candidate

Howard County resident Carl Lancaster also filed as a write-in candidate, in of unseating

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Sarah Traylor, 79, died Monday. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Saturday at Mt. Bether Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

HEFLIN

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more than \$500,000 from out-of-district sources, including \$150,000 from the Stars of Texas-**Political** Action Committee, which strongly supports using public education money to pay for private-school vouchers, Heflin said.

And that is potentially very bad news for West Texans, he quickly added.

"If you support public education, you have to be against vouchers," Heflin said. "Vouchers would suck the very life out of schools in this district ... Jim Landtroop says he is opposed to vouchers in this district, but that is hogwash, just pure hogwash."

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Heflin had some PAC support on his own on display

Wednesday's news confer-Dinah ence. Miller of the **Texas** Parent PAC, threw her

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behind Heflin. "If Jim Landtroop gets his way, state funds will be spent to send students in big cities to private academies that rural West Texas children will never have an opportunity to Miller said. attend," "This plan will automatically reduce the funding for all rural and suburban Texas public schools,

those



District 85."

Heflin said out-of-district support for his campaign has been insignificant, compared to money Landtroop has received. He said he has received about \$36,000 from out-ofdistrict sources, includ- Howard County jail bond ald.com. ing contributions from election, Heflin mostly the state Democratic stayed away from the party and in-kind support issue, but urged voters from the Texans for not to be misled by any Insurance Reform PAC.

As for the Landtroop attacking him because of his profession, Heflin said they were unfair and misleading.

"Our citizens have a constitutional right to legal representation they're accused of

crime," Heflin said. "You don't have to like that, but you need to respect it.

"But one thing those ads didn't mention is that as a county judge, I put a lot of Steve Reagan at 263-7331,

claims that a new jail would benefit economic development efforts.





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will Landtroop listen to us as our State Representative? Or the special interests that have given him almost one-half million dollars, about 3/4ths of his total campaign contributions? Will he protect our public schools? Or will he cast the deciding vote in favor of

private school vouchers?

Landtroop is actually bragging about the \$150,000 he received from the Stars of Texas PAC. But who are the Stars of Texas really?

Is it just a coincidence that San Antonio mega-millionaire and top youcher proponent James Leininger, together with his cronies, donated almost exactly that same amount to Stars of Texas? And what of the tens of thousands of dollars donated to Stars of Texas by legalized gambling proponents

Landtroop also received hundreds of thousands of dollars in out-of-district money from the East of I-35 special interests, including Houston homebuilder Bob Perry, the biggest donor to our current Legislative leaders.

Those same Legislative leaders rewarded Perry by passing law requiring homeowners with legal claims against their builders to give up their right to a jury trial!

The special interests and big city power brokers have picked their candidate: Jim Landtroop.

Thank goodness West Texans have their own choice Joe Heflin.

JOE HEFLIN will listen to us! ELECTION DAY & Nov. 7.



Joe Heflin

for State Representative District 85

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.'

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OUR VIEWS

County's schools getting gold stars a very good thing

the Texas Education Agency's announcement that all of Howard County's school districts — and several individual campuses received **Performance** Gold Acknowledgment Awards is great news.

Those awards are presented to schools on the basis of student performance in state test subject matter. And while we have often complained that current state regulations too often result in teachers being forced to simply teach our children how to take a standardized test, rather than really educating them with the well-rounded knowledge they deserve, it is at least comforting to know that the three school districts in Howard County and their campuses have been recognized for either "commended performance" (in which a high percentage of students performed well on test subjects) or "comparable improvement" (in which campuses performed well in comparison to similar schools in Texas).

Two years ago, local campuses earned four Gold Performance Acknowledgments Awards, but that number has steadily increased. Last year the Big Spring Independent School District and its schools received six awards and this year, that number increased more than two-fold to 14.

The BSISD was noted for overall commended performance in writing, while the individual schools' acknowledgments included: Big Spring High School, comparable improvement in math; Big Spring Junior High, commended performance in writing; Goliad Intermediate, comparable improvement in reading; Bauer Elementary, commended performances in reading and math; Kentwood Elementary, commended performances in reading and math; Moss Elementary, commended performances in reading, math and writing and comparable improvement in reading and math; and Washington Elementary, commended performance in math.

The Forsan ISD won several district-wide awards commended status for student performance in reading/language arts and writing, as well as recognition for the high number of students who graduated in the "recommended" program that requires them to take additional classes in languages, math and science. The district was also noted for student performance in college readiness work.

In addition to those awards Forsan Junior/Senior High School got commended awards for reading/language arts and writing, while Elbow Elementary School earned commended awards for reading/language arts, mathematics, writing and science.

Coahoma Elementary School received an award for its students' commended performance in reading and math, Coahoma Junior High received a commended award for student performance in writing and social studies and Coahoma High School received a commended award for social studies and a comparable improvement for English/language

Simply put, our schools are making the grade and we believe everyone involved — students, parents, teachers, staff and administrators in all three districts — deserve praise. It is most certainly a job well done.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we won't float through our days, we'll stand strong.

GOP can't have it both ways on Iraq

oes the Republican Party truly believe Iraq is part of the war on terror and that the war on terror is the most important issue facing voters next week? If so, I wish its operatives and candidates would start acting like it instead of running from Iraq and President

Too many GOP candidates and spokesmen are playing into the Democrats' hands by virtually conceding the Iraq issue an issue upon which the Democrats are extremely vulnerable themselves, if challenged. I bnow, I know,

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many readers will think I'm way off base making such an assertion, having bought into the spoon-fed conventional wisdom that Iraq is a guaranteed loser. What is guaranteed is that America will be the loser if we abandon the president on Iraq and abandon the mission there.

I've seen countless Republican politicians sprinting for the tall grass when asked if they support the president's policy on Iraq. Most of them by the way, are incumbents who have most certainly supported Bush's thankless policy but are now afraid to stand by him in the heat of an election contest.

The same holds true for many GOP operatives, not to mention conservative pundits, who are also going wobbly on this difficult war. I watched Elizabeth Dole, chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, on "Fox News Sunday" appearing to duck the Iraq question, saying that people have different opinions about the war as a matter of conscience. She eventually got around to

pointing out the inferiority of the Democratic position on the war, but she was quite unwilling for the election to be a national referendum on Iraq.

Given this approach by GOP insiders, what is an inquiring voter to think? If Republicans won't stand by President Bush on Iraq, how can we expect the public to? If Republicans think that supporting Bush on this is suicidal, how much more so will it be if

they run from it?

It is pure folly for Republicans to think they can escape accountability for Iraq by dodging it. If the prevailing national mood is to "throw the bums out," which is debatable, why do we suppose that

We are deluding ourselves if we think it's because of Republican scandals or the values issue. Like it or not, it's mainly about Iraq. Not only does this nation usually lack the stomach for a difficult and protracted war, the Democrats have succeeded to a frightful degree, through their relentless propaganda, in convincing people this is an unjust war launched by an unscrupulous president.

Republicans can't hide from Iraq or the president even if they want to. But by ducking the issue they are being too smart by half. They not only fail to escape accountability for Iraq themselves, they allow Democrats to escape accountability for the recklessness of their prescriptions (and lack thereof) for Iraq. They permit this to be a referendum solely on the problematic nature of the war and the president's policies in a vacuum, instead of a sane, responsible comparison between the respective approaches of the parties. This is maddening when you consider how vulnerable Democrats are on

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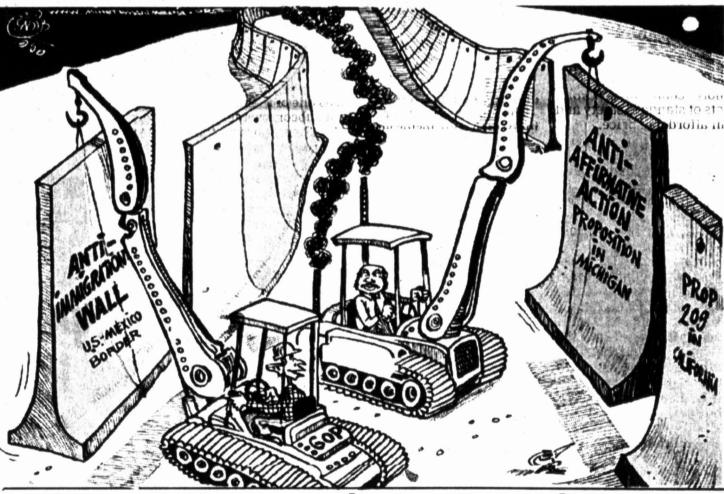
lessness have Democrats been able to get away with fooling voters according to the polls — that they would better handle Iraq, when Democrats to this day have defiantly refused to tell us their plan. What we do know is that they would pursue some form of precipitous withdrawal. Choose to indulge their euphemistic dodge in calling it "redeployment" if you wish, but the truth is they have given up on the mission in Iraq and would act accordingly if in power. For that, they have to be held accountable.

But how can that happen when Republicans themselves cut and run from the issue, thinking they've somehow dodged a poisonous bullet? Instead of turning tail on Iraq and the president, Republicans should turn toward their Democratic opponents and confront them in a fight over Iraq.

We are at a critical juncture in our history where we must decide whether we have the fortitude to persevere in Iraq or abandon it because it is very difficult. If we choose to bail out in the short run, it will make our inevitable return to this global war that much more painful and difficult at such time it eventuates, which in any event won't be very long.

It would be refreshing to see a little statesmanship here from the GOP's movers and shakers instead of their best efforts to emulate politically opportunistic Democrats — supporting the war when it's expedient, and running from it and President Bush when it appears that it isn't. Now is the time for true statesmen to step forward and demonstrate leadership.

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I'LL KEEP OUT THE EXTERNAL ENEMY WHILE YOU KEEP OUT THE INTERNAL ENEMY.

GOP ineptitude; advice for Dems

"There's no doubt in my mind, with your help, Dave Lamberti will be the next United States congressman."

President George Bush last

week, endorsing Jeff Lamberti ep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., has announced his candidacy for the president of the United States.

noticed as a guy who took money from Brent Wilkes and Mitchell Wade, whose bribes to Randy "Duke" Cunningham led to his resignation from Congress and a plea of guilty to bribery charges. Hunter is widely expected to be the next congressman indicted in this

scandal.



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As for the chair of the House Armed Services Committee's presidential candidacy, we have been thinking of scarcely little else around here. It's about time we had some good news.

There's so much evidence stacking up in the "Can't These People Do Anything Right?" File, you'd

suspect their secret strategy is to reward incompetence. It's like the hiring of Michael "Brownie" Brown at FEMA or John Bolton at the United Nations — it's just hard to imagine why.

So now the latest report from the special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction says we have lost track of hundreds of thousands of guns we shipped to Iraq, many of which likely are now being used to kill our soldiers. For this administration, "Who's in charge of getting the plastic forks for the potato salad at the company picnic?" has deadly consequences.

A depressing story like this, and the week has barely even begun. I hate to imagine what will be on our plates by Friday.

So with the Bushies continuing their tailspin, it might be time to review the rules in case WE WIN in the upcoming midterm elec-

I realize for many Democrats it has been so long since we won, we have completely forgotten the etiquette.

And I realize I'm taking a chance here — there's nothing more dangerous than overconfidence - but you have to practice for victory as well as defeat.

First rule: No gloating. Actually,

there is gloating aloud, but only in the exclusive presence of other Democrats. Gloating in the face of Republicans is rude and unsportsmanlike, and just gives them one more thing to complain about. Also, remember there is a possibility there may be some Republicans on the civil service

staff — I have seen this when the Rs win — and it is really not good manners to watch them wailing around with their eyes brimming with tears.

Second, I'm sure we will all be full of grand theories if Republicans lose and we win. Dems will be ready to be helpful, offer advice and sort of try to perk the Republicans up. I do not recommend this. It somehow never feels to me when R's are dumping truckloads of good advice on the D's that they are, actually, sincere about it.

Third, celebratory jigs, reels and renditions of "Danny Boy" are best limited to Irish bars.

Fourth, try to refrain from insulting Republicans en masse. A good start would be, "You know, it was mostly the ones under indictment that hurt you."

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Suzuki's new Grand Vitara getting noticed

San Jose Mercury News

There's flying under the radar, and then there's Suzuki.

The Japanese automaker has been selling cars to Americans for 21 years now, but it can't seem to get much attention. Other than its skirmish with **Consumer Reports in 1988** over the stability of its Samurai — a bad rating led to a lawsuit that was finally dismissed in 2004 — I can't think of a time when Suzuki has been in the news.

Somehow, though, U.S. buyers are starting to take notice of this improving brand.

Suzuki had its best U.S. sales year in 2005, selling 82,101 cars and sport utility vehicles. (That placed it 30th among the 46 brands charted by Automotive News, ahead of Hummer, Land Rover, Mini, Saab, Porsche and others.)

And sales are up 30 percent this year through August compared with the same time last year.

Most of that momentum has come from the redesigned 2006 Grand Vitara, a small SUV that offers an improved ride, more comfortable cabin, lots of standard safety and an affordable price.

Dealers sold just 3,168 of the old version of the Grand Vitara in the first eight months of 2005. So far this year, the new one has totaled 19,110 sales. That's a 503 percent increase.

After spending a week in a bright red Grand Vitara XSport model, it's easy to see the appeal.

Compared with the previous Grand Vitara, the 2006 version is longer (by nearly a foot) and wider (by 1.2 inches). Passenger room, especially the back seat, is now quite comfortable for adults. Cargo room grows, too, to 24.4 cubic feet with the rear seat up and 68.9 cubic feet with it folded.

In the real world, after opening the side-swinging rear hatch (made heavy by the spare tire that swings to the right instead of away from a curb), the back of the Grand Vitara had plenty of room for stuff.

At 176 inches, the Grand Vitara is longer than rivals such as the Kia Sportage and Hyundai Tucson, and shorter than the Toyota RAV4 and Honda CR-V. The wheel-

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bases of those five vehicles are all either 103 or 104 inches.

The biggest improvement is to the Grand Vitara's on-road ride and handling. The old version, sold from 1999 to 2005, used a truck frame, which made for a harsh. primitive ride. This new one uses unibody construction, like a car, and adds a ladder frame for stability.

While a five-speed manual transmission is standard, our XSport version came with the five-speed automatic. It provided adequately smooth shifts.

Not as impressive, unfortunately, was the standard 2.7-liter V-6 engine. It makes 185 horsepower and 184 pound-feet of torque, and it did a good job once I reached freeway cruising speeds. Getting there, or getting up a steep hill, was less satisfying.

(Not surprisingly, the new 2007 five- or sevenpassenger Suzuki XL-7 SUV comes with a 252horsepower, 3.6-liter V-6 that should provide more low-end power.)

The Grand Vitara's handsome exterior doesn't stray too far from the segment norm. Door handles are big and useful.

The interior is surprisingly nice. Our tester was done in black with bits of chrome trim and even a happy owners are with a little fake wood. Round vehicle's design and perair vents fold flat when formance, ranks they close, something found in higher-priced models. Visibility was good, even out the rear with its spare tire and plastic case.

In fact, good value is the enduring theme of the 2006 Grand Vitara. Antilock brakes, traction control and a vehicle stability control system are found on all four trim levels (base, premium, XSport and luxury). So are dual front, side and side headcurtain air bags.

Our test model also with Suzuki's came SmartPass keyless entry and start system. I could leave the key fob in my pants pocket, and its sensor let me open the door and start the vehicle.



Prices range from \$18,999 for a two-wheeldrive base Grand Vitara to \$24,699 for a four-wheeldrive luxury version.

All Suzukis come with a transferable 100,000-mile, seven-year powertrain warranty. J.D. Power and Associates reports that Suzuki still produces vehicles with below-average initial quality, although its Aerio is listed as one of the industry's best subcompact models.

Another Power study, this one measuring how Grand Vitara second (tied with the Nissan Xterra) and just behind the Toyota RAV4 among all compact SUVs.

The affordable, small SUV segment is rich with choices these days from all over the globe. Domestic makers (Ford Escape, Saturn Vue, Jeep Liberty, Dodge Nitro, Chevy Equinox, Mercury Mariner, Pontiac Torrent), Japanese car companies (Toyota RAV4, Honda CR-V and Element, Mitsubishi Outlander,

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Subaru Forester, Mazda Tribute) and South Korean manufacturers (Kia Sportage Sorento, Hyundai Tucson and Santa Fe) all offer competitive products.

Suzuki wasn't competitive with its previous-generation Vitara and Grand Vitara, but this new version shows that things are changing.

New models should continue that push. The SX4 compact crossover compact (\$14,999 to \$16,399) with standard all-wheel-drive hits dealer showrooms this month. And the redesigned XL-7 later in the fall.

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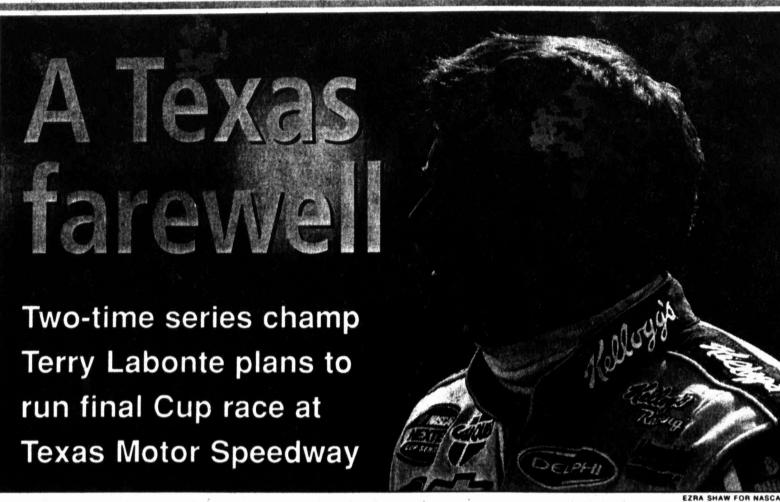
"We had been gambling a lot. Winning that championship from 90 points back is going to take a few gambles."

Lap 305 of last week's Bass Pro Shops 500 when the rest of the lead-lap cars did. Earnhardt Jr. finished

- Dale Earnhardt Jr., on his decision not to pit on



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By David Poole McClatchy Newspapers

hese days, using terms like "last race" can be dangerous. But, as it stands right now, Sunday's Dickies 500 at Texas Motor Speedway will be the 848th and final Nextel Cup start for two-time Cup series champion Terry Labonte.

If Labonte had his way, nobody would be making a big deal out of

"I've been doing this for a long time, and I've been very fortunate over the years to be with some good teams and win some races and a couple of championships," said the 49-year-old native of Corpus Christi, Texas. "I don't know, I just felt like the right place for me to run my last race was in

But will this really be it, or could the winner of 22 Cup races be lured back for the occasional run?

"Not that I know of," he said. "I'm not planning on it. I had someone come knock on my door in Charlotte wanting to know if I wanted to go to Atlanta, and I said, 'Nope.' The guy says, 'So I don't need to talk money?' I said, 'Nope.'

"Maybe after I sit out for a while I might change my mind or start missing it or something, but as of right now, I sure am looking forward to life after the Texas race."

As he completes a second part-time season after racing full time for 26 years, Labonte certainly deserves to walk away on his own terms. But all he can talk about is how lucky he has

"I just feel so fortunate that I've been able to compete in the sport as long as I have and been able to do so many things that I've had the opportunity to do," Labonte said. "I still feel very fortunate to have been able to make a living at something I love doing. I never dreamed that I would be able to have a career as long as I've had."

The last 11 of those full-time seasons have come at Hendrick Motorsports, where Labonte



Driver Terry Labonte, left, and team owner Rick Hendrick celebrate Labonte's 1996 Winston Cup Series championship, the second title of his career, day your work to be different

won his second championship in 1996.

"Terry is one of the most unselfish people I've ever met," car owner Rick Hendrick said. "He'll always do what's best for the team. ... Terry could've accomplished even more in his career had he been a little more selfish, but there's not a selfish bone in his body. He's never been one of those guys with his hand up

Labonte started racing on short tracks in southern Texas and said that early on, he never really gave much thought about racing at NASCAR's top levels.

"Racing the short tracks down there it was a lot different back then," Labonte said. "You didn't go home on Sunday and watch races on TV. They weren't on TV. You didn't ride down the road listening to it on the radio because they weren't on the radio, in Texas anyway. You'd look in the newspaper on Monday and see who won the race, and that was about it. ... The Daytona 500 was on closed circuit TV and I remember going to a theater downtown with my dad and watching it."

But while he was racing at a track in Houston, a promoter introduced Labonte to Billy Hagan.

"Billy started sponsoring our car down there

in south Texas, and we raced in Houston and San Antonio," Labonte said. "He called one day and gave me the opportunity to move to North Carolina and run his Cup car five times that year."

That was in 1978. Labonte ran those five races, and the next year he ran all 31 on the Cup schedule. He got his first victory the next year, in the 1980 Southern 500 at Darlington, then won a championship with Hagan in 1984.

"I don't think there's anyone out there that drives a car like Terry," said Gary DeHart, his longtime crew chief at Hendrick Motorsports. "He has his own unique way of driving - very consistent and very smooth.

"If you were to ever go to a test and watch Terry make lap after lap after lap, you'd see how consistent and precise he is. I think that's his biggest attribute. He's just got that ability to be extremely consistent in the race car."

He was also a constant at the track for 20 years. Labonte ran 655 straight races from 1980 until he missed two starts in 2000, so it has been unusuai to see nim running part time over th past two years. It's not something he said he'd recommend.

"It has been a little bit tougher than I thought it was going to be," Labonte said. "I think it wouldn't be so bad if your team ran every week and you just drove it occasionally. But running a limited schedule when you have a team that doesn't have any points, you know, you're one of the last cars on the track, last cars through inspection and sometimes you don't have the full practice sessions. You don't learn things from week to week. You're always trying to play catch up, seems like you're behind a little

If Labonte sticks to his decision to make this week's race his last, Rick Hendrick said the sport will from this point forward be missing one of its best ever

"He's a great talent, but he's just a great human being," Hendrick said. "He has always been a team player and a great friend. When you talk about the total package, that's what you get with Terry Labonte.'

THIS WEEK'S RACE

DICKIES 500

Where: Texas Motor Speedway, a 1.5-mile paved, banked quad-oval located in Fort

When: Sunday at 2:30 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 4:40 p.m. Friday. TV: NBC.

Radio: Performance Racing Network. Purse: \$7,139,515. Last year's winner: Carl Edwards.

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Which drivers do you think are most likely and least likely to benefit from one of NASCAR's "debris" cautions during the final three races of the season?

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

The Martinsville race shuffled the standings, and Matt Kenseth emerged as the new points leader. Who will be on top after the Atlanta race?

Number of votes: 7,381

Driver @	No. of votes	Percent
Jimmie Johnson	1,632	22.1%
Matt Kenseth	1,606	21.7%
Dale Earnhardt Jr.	1,268	17.2%
Kevin Harvick	1,217	16.5%
Jeff Burton	487	6.6%
Jeff Gordon	308	4.2%
Kasey Kahne	303	4.1%
Denny Hamlin	272	3.7%
Mark Martin	255	3.5%
Kyle Busch	33	*0.4%

STOP 'N' GO

WHO'S HOT ■ Matt Kenseth: Hasn't done anything spec-

tacular in the Chase. Hasn't had to.

■ Jimmie Johnson: Here he comes. ■ Tony Stewart: Stealing the spotlight from the Chase drivers.

■ Bobby Labonte: Now this is what we've been waiting for at Petty Enterprises.

WHO'S NOT

■ David Ragan: He would do well to stay out of everyone's way should he make the field for this weekend's Cup race.

rk Martin: It just wasn't meant to be. **M** Kasey Kahne: All that work to get in the Chase, and for what?

RANDOM THOUGHTS

■ Whatever NASCAR decides in regard to Robby Gordon, it really doesn't matter. The late-race caution at Atlanta for the large piece of roll bar padding that came from his car changed the strategy in the race for several drivers. There is no appropriate punishment that can remedy that.

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The to	p-40 driv	ers as of Oct. 29):
Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Matt Kenseth	6008	21. Martin Truex	Jr3250
2. Jimmie Johns	on .5982	22. Dale Jarrett.	3246
3. Denny Hamlir	5943	23. Elliott Sadler	3245
4. Dale Earnham	dt Jr. 5924	24. Jamie McMu	
5. Jeff Burton	5924	25. Reed Sorens	
6. Kevin Harvick	5887	26. Dave Blaney	
7. Jeff Gordon .	5862	27. Robby Gordo	
8. Mark Martin .	5807	28. Jeff Green	
9. Kasey Kahne	5798	29.J.J. Yeley	2931
10. Kyle Busch	5759	30. Joe Nemech	
11. Tony Stewart	4298	31. Ken Schrade	r2845
12. Carl Edwards		32. Sterling Marti	
13. Greg Biffle	3771	33. Kyle Petty	
14. Casey Mears	3616	34. David Streme	
15. Brian Vickers		35. Tony Raines	
16. Kurt Busch	3577	36. Michael Walt	rip 2279
17. Ryan Newma	n:3475	37. Travis Kvapil	
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got tires at Atlanta didn't work out Chase could not matter less. Why?

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP **PICKS**

RANKINGS -

1. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): For style points alone, this team needs to win Chase race if it's going to win the title. Last week: 1

2. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): Is this finally "the" year for this team, or is it just being set up for another

heartbreak? Last week: 2. 3. Denny Hamlin (car No. 11): If the front two start paying too much attention to each other, he could

sneak up there. Last week: 3.

4. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): Staying out late while everyone else too badly. Last week: 6.

5. Jeff Burton (car No. 31): Whether anyone else does or not, the guys on this team still think they can

win Chase. Last week: 5.

6. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29): If he hadn't gone to the Memphis Busch race, people would have griped about that, too. Last week: 4.

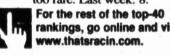
7. Tony Stewart (car No. 20): Where he'd be if he'd made the He didn't make it. Last week: 11.

8. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): If a championship miraculously happens this year, his Atlanta rally will

become legendary. Last week: 9.

9. Mark Martin (car No. 6): With all due respect, he'd be the second best driver ever with no title behind Junior Johnson. Last week: 7.

10. Kasey Kahne (car No. 9): Gets major props for admitting Atlanta wreck was totally his fault. That's all too rare. Last week: 8.



rankings, go online and visit

Random caution flags bad for NASCAR's image

ome day, perhaps, NASCAR's integrity will be beyond reproach.

Some day, it might be possible to watch a race and believe with every confidence that the people who are deciding whether a caution flag should be displayed are looking solely at whether the track is safe for racing in making that call.

That, of course, is the only reason a yellow flag should ever be thrown, and one should be thrown every single time there's an unsafe situation on the track, regardless of other consequences. It shouldn't matter who an early caution might help or who a late one might hurt.

That day is not here.

When you look at what happened Sin Sunday's Bass Pro Shops 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway, you can't help but wonder about some things.

Why did NASCAR throw a yellow for debris that nobody but NASCAR seemed to see just before

Dale Earnhardt Jr. got trapped a lap down for a second time early in the race?

A call like that could easily be defended if NASCAR consistently threw cautions whenever there is any suspicion something untoward has happened on the track. But in the final

moments of the race, when Clint Bowyer's car was scraping the wall and showering sparks, no yellow was seen. Certainly that incident created at least as much suspicion of danger as unspecified debris did more than 225 laps earlier.

One more time, if the track isn't safe for racing, put the yellow flag out. If it is, don't try to manipulate competition by finding an excuse to slow the field. More to the point, don't even allow that possibility to be



NASCAR would get great benefit from a championship by Dale Earnhardt Jr., especially this year.

When ESPN ramps up its hype machine on NASCAR's behalf in 2007, Earnhardt Jr. will get the Terrell Owens-LeBron James-Barry Bonds wall-towall treatment. If he's the reigning champion that approach will be much easier for the cable sports network to justify and for

NASCAR to tacitly support. Every intelligent fan knows that, so by default any call that seems to benefit the red No. 8 Chevrolet is

looked at with skepticism. Frankly, as long as people involved on a day-to-day basis with NASCAR's business and marketing decisions also sit in the control tower each week making calls on rules and race procedures, that skepticism is

The people who actually run the races must be entirely separate from the people who make business decisions for the sport. At the very least, there needs to be at least the appearance of independence among those calling the equivalent of the sport's balls and strikes.

What we have now is a sport so permeated with commercial conflicts of interest it's comical. Remember the whole silliness about the PowerAde bottles in "Gatorade Victory Lane?" Drivers were being warned about that in the prerace meetings where rules and procedures are discussed. That's

As long as pit road speed limits appear to be selectively enforced and as long as the use of a caution flag appears to hinge on the who and the when as much as the what, many questions that should seem preposterous are valid.

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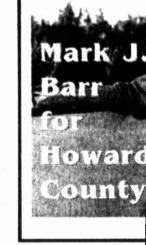
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with dinosaur replicas. Indoors, visitors will be able to walk through exhibits showing what the world would have looked like millions of years ago. An animal park will display creatures that roamed during the dinosaurs' era and remain on Earth today, like emus and Lessem envisions school field trips.

collaboration with universities and televising dinosaur digs as some of the educational benefits that can come out of this project. What Dinosaur City won't be is a

glitzy, environmentally unfriendly eyesore in the community, Lessem said. Dinosaur City will be located in the

county's improvement district, and so will fund about half of its expenditures through incentives. The other half will come from investors.

The Houston Museum of Natural Science, which boasts an impressive dinosaur exhibit, had not heard about Dinosaur City, said spokeswoman Erin Blatzer.

Most people in Montgomery County don't know about it yet either, said County Judge Alan Sadler, but he expects it'll become a major attraction in the area and bring in substantial tourism dollars.

Former San Angelo officer agrees to probationary supervision

SAN ANGELO (AP) — A former San Angelo assistant police chief agreed Wednesday to nine months of probationary supervision in exchange for the dismissal of an unlawful restraint charge that had been filed against him for allegedly handcuffing a woman who refused to perform a sex act.

The pretrial intervention agreement was signed the day before Ron Dooley was to go on trial in Tom Green County.

"There's a strong part of him that strongly wanted his day in court," David Guinn Jr., Dooley's attorney said. But Guinn said Dooley "wanted to save other people from further embarrass-

Prosecutors can refile the charge against Dooley if he doesn't successfully complete the probationary period.

Allison Palmer, first assistant district attorney, said prosecutors sought the agreement after the alleged victim said she did not want to return to the state for the trial. The woman had been employed at Goodfellow Air Force Base and has since been transferred by the military.

"She asked me to enter into the agreement because she did not want to be put through a trial," Palmer said.

Palmer said Dooley did not admit guilt under the agreement.

The woman alleged Dooley handcuffed her for hours because she would not consent to sex acts with him or a female federal agent.

Dooley and the agent were off-duty at the time of the incident.

Man who shot witness executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Curtis Smith was torn between his duty as a police locked.

officer and his sentiments as an uncle as he watched Donell Jackson die in Texas' death chamber for killing his nephew in

"As a man, I really despise him and disagree with what he did. But as a Houston police officer, I would still do my job to protect his family and others from going through this," Smith said Wednesday night.

Authorities said Jackson collected \$200 for killing 17-year-old Mario Stubblefield, a Houston teenager who had witnessed a drive-by shooting.

From the death gurney, Jackson, 33, acknowledged the slaying Stubblefield before the teenager could testify in court about what he had seen.

"I just want you to know that I wronged your family," Jackson told Smith, who had convinced his nephew to appear before the grand jury 13 years

Two bodies found inside idling 18-wheeler in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -- Authorities were investigating whether carbon monoxide poisoning caused the deaths of two people whose bodies were found inside the cab of an idling 18-wheeler.

The partially clothed bodies of a man and woman were found Wednesday at a San Antonio truck stop after neighboring truckers noticed a foul smell coming from the truck.

Investigators said the bodies were decomposed to the point that they couldn't immediately determine a cause of death. An autopsy was planned for

San Antonio police Sgt. Tom White said there was no sign of foul play or a struggle. The doors of the cab were

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"There were no obvious signs of trau-

Neighboring truckers who arrived to

the truck stop on Saturday teld investi-gators that the truck had been idling

Dinosaur City planned for Texas

HOUSTON (AP) - A dinosaur mega-

attraction - Animal Kingdom meets

science museum — will open its doors

in the summer of 2008 in Montgomery

County, north of Houston, officials

Creator "Dino" Don Lessem, author of

47 books, builder of traveling dinosaur

exhibits and columnist for a children's

magazine, expects the planned \$50 mil-

lion Dinosaur City to bring at least

100,000 visitors its first year. Having

advised people in both the entertain-

ment industry and museums, Lessem

said he wanted to create a hybrid of

"Neither one captures what I'm look-

ing for: recreating the magic of the real world of dinosaurs," Lessem said. "We

Lessem said the attraction will house

the world's largest dinosaur collection, a

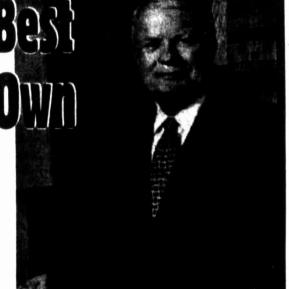
sand pit where children can "excavate"

dinosaur bones and forest trails dotted

want people to get lost in time."

announced on Thursday.

"Joe will be faithful to the principles of government that West Texans hold dear." - Charlie Stenholm



Southwest cuts fares again in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) Southwest Airlines Co. growth. escalated a fare war although it recently against Airlines on Wednesday, announcing it would sell one-way tickets to and from Dallas for as low as

Chief Southwest Executive Gary C. Kelly said Southwest was treat-carriers, doesn't plan to ing its longtime home at buy another carrier just Dallas Love Field as if it to gain more airplanes. were just launching service there.

Kelly and other Southwest officials told reporters that the airline is adding flights in Phoenix and Orange County, Calif., and is considering expansion elsewhere, including Dallas and Philadelphia.

Southwest has enough planes on order from

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oward

County Judge

Kelly said, American bought two used Boeing troubles. 737s and is looking for more.

Kelly said Southwest, which remained profitable even after the 2001 terror attacks caused massive losses at other

- Boeing Co. to handle such He said mergers increase the complexity of airline fleets and can cause labor Southwest started in

1971 with three planes serving three Texas cities, and now has 476 planes flying to 63 airports in 32 states.

has, however, retained some of the simplicity long abandoned by other carriers.

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While I oppose the 144-bed jail proposal, I know that the jail issue must be addressed. I will strive for fair and responsible government and a cohesive Commissioner's Court that can work together to find the best solution for the jail issue.

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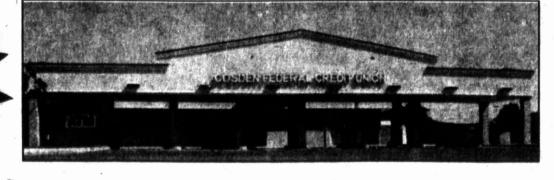
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Small moment brought a big smile

very once in awhile in the middle of today's hustle and bustle you catch a

small glimpse of something that puts a smile on your face. That happened to me today. I am just as guilty as the next person pushing for-



ward in life's daily business, seldom taking time to stop and notice those around me. But today I stopped for a brief moment to witness a very special exchange.

Leaving a local business, I noticed a young. strong-hearted man walking up to the store proudly dressed in his US Army uniform. His walk and stature said it all. He was certainly proud to be an American

and proud to wear his uniform.

Many people passed him looking down at the ground to miss his gaze. The avoidance of making eye contact reminded me of how little we take time to stop and thank a service man or woman for their sacrifices to our country. Not even with them a few feet away do we stop and simply say thank you.

But something changed almost as fast as the situation arose, for an older man who looked to be a World War II era child now grown turned around and said, "Sir, my name is Chuck and I want to thank you for your service to our country."

The two shook hands and exchanged a gaze that simply said more than any words could ever find heart to say. The soldier continued into the store standing as proud as he had before but this time with a small, almost hidden

I was proud to have silently held witness to such a powerful moment, smiling myself as I walked to the car but saddened as I noticed how much too often we overlook the opportunity to enjoy the small moments of life. Recognition of their power might change the course of more than a single moment or day but perhaps impact a

I sat in my car reflecting on the soldier and the older man contemplating the scenario: Why in general do we fail to make eye contact as we pass others through out the day? Is it a generational concern that we fail to show respect to or for our American soldiers? Do we really understand their sacrifices? Do we not still care for our fellow man?

I encourage everyone to take time for the small moments. You really never know when that extra smile might

give someone the courage to live another day or find comfort in their otherwise lonely life. So perhaps the next time you stand in line at the store waiting for life to continue - make life happen, ask someone about their day.

In the patriotic sense of things, especially with Veterans Day approaching and the holiday season, remember the true meaning of being an American and how we got those individual freedoms we cherish so deeply, how we have kept the freedom to hurry through the day doing as we wish. Stopping and thanking a veteran or soldier as you pass by them takes nothing from your day.

It costs you nothing, but provides a tremendous amount of gain in efforts towards building humanity.

Heather Wallace is director of Hangar 25 Air Museum. She may be contacted at 264-1999.

Hail, farewell and take care

esidents of **Howard** County:

It has been my honor. to serve as the Family

and Consumer **Sciences** Agent as well as author of the Living Well column for the past seven

months. Writing this column and sharing my thoughts with you all each week has been one of the highlights of my time here in Howard County

However, as we all know, life is constantly bringing changes into homes and to our jobs on a daily basis. My own life is certainly no exception to this. I am writing my last Living Well Column to bid you all farewell.

I have accepted the position of sssistant **Extension sgent for 4-H** youth development in Franklin Parish with the LSU Agricultural Center. At this time, this is the best decision for me both



professionally and personally.

I wanted to thank each of you for reading my column each week and being subscribers to the Big Spring Herald. Without readers like you we would have no newspaper and no one to share the news with.

My time here has been very rewarding and I have gained a wealth of knowledge I will carry with me for a lifetime. Thank you again to each of you for letting me be a part of your day each week with my column.

Remember Always: "Raising kids, eating right, spending smart, living well." Sincerely, Kori R. Myers **CEA-FCS Howard County**

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Dan Rather's back to make some news

By RICHARD HUFF

New York Daily News Some 19 months after his last "Evening News" for CBS, Dan Rather will return to the anchor desk on Nov. 14 at p p.m. when HDNet launches the new weekly series Rather Reports.'

The show, anchored by Rather, will be seen in about 4 million homes receiving Mark Cuban's high-definition network.

happy as I've been since maybe the day I was first able to make a living in journalism, which has been over 55 years ago. and since the first day I walked the halls of CBS News," Rather said.

Rather, who turned 75 on Halloween, said he's got three, perhaps four, hour-long shows ready to go when "Dan Rather Reports" starts. A decision on which show goes the first night will be made close to air time, he said.

Rather linked with Cuban soon after leaving

South dealer.

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There is usually a right way and a wrong way to do things. The trick

in bridge is to recognize the difference between right and wrong, and

Take this case where South

reached six spades on the bidding shown and West led the eight of

lubs. Declarer took the club with the

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proceed accordingly.

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Comparing Right With Wrong

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CBS News in June, ending a 44-year-run with the network. His departure came more than a year after he left the anchor desk at "CBS Evening News." (He said his travel schedule has limited the time he's been able to watch the CBS "Evening News With Katie Couric," to the point where he can't draw any conclusions about the show.)

"HDNet has given Dan Rather free rein to create a program that is built around his vision," Cuban said in a state-

"Dan Rather Reports' will provide him with an extraordinary opportunity to report news that is not defined by corporate economics and that takes its cues from the stories themselves, not a preconceived structure."

Rather said the show will have three hall-

One will be to report on the people fighting wars soldiers — and not just show politicians talking about them.

Another will be to look at the struggles of middleincome people today. The third will be politics -

By Steve Becker

king and continued with the ace, dis-

carding a heart from dummy. He then played the A-K of hearts, ruffed a

heart in dummy, ruffed a diamond and then attempted to ruff a club.

But when West ruffed with the

six of spades and returned the nine.

South was in bad shape. He could not

ruff his last club because West would

score the eight of trumps, so he went

Declarer should have made the

slam, however. It was a mistake to cash the ace of clubs at trick two.

Instead, he should have ruffed a low club in dummy immediately.

South next leads a heart to his ace

and returns the six of clubs. West probably ruffs, dummy discarding a heart, and returns a trump, but he is now fighting a losing battle. Declarer wins the trump, cashes the king of

hearts and ruffs the heart seven with

dummy's last trump. South then scores the rest of the tricks with his

The key play is to ruff a club in dummy before cashing the second

high club. It might not seem impor-

contract stands or falls on this one

decision. The right way to play the hand proves to be much better than

the wrong way to play it.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

Rather puts it.

Since work began on the remember, short of cover-

"with the bark off," as ing the civil rights movement and Vietnam.

As it stands, he's in show, Rather said he's every piece of "Dan been on the road more Rather Reports," but that than any time he can could change down the

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Youth Football Superbowl Upda Due to extenuation

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Oliver 4th. Boys results; 200 Freestyle Green 6th, A.J. 10th.

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200 IM Ryan I 50 Freestyle C. Hughey 2nd. 100 Butterfly

Youth Football Superbowl Update

Due to extenuating cir-cumstances, the Crossroad Youth Football League will move all Superbowl games from Memorial Stadium to Coahoma Bulldog Stadium this Saturday.

The flag football consolation games will be played at 10 a.m., noon,

and 2 p.m.

The flag football championship game featuring the Big Spring
Steers (7-1) vs. the Big
Spring Longhorns (6-2)
will be played at 4 p.m.
In Division I tackle football, the Coahoma
Bulldogs (6-1) will challenge the Big Spring
Cowboys (6-1) at 6 p.m.
In Division II tackle
football, the Big Spring
Steers (4-3) will challenge/the Big Spring
Cowboys (6-0) at 8 p.m. Cowboys (6-0) at 8 p.m.

Big Spring varsity

The No. 3 ranked Dumas tennis team defeated Big Spring in the regional tennis match 10 to 3. Aledo defeated the Steer team 10-8, and Cleburne defeated the

Steers 10-8. Senior boy Roshon Schroff kept his unbeat ed streak alive despite the tough team loss at the regional meet.

This concludes the season for team tennis.

Big Spring Swim Meet Results

In the Big Spring Invitational, held at the local YMCA, the Big Spring Steers finished in seventh place for the girls, and fourth place for the boys.

Girls results: 200 IM Lauren Sage 3rd Kelly Sage 4th. 100 Butterfly Lauren Sage 1st, Jennifer Sage 1st, Walker 8th. 100 Backstroke Kelly 500 Freestyle

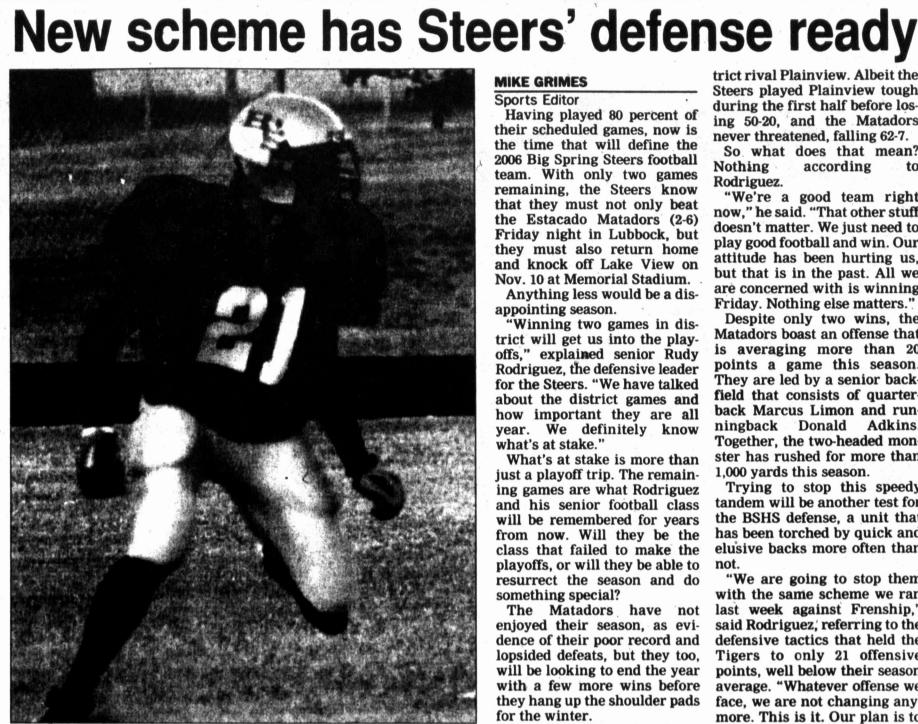
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Big Spring senior Rudy Rodriguez drops back into pass coverage before the quarterback was sacked in Wednesday's practice. Big Spring travels to Lubbock to face district rival Estacado Friday night. Game time is 8 p.m.

Rockets comeback falls short; Jazz win season opener by 10

AP Sports Writer

- Derek Fisher made carry us through the jumper, made a an immediate difference for the Utah Jazz.

Fisher had 13 points, six assists and one crucial steal down the stretch of his Utah debut to help the Jazz beat the **Houston Rockets 107-**97 Wednesday night in the season opener for both teams.

lead dwindled to five. Fisher took over and showed why the Jazz traded for him this summer.

be able to depend on in the backcourt. SALT LAKE CITY one or two guys to whole season," Fisher sneaky steal and then said. "We have to play beat a double-team as a team, to think as with a pass to a team and we did Williams for an easy

tonight."

Fisher's finish and double-doubles by Carlos Boozer and Deron Williams helped the Jazz to their fourth straight season-opening victo-After Utah's 20-point ry. Boozer had 24 points and 19 rebounds and Williams finished with 18 points and 10

By DOUG ALDEN We're not going to year veteran Fisher

Fisher hit a baseline that for the most part layup as the Jazz scored eight straight points in the final 2:30.

Fisher missed most of the preseason with a bruised tailbone after landing on it in a preseason game at Indiana on Oct. 14.

"He hasn't practiced with us very much, but he's in great

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

Having played 80 percent of their scheduled games, now is the time that will define the 2006 Big Spring Steers football team. With only two games remaining, the Steers know that they must not only beat the Estacado Matadors (2-6) Friday night in Lubbock, but they must also return home and knock off Lake View on Nov. 10 at Memorial Stadium.

Anything less would be a disappointing season.

'Winning two games in dis-

trict will get us into the playoffs," explained senior Rudy Rodriguez, the defensive leader for the Steers. "We have talked about the district games and how important they are all year. We definitely know what's at stake."

What's at stake is more than just a playoff trip. The remaining games are what Rodriguez and his senior football class will be remembered for years from now. Will they be the class that failed to make the playoffs, or will they be able to resurrect the season and do something special?

The Matadors have not enjoyed their season, as evidence of their poor record and lopsided defeats, but they too, will be looking to end the year with a few more wins before they hang up the shoulder pads for the winter.

The schools have played two common opponents, both defeating Andrews High, and both getting thumped by dis-

trict rival Plainview. Albeit the Steers played Plainview tough during the first half before losing 50-20, and the Matadors never threatened, falling 62-7.

So what does that mean? Nothing . according Rodriguez.

"We're a good team right now," he said. "That other stuff doesn't matter. We just need to play good football and win. Our attitude has been hurting us, but that is in the past. All we are concerned with is winning Friday. Nothing else matters."

Despite only two wins, the Matadors boast an offense that is averaging more than 20 points a game this season. They are led by a senior backfield that consists of quarterback Marcus Limon and runningback Donald Adkins. Together, the two-headed monster has rushed for more than 1,000 yards this season.

Trying to stop this speedy tandem will be another test for the BSHS defense, a unit that has been torched by quick and elusive backs more often than

"We are going to stop them with the same scheme we ran last week against Frenship," said Rodriguez, referring to the defensive tactics that held the Tigers to only 21 offensive points, well below their season average. "Whatever offense we face, we are not changing anymore. This is it. Our plan is to run a 42 defense and run it every week. It worked last

See STEERS, Page 2B



Houston Rockets' Tracy McGrady drives to the basket during the first half of NBA preseason action against the Orlando Magic. McGrady and

the Rockets lost to Utah 107-97. assists, joining the 10-See NBA, Page 3B become a tandem

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

that's all it is.

IRVING — The first touchdown pass Tony Romo threw in the NFL was caught by Terrell Owens. The first play of Romo's first

start was a pass to Owens.

The first receiver to have a 100yard game from Romo? Yep, T.O. There's too much of a pattern for this budding relationship to be considered a coincidence -

even if everyone involved insists

And they truly are insisting. "I don't know about that,"

Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said Wednesday when asked about the growing rapport between his new quarterback and the No. 1 receiver who didn't look like one when Drew Bledsoe was throwing the passes.

"Well, I mean, I think he's trying to get the ball to the guys that are open," Parcells added.

Romo practically read off the same script, saying, "If I see you and you're open, I'm just going to let the ball go. If I see you and you're covered, I'm just going to go to the next one. Half the time, I don't even look at who's out

Leave it to Owens to set the record straight, or at least come. close to admitting the obvious.

After several politically correct answers to television cameras about Romo being "a change of

pace," he let his guard down later when asked about it again by print reporters. Smiling, laughing and turning away, he coyly said, "I don't know what y'all are talking about."

Then came the real answer. "That's just like you getting two guys together on a basketball court and they just naturally click, you know what I mean?" Owens said. "The relationship and chemistry will build. Some guys have that uncanny ability to kind of just mesh and feed off each other."

Owens caught nine passes for 107 yards in Romo's first start, a 35-14 victory over Carolina on Sunday night. The catches and yards were both season highs thus, more than he had in any of the 5 1/2 games he played with Bledsoe.

In getting ready to play Romo, Owens and the Cowboys on the Washington Sunday, Redskins watched tape of that game. Cornerback Carlos Rogers came away convinced Romo and

Owens already have a bond. "We know that they're so-called tight friends right now because he's throwing him the ball a lot," Rogers said.

The way Dallas used Owens against the Panthers was the biggest factor in unleashing him. On the Cowboys' first snap, Romo threw a quick pass to Owens practically at the line of tone. It also pacified Owens, let- See DALLAS, page 3 B



MCT photo/Jeffery Washington/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Dallas Cowboys' Terrell Owens runs down the field after a pass reception from quarterback Tony Romo, as Carolina Panthers' Mike Minter pursues and makes the tackle. Owens and Romo are off to a great relationship on the field.

to do what he does best: break tackles in the open field. This one went for 7 yards, but it set a

scrimmage, giving him a chance ting him know that he was going to be more than a decoy. "It helps me to know I feel a

Taylor and Fain

Coahoma and Stanton in must-win situation

Sports Editor

MIKE GRIMES

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Fort Davis.

They're still alive.

That's the answer to the question of whether or not the Coahoma Bulldogs or the Stanton Buffalos have been eliminated from the District 5-2A football playoff race.

Both teams are still mathematically alive and looking for that third and final post-season birth. With identical district records (2-3), both schools know that they are in a mustwin situation. It is win, or be eliminated.

"There are about five of us trying to fight our way into the final playoff spot," Ken Cates, the Coahoma head coach, acknowledged this week. "This is a must-win for both schools, but this is also another rivalry game. We are separated by about 30 miles of interstate, so this would be a battle regardless of the records or district standings."

Stanton gave district-leading Haskell all it could handle last week, but the Buffalos

Playoff aspirations will be on

the line tonight as the Grady

Wildcats (6-2, 1-1 district) and the

undefeated. No. 1 ranked Garden

City Bearkats battle it out in

District I six-man football. The

special Thursday night game was

agreed upon by both schools to

accommodate the cross country

regional meets scheduled, but

with everything at stake these

two teams would be happy to tan-

After a 20-point loss to Fort

Davis two weeks ago, the

Wildcats are in need of a victory

over the Bearkats to keep a possi-

ble district title alive. The 'Kats

are looking to hold on to the top

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offs," Coach Vance Jones said

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The Wildcats are expected to

according to Jones, Garden City

"We know what they are going

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Coahoma Friday night.

Their quarterback and offensive line look really good," Cates admitted. "They have improved over the course of the season, and we're going to have to play a really good football game if want to come out on top. This is one of those games that is always hard hitting and always tough.'

For both teams the key will come down to who makes the least number of mistakes. Penalties and turnovers are always magnified in rivalry games, and Cates said that he is sure Friday night will be no different.

"The team that makes the fewest mistakes is obviously going to have an advantage. We just have to continue to find ways to win. It's that simple for us. If not, then we will be out of contention for a third-place finish," Cates

'Our attitude has been positive and upbeat all week. We were not playing good football and we had some breaks go the other way, should be ready to go when they host but this team never quit. Not once. We're not

in the best situation here at the end of the year, but we still have hope and that's all this team needs."

The Bulldogs not only have to continue to win, but they also need outside help if they are going to advance. If Merkel can defeat Stamford this weekend, a victory over the Buffalos would taste even better. For the Buffalos, they just need to focus on one game at a time. Regardless of who the fans are rooting for, the matchup promises to be an exciting and instrumental one for the 2006

In the event of a tie for the third playoff ticket, the first tie-breaker would be head to head competition. In the event of multiple teams having the same district record, they would then go to a point system to determine who advances.

"As long as we're winning," Cates stressed. 'We still have a chance."

True, but that goes for the Buffalos as well.

eclipse 2,000-yard plateaus this year **TOMMY WELLS**

Special to the Herald Michael Taylor came into the eighth week of the high school football season leading all sixman rushers in North America by a slim mar-

It's anything but slim now,

The Amarillo Bible Heritage senior became the first six-man rusher to surpass the 2,000-



yard rushing mark this season when he turned in a Herculean effort in the Eagles 72-22 victory over the El Paso Jesus Chapel. In the game, he taxed the Charger defense for a season-high 512 yards and eight touchdowns.

Just how impressive was Taylor's effort? Consider these numbers: He averaged 30.1 yards per carry and averaged a TD every second time he touched the ball. He carried the ball just 15 times.

For the year, Taylor has averaged 13.8 yards en route to rushing for 2,224 yards and 40 touchdowns. Bynum's Kody Fain

also moved passed the 2,000-yard mark this past weekend in the Bulldogs' 58-57 loss to Abbott.

He threw for 307 yards and 5 touchdowns in the game and pushed his season passing total to 2,194 yards.

An even more amazing fact in relation to Fain's effort this football season is his accuracy. Fain has completed 121 of 189 passing attempts, and averaged a touchdown every third time he puts the ball in the air.

For the year he has thrown 43 touchdown passes, and just four interceptions.

Tommy Wells is the publisher of Six-Man Illustrated and www.sixmannation.com

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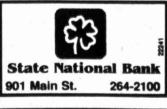
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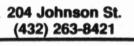
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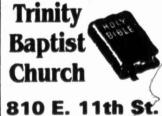
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looks to remain perfect They have the potential to score a lot of points, and they have a great back on offense that we will have to shut down, but we would like to hold them to under 30 points. Actually, we would like to shut everyone out, but holding an opponent to around 20 points is

> really good in six-man (football)." On defense the Wildcats will attempt to disguise formations and run multiple fronts against the 'Kats. Grady will need a monumental performance to slow down and contain Garden City's Bo Eggemeyer, who rushed for 284 yards and four touchdowns on just 25 carries last week. And if that challenge were not daunting enough, the Garden City quarterback, Evan Jansa, will have to be held in check. In the Bearkats' 34-point thrashing of Rankin last week, Jansa completed 11 of 19 passes for four touchdowns.

"We have quite a few seniors on this team," Jones pointed out. "We should be able to handle what they do the same way we have handled everyone else this season. Our center, guard and end have all done a great job against similar defensive alignuse their potent spread offense to ments, and I'm expecting them to try and pull off the upset, but do another good job of picking up their assingments this week. We might have to mix it up this week, but we usually try to run the ball and open things up for the passing game.

"We're a running team though, and we are going to continue to run the football."

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one step closer to making the playoffs for the first time since 1998 with a big win over Bronte last week.

Thompson knows it will take something more if the Buffs hope to break back into post-season play.

Forsan returns to action Friday when the Buffs travel to Eldorado. Game time is 7:30

"The win over Bronte was a great way to balance out the tough loss to Christoval,' Thompson said. "It was definitely the boost we needed for the last two games. But, we still have work to do. Eldorado is a solid 0-8 team and we cannot overlook them. It is another tiny.'

that it will keep them relaxed,

they are definitely hungry for the playoffs; it's been a long time.'

In order to take that next step, the Buffaloes will have to contend with an Eagle offensive line that features 6-foot-4, 300pound Marcus Hinojosa and 6-3, 240-pound Tim Maskill. "It seems that almost everyone

said. "We have to use our quickness and speed to outplay and outhustle their big O-line and Dline." Thompson said the Buffs will have to execute in order to be successful and that his offensive

line will have to sustain blocks so the running backs can hit holes and the passing game can

our line as we do every week," said Thompson.

"We need to give Wesley (Newcomb) time to find the hole and allow Seth (Johnson) time to throw and find the open receiver. Defensively, we have to close the gaps quickly and swarm to the ball carrier."

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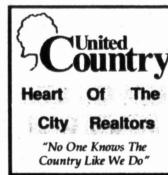
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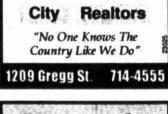


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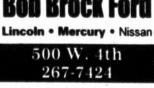












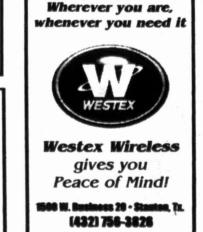












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Record looms as Knight, team look to rebound from sour season

By BETSY BLANEY

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LUBBOCK — Bob Knight is on the verge of becoming the winningest Division I men's coach. But he bluntly dismissed any notion that the mark will hold sway on his Texas Tech team.

"No. not in the slightest," said Knight, who needs 11 wins to surpass the 879 notched by North Carolina's Dean Smith. "That's not going to have a bearing on how we play.'

Knight is coming off only his second losing season in 40 years of coaching, and the first since 1970-71 when his last Army club went 11-13. Tech (15-17) finished tied for seventh in the Big 12 and had its worst season since Knight arrived in West Texas in 2001. The Red Raiders won 20-plus games the first four seasons and played in tournaments each postseason.

Last year, though, it got ugly. The Red Raiders lacked depth and leadership, losing back-to-back games five times and dropping four straight late in the

It's a different team this year, said head coach designate Pat Knight, who will take over when his father retires.

"All you're known for is your last season and that wasn't very good for us," he said. "It's exciting. We don't know how good we'll be, but we think we'll be better than what we were last year."

But the Red Raiders could be without Jarrius Jackson, last season's Big 12 scoring and 3-point percentage leader (20. 5 points per game and 45 percent) for the season. On Tuesday, 11 days before the Red Raiders play their first game, Knight dismissed the 6-foot-2 guard for failing to fulfill the team's academic requirements.

Knight said Jackson's status could change if he complies with the requirements. Before the dismissal, Knight said Jackson was the only player with a lock on starting.

That leaves Darryl Dora and Martin Zeno as the only returning starters, and they will have to prove themselves.

Zeno will be up against Charlie Burgess, the national junior college player of the year last season. Burgess and Benny Valentine transferred from Howard College in Big Spring.

Bob Knight said this year's team is probably his tallest ever. Nine players are taller than 6-foot-7; one's a 7-footer. That should help Tech, which finished

ninth in the conference (33.4 per game) in rebounding.

Also new is forward Rogdrick Craig, son of former San Francisco 49ers running back Roger Craig, and Tyler Hoffmeister, the guy who survived "Knight School," an ESPN reality show earlier this year in which 16 players competed for a walk-on spot.

"Usually when you've got players coming back that have played, they're probably looking at playing a whole lot," Knight said. "Well, these guys aren't, because we've got new kids.

'We were not going in a good direction and those guys that played last year are going to have to change the direction that they were going in to play.'

Junior college transfer Esmir Rizvic, the 7-footer from Bosnia, is part of the expectation for a stronger inside game. The others are Jay Mitchell, Damir Suljagic, Jon Plefka and Dora.

"We actually have five big bodies ... with muscle on them that we can rotate in there," Pat Knight said. "We haven't had that in a long time. We really feel like we have a lot of mobility up front."

Burgess could step in to replace Jackson in the backcourt. The transfer said he wants to provide what Tech

lacked last year.

"I feel right at home if I got to come right into a position where I could be the leader, just have people do what they got to do to get things done," Burgess said. "Even if I don't start, whether I play or not."

If Jackson returns, there's plenty for him to improve his defense.

"Jackson has got to be a better defender, just has to be or that hurts us," Bob Knight said. "For him to be as good a player as he can be, he has to be better defensively."

Elsewhere defensively, Tech's potential is good.

"I'm encouraged by what I see defensively," Bob Knight said. "There's an overall quickness that's good."

All his players are excited at the prospect of bringing Knight his 880th win and the NCAA record.

"Not too many players can say they went to Division I to make history, so I've got a chance to actually do that," Burgess said. "I want to be a part of that, the team wants to be a part of that, the Tech fans, the city, everybody wants to be a part of that."

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part of the team, I feel a part of the offense," Owens said. "In the beginning, it was kind of a gray area."

Owens was frustrated that his poor numbers prompted some critics to say he'd lost a step and that his skills were diminishing. To him, it was all about opportunities ... or the lack of them with Bledsoe under center.

"If you look at my involvement in the games, then it's a different story," Owens said. "Now it's like I'm back to my old self.'

Having the old T.O. back could help open up things for everyone else - or at least everyone but Terry Glenn, the one player whose numbers might go down without his longtime pal Bledsoe locking in on him.

"If I can get involved, it opens up some other avenues for other guys to make big plays," Owens said.

It only makes sense for Romo to look for No. 81, early and often. If you were a first-time NFL quarterback and you had one of the most prolific receivers in the NFL in the lineup, wouldn't you throw the ball his

"I'm pretty sure he could answer that better than I

A comparison could be made between Romo and Jeff Garcia, another unproven player who popped into the lineup, then made the Pro Bowl by making T.O. his primary target.

get that string of wins together here, there will be a viable option for that.'

Asked more about the similarities between Romo

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shape and ready to step out there and play," coach Sloan said. Jerry "Fortunately, time worked out to where we could play him down the stretch and he was able to make some great plays for us.

Mehmet Okur scored 17 Ronnie points and Brewer, Utah's firstround draft pick last summer, had nine in his NBA debut.

"As long as we ran our offense, we got decent shots," Sloan said. "I thought everybody was alive. Everybody was really playing hard to try to do the right thing."

Tracy McGrady led the Rockets with 25 points. Yao Ming added 22 points and nine rebounds, Rafer Alston scored 15, Kirk Snyder scored 13 and Shane Battier had 11 as all of Houston's starters scored in double figures.

The Rockets' reserves, however, combined for just 11 points and Houston had just 36 rebounds to Utah's 47.

"This was a game for us to see where we were and obviously we weren't ready for this," McGrady said. "Loose balls, on the ground ... They did whatever it took to win this ballgame and that's why they won."

Williams, the third overall draft pick in 2005, and Fisher led Utah's most potent offense in years. The Jazz beat Houston for some easy layups, but also shot well from the outside while winning their season opener for the fourth straight year.

Fisher was acquired from Golden State in a trade last summer and got a warm welcome from the Jazz fans when he came off the bench in the first quarter. At the end, he had the home fans roaring with some hustling plays and clutch shooting after the Jazz let the Rockets back into it.

Alston hit a 3-pointer to cap an 11-2 run that got the Rockets within 99-94 with 3:32 left in the game. But the Jazz didn't allow the Rockets to score again until Battier's 3-pointer with 18 seconds left, well after Utah had sealed it with eight straight points.

"We tried to play as an offensive team tonight versus a well-balanced team," Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy said, "Wellbalanced teams win."

Okur hit a 20-foot jumper, then Williams hit a jumper in the lane to put Utah up 103-94. McGrady was short on a jump shot and the Jazz got the rebound. Fisher handled the ball this time and his baseline jumper with 1:12 left put the Jazz ahead 105-94 and had the home fans roaring when Houston called a timeout.

The Rockets went right to Yao after the timeout, but Fisher sneaked in and stripped the ball, gathered it while sitting between Yao's legs and quickly called time. Houston double-teamed Fisher after the inbounds play and Fisher split the defenders with a pass to Williams for a layup that put the Jazz up 107-94.

"They were closing in on us and we had to do things to get them off of way and let him make you look good?

can," Owens said, smiling at the theory. "Like I said, I just want to do whatever I can to make plays for him, just to get him comfortable. If we can do that, then that's going help us down the road."

Could Romo do the same?

"Hey, that very well can happen," Owens said. "If we

and Garcia, Owens cut it off.

"Fisher came up with heady guy and knows

some big steals and that's how to play the game.'

"There is no comparison," he said. "Tony is my guy.

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proactive ones. And when in doubt, just remember Descartes answer to it all - "I think, therefore I am."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your attention flows effortlessly to the right thing at the right time. Thus, it's not necessary for you to follow trends. You set them. You're a trailblazer, and you'll be compensated for this abil-

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Beneath the sassiest attitude is the biggest softy. Knowing this might help you tolerate someone difficult and try to get close anyhow. But more likely, the sassiest person around is you. **GEMINI** (May 21-June

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22). A constriction or pain in your body is most certainly related to your emotions. You're so imaginative now, you might try asking that body part why it needs attention and listening to what it has to say. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

If you can't keep anything from someone, it may be a sign that you love the person. Or it may be a sign that you can't stand the discomfort of having a secret. Either way, it's a good time to come clean. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). All adults are sensitive and scared 7-yearolds inside. Remember this before you tease or confront anyone today. As for the actual 7-yearolds in your life, they have special wisdom for you now. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-**

Dec. 21). Relationships need attention. Tune in to subtle changes in the attitudes of your loved ones. Ask questions and then When listen. the microwave is humming, something's cooking. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). Your first attempt on a project is nust mat a first attempt. No one requires you to be an expert right out of the gate - except you. Ease up. Get playful. Find the fun in being a beginner. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). You're courageous, it's true. But now you'll probably get better results when you stop showing that stoic, strong part of yourself and flash a little (loveable) vulnerability. PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). Your power is based on your ability to accurately sum up a situation. You'll feel you're playing an intensely psychological game of poker. At

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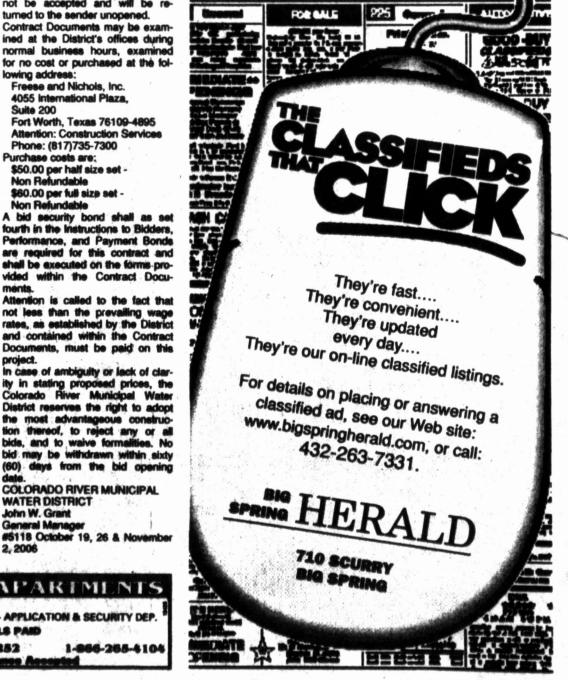
ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Pisces and have been involved for three years with a man who has alternately brought laughter and chaos to my life, my and emotions finances. We're currently ending our relationship, mostly because he wants out, but my inner voice has been screaming at me to get rid of him for some time now. He is lying and manipulative, and that makes it easier. However, I feel like I've known him before. Should I try to make things right somehow, so I don't have to repeat this experience again (in this life or the next)?" Many Pisces like your-

self believe in past lives and are always careful to think about the possible spiritual consequences of action taken on this plane. That you might have wronged this man is an admirable consideration on your part, and one that deserves an honest look. But the bigger question is how you've wronged yourself by giving your power to such a loser. The only way not to repeat this cycle is to figure out why you started it in the first place, and then never do it again. There's no mystical reason you should continue to subject yourself to the pain he provides you. CELEBRITY

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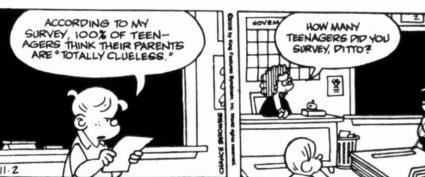


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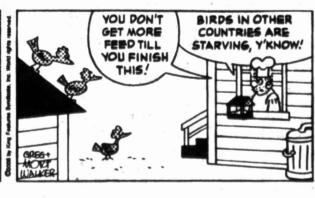


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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Nov. 2, the 306th day of 2006. There are 59 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 2, 1947, Howard Hughes piloted his huge wooden flying boat, the Hughes H-4 Hercules (popularly known as the "Spruce Goose"), on its only flight, which lasted about a minute over Long Beach Harbor in California. On this date:

In 1783, Gen. George Washington issued his Farewell Address to the Continental Army near Princeton, N.J. In 1795, the 11th president

of the United States, James Knox Polk, was born in Mecklenburg County, N.C. In 1865, the 29th president of the United States, Warren

Gamaliel Harding, was born near Corsica, Ohio. In 1889, North Dakota and

South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states.

the In 1936, British Broadcasting Corp. inaugurated "high-definition" television service from Alexandra **Palace** London.

In 1948, President Truman surprised the experts by being re-elected in a narrow upset over Republican challenger Thomas E. Dewey. In 1959, game show contes-

tant Charles Van Doren admitted to a House subcommittee that he'd been given questions and answers in advance when he appeared on the NBC TV program "Twenty-One."
In 1976, former Georgia

Gov. Jimmy Carter became the first candidate from the Deep South since the Civil War to be elected president as he defeated incumbent Gerald R. Ford. In 1986, kidnappers in

Lebanon released American hospital administrator David Jacobsen after hold ing him for 17 months.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Charlie Walker is 80. Rhythm-andblues singer Earl "Speedo" Carroll (The Cadillacs; The Coasters) is 69. Singer Jay Black (Jay and

Commentator Patrick J. Buchanan is 68. Actress Stefanie Fowers is 64. Author Shere Hite is 64. Rock musician Keith Emerson (Emerson, Lake and Palmer) is 62. Rock musician Carter Beauford (The Dave Matthews Band) is 49. Singer-songwriter k.d. lang is 45. Rock musician Bobby Dall (Poison) is 43. Actor David Schwimmer is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Alvin Chea (Take 6) is 39. Rock singer-musician John Hampson (Nine Days) is 35. Rapper Nelly is 32. Prodigy (Mobb Deep) is 32. Actor Danny Cooksey is 31. Country singer Erika Jo ("Nashville Star") is 20.

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