

BSISD to bring breakfast into the classroom

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Going on the theory that a well-fed student is a smarter student, the Big Spring Independent School District will provide breakfast in the classroom for all elementary and middle school students beginning this school year.

The program, called Smart Start, aims to better prepare students for the school day by ensuring a more nutritional

start to the day, said Joann Knox, director of food services for the Big Spring school district.

Under Smart Start — which will replace regular cafeteria breakfasts in most elementary grades — students can avail themselves to a variety of breakfast foods, which will be transported to the individual classrooms via heating or cooling containers.

Knox said some kindergarten students may still have break-

"It all boils down to making the learning environment better for kids."



Knox

fast in the school cafeteria. That option is being left with the individual campus principals.

Typical fare — which will follow USDA guidelines — will consist of breakfast sandwiches, Hot Pockets, cereal, or muffins, along with assorted fruit, milk and juices, Knox said.

"We're going to keep it simple," Knox said. "We're not going to serve syrup or other sticky foods ... Basically, we'll serve the same kind of foods as in the cafeteria, but with less of a mess."

The idea for the program

came about after Knox and others in the department reviewed data that shows students who regularly eat breakfast perform better at their studies.

Students who eat a regular breakfast do better in class, have fewer medical complaints and are less of a disciplinary headache than children who skip the meal, Knox said.

That led officials to Smart Start, which is a pilot pro-

gram. See **BREAKFAST**, Page 3A

Taking flight

U.S. Hang Gliding Championship returns to Big Spring Aug. 7-13

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Competitors from all over the United States will begin arriving in Big Spring next week for the annual U.S. Hang Gliding Championship Aug. 7 through Aug. 13 at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Competition organizer and director David Glover said he and more than 75 pilots are looking forward to taking to the skies of Big Spring once again.

"Everyone is really looking forward to getting back to Big Spring for a number of reasons," said Glover. "Probably the biggest reason is the hospitality we've received each time we've competed there. It's unri-

valued. Local coordinator Bobby McDonald and Airpark Director Jim Little have really been great to us."

Glover said this year's championship, which marks the third year in a row the competition has been held at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, will have a new feature.

"We're going to be introducing a new sport classification," said Glover. "This new class is designed for hang gliding enthusiasts who don't necessarily have the equipment to compete on the same level as many of our other pilots."

"We designed this new class to help accommodate pilots like Big Spring's Chris Chaney, who has really gotten involved in the sport over



A competitor in the 2004 U.S. Hang Gliding Championship takes to the air at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The U.S. Championship, hosted by the U.S. Hang Gliding Association, will be held once again in Big Spring Aug. 7-13.

the last few years. There are also pilots coming from other areas to compete in the sport class. I think it will be a good addition to the championship."

Glover said he hopes to see some recently broken world records shattered again in Big Spring, as the pilots take advantage of the area's unique fly-

ing conditions.

"We're in Zapata right now, and a pilot just broke the world record for distance with 365 miles," said Glover. "Several other records have also been broken recently thanks to innovations in the equipment. We're hoping those innovations, coupled with the excellent flying condi-

tions in Big Spring, will lead to more broken records."

"The sun hits the ground and the ground heats up, so thermal layers of air go up. The base of the clouds are really high, which means we can fly up really high into the air and the thermals are strong, so you don't have to fly around

too much before you hit a thermal that pushes you up."

Glover said the competition will also feature a hang gliding superstar, who will be traveling from "down under" to compete.

"Jonny Durand regularly finishes in the top five

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NASA grounds future shuttle lift-offs

Falling foam from Discovery's fuel tank has administrators concerned

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — In a numbing setback sure to set off a national debate over the future of the space program, NASA has grounded all future shuttle flights because of a large chunk of foam that broke off Discovery's fuel tank in hauntingly similar fashion to Columbia's doomed mission.

This time, engineers believe,

the foam tumbled harmlessly away during liftoff and Discovery was spared.

"Until we're ready, we won't go fly again," shuttle program manager Bill Parsons said Wednesday evening at a grim news conference. "I don't know when that might be, so I'll just state that right up front. We're just in the beginning of this process of understanding."

NASA Administrator Michael

Griffin promised the space agency would make any needed modifications before shuttles lift off again. He stressed that this is a test flight and "among the things we are testing are the integrity of the foam insulation and the performance of new camera equipment installed to detect problems."

"The cameras worked well. The foam did not," he said in a statement.

NASA does not believe the flying debris that peeled off the external fuel tank struck Discovery. Every indication so far, officials said, is that the shuttle is safe to return its seven astronauts to Earth.

"Call it luck or whatever, it didn't harm the orbiter," Parsons said. If the foam had broken away earlier in flight — when the atmosphere is thicker, increasing the acceleration

and likelihood of impact — it could have caused catastrophic damage to Discovery.

"We think that would have been really bad, so it's not acceptable," said Parsons' deputy, Wayne Hale.

Early Thursday, Discovery docked at the international space station after performing a back flip to allow those aboard

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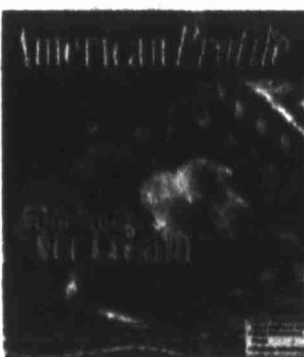
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COMING THIS WEEKEND



fashioned treat for the Farrells and a tradition that evolved with the invention of the hand-cranked freezer more than 160 years ago.

Each summer, Ben and Angela Farrell of Wilcox, Mo., (pop. 60) make homemade ice cream with their four children. It's a cool old-

UNDER THE INFLUENCE

PORTAGE, Ind. (AP) — Two women who took turns steering a disabled vehicle that crashed into a parked car face drunken-driving charges. Kaylyn Kezy, 34, was pushing the car while Melissa Fredenburg, 32, steered, police said. The two were moving the car into a parking lot. Police said the women had a blood-alcohol levels of 0.17 percent, more than twice the state's legal limit to drive. Authorities said they were operating the vehicle while intoxicated even though the car's engine wasn't running. A prosecutor admitted the charges may be hard to make stick in court.

FISD REGISTRATION

Forsan junior high and high school students will begin registration Tuesday. All times are from 9 a.m. until noon, and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the junior high/high school.

New students will register Tuesday, seniors and juniors will register Wednesday, sophomores and freshmen Thursday, Aug. 4, and eighth-graders and seventh-graders Aug. 5.

Students must complete their informational packets (parents signatures required) before picking up their schedules. Orientation for sixth-graders will be at 3 p.m. Aug. 11 at the junior high school.

Obituaries

Betty McElroy Chrane

Betty McElroy Chrane, 93, of Big Spring died July 24, 2005. Graveside services were today, July 28, 2005, at Trinity Memorial Park. She was a longtime Howard County resident and a member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ for more than 40 years.

She married B.T. Crane in June of 1959 and he preceded her in death in July 1976.

She is survived by her family, Bob Crane and his three children, Donna, Jana and Lydia; Bill Crane and his seven children, Tommy, Steven, Chuckie, Karen Beth, Sharon Ann, Carla Jean and Cindy Crane; a nephew, Lynn McElroy and his wife, Ruby of Fairfield; longtime good friends, Violet Patterson and Clyde Ryan of Big Spring; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Paid obituary

Support groups

MONDAY

Encourager's Support Group for widows and widowers begins at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Enter through the north door. Please bring a covered dish. Call 398-5522 for more information.

TUESDAY

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

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

Around town

RAILROAD MUSEUM at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

POTTON HOUSE, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

HERITAGE MUSEUM, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

FRIENDS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY have scheduled a used book sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. every Thursday in the new building across from the White Ford Motor Company, near the post office. The sale benefits the restoration of a library building. For more information contact Bud Lindsey at 756-2306.

Weather

Tonight—Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds around 10 mph.

Friday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. East winds around 10 mph.

Friday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Saturday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

Saturday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s.

Sunday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

Sunday night—Mostly clear. Lows around 70.

Monday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Monday night—Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Tuesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-6-7-24-28.
Number matching five of five: none.
Matching four of five: 93. Prize: \$463.
Matching three of five: 3,317. Prize: \$10.
Matching two of five: 33,844. Prize: \$2.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-6-9-39-44. Bonus Ball: 23.
Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: none.
Number matching five of five: 2. Prize: \$11,093.
Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 8. Prize: \$2,516.

Number matching four of five: 456. Prize: \$95.
Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 400. Prize: \$95.

Number matching three of five: 17,188. Prize: \$5.
Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 4,742. Prize: \$5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 20,680. Prize: \$3.
Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$30 million.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-4-3

Police blotter

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

- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 2400 block of Main Street.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
 - in the 1800 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of Bluebird.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1400 block of Bluebird.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 2100 block of Main Street.

Sheriff's report

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

- **DAVID KILLCREASE**, 18, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to adjudicate for burglary of a habitation.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 5800 block of Walters Road.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of W. Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 500 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of W. Second Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1100 block of Bluebonnet. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take note

A FUND TO OFFSET THE COST OF CHEMOTHERAPY TREATMENTS FOR PATSY WARDEN, who was recently diagnosed with cancer, has been established at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma. For more information, call 393-5331.

VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS HOST FAMILIES FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS are needed. Call Kelli at Terra Lingua, 866-540-4029.

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.

ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

TOWN HALL MEETING with Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. Aug. 4 at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

RSVP ICE CREAM SOCIAL from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Aug. 16 at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1995 10-YEAR REUNION is set for Homecoming weekend. For information about the events, contact bshs1995@yahoo.com or call Amanda or Stacie at 267-1353.

CLASS OF 1970 35th ANNIVERSARY HOME-COMING set for September. All classmates should send an e-mail address to Clarinda Harris Wright at richardwright@cox.net. For more information, visit www.bshsalumni.com/SiteMap/htm.

THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL OLDTIMERS (those who graduated before 1940) are planning a reunion for the annual BSHS Homecoming Sept. 16-17. Anyone able to attend a reunion Sept. 17 should call 432-267-2900 and leave phone and address information.

HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD is seeking financial donations to provide support for children in Howard County who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or mail donations to HCCWB P.O. Box 3101 Big Spring, 79721.

LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning 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.

A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.

CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
- Spring City Senior Citizens Center offers bingo beginning at 12:45 p.m.

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area senior citizens are invited.

SATURDAY

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

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room for the annual awards recognition luncheon. The public is invited and lunch is \$7.50 at the door. RSVP to 264-5164.
- 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.
- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

Sex Offenders

The following information has been released by the Big Spring Police Department and/or Howard County Sheriff's Office in keeping with laws regarding notification to the public of sex offenders residing within a community or county. The individuals below do not represent all sex offenders in Howard County. For a complete list of sex offenders residing in Big Spring, access the BSPD Web site at: www.police.big-spring.tx.us

For a list of sex offenders in Howard County, find the link to the Texas Department of Public Safety on the BSPD Web site.



Johnson, Howard
B/M AGE: 20
2503 Langley
Sexual assault of a child
Risk Level: High- poses a high danger to the community and will likely continue to engage in criminal sexual conduct.
B/M EDAD: 20
2503 Langley
Asalto sexual de un nino
Nevel Riesgo: Alto-peligro a la comunidad va a continuar en sexual.



Loudermill, Jerald
B/M AGE: 40
2203 Cecilia
Aggravated sexual assault of a child
Risk Level: Moderate-poses a moderate danger to the community and may continue to engage in criminal sexual conduct.
B/M EDAD: 40
2203 Cecilia
Asalto sexual denino
Nevel Riesgo: Moderado-peligro moderado a la comunida y es posible que puede cometer contacto criminal sexual.



Sowell, John
W/M AGE: 23
107 W. 19th Street
Attempted indecency with a child- sexual contact
Risk Level: Moderate-poses a moderate danger to community and may continue to engage in criminal sexual conduct.
W/M EDAD: 23
107 W. 19th Street
Intentar Indecencia Con un nino-contacto sexual
Nevel Riesgo: Moderado-peligro moderado a la comunidad y es posible que puede cometer contacto sexual.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Intensive Bush administration lobbying pays off; House narrowly OKs CAFTA

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush insisted that the small trade agreement with six Latin American nations would pay big dividends for security, stability and freedom in the Western Hemisphere. After persistent lobbying by the White House, Congress finally agreed.

It took personal visits from the president and vice president, along with strenuous arm-twisting from Republican leaders, before the House passed the Central American Free Trade Agreement early Thursday by a two-vote margin, 217-215.

The Senate approved CAFTA last month 54-45, and it now goes to the president for his signature.

It was a major victory for the Bush administration, which had to fend off claims by critics that the pact would harm American workers.

"CAFTA helps ensure that free trade is fair trade," the president said in a statement following the vote. "By lowering trade barriers to American goods in Central American markets to a level now enjoyed by their goods in the U.S., this agreement will level the playing field and help American workers, farmers and small businesses."

The accord eventually eliminates tariffs and other trade barriers between the United States and Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic. The countries signed the trade deal a year ago.

Police arrest nine more men in connection with failed London bombings

LONDON (AP) — Anti-terrorist officers arrested nine men in raids early Thursday in connection with the botched July 21 attacks on London's transit system, bringing to 20 the number of people police have in custody, including one of the alleged bombers.

Scotland Yard police headquarters said the nine were arrested under the Terrorism Act at two properties in the neighborhood of Tooting, in south London.

The arrests follow a significant breakthrough on Wednesday, when authorities in the central England city of Birmingham arrested one of the four men suspected of carrying out the failed attacks — Yasin Hassan Omar, 24. He was being held at a top-security police station in London.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Ian Blair, meanwhile, warned Thursday that the terrorists behind the bombings — or even other terrorist cells — could strike again.

"The second attacks on July 21 should not be taken as some indication as a weakening of the capability or the resolve of those responsible," said Blair. "These weren't the amateurs. ... They only made one mistake and we are very, very lucky," he added, referring to the fact the July 21 bombs only partially detonated.

"The carnage that would have occurred had those bombs gone off would have at least been equivalent of those on July 7 and therefore it is absolutely imperative that we find those responsible," he added.

Peter Clarke, the head of London's police anti-terrorist unit, called Omar's arrest "an important development in the investigation." But he warned that the three remaining bombers still on the run presented a danger.

Security was tight at many subway stations in central London Thursday — the three-week anniversary of the July 7 attacks on three subway trains and a bus that killed 56 people, including the four suicide bombers. Thursday was also the one-week anniversary of the failed July 21 attacks.

Police also deployed the largest number of officers ever on Britain's rail network to reassure the public.

Government investigating possible case of mad cow disease

WASHINGTON (AP) — A cow being tested for mad cow disease never entered the food supply, the government says.

The animal had complications while giving birth and died on the farm where it had lived, the Agriculture Department's chief veterinarian said Wednesday.

Unlike in the two confirmed cases of mad cow disease, this cow did not go to a slaughterhouse or feed mill. It was burned and buried after a local veterinarian removed brain tissue for testing, John Clifford said.

"There is absolutely no risk to human or animal health from this animal," he said. "Regardless of the outcome of further testing, I want to emphasize that human and animal health in the United States are protected by a system of interlocking safeguards."

Testing indicated the disease may have been present in the cow. The department is conducting further tests at its laboratory in Ames, Iowa, and is sending tissue to be tested by the internationally recognized laboratory in Weybridge, England.

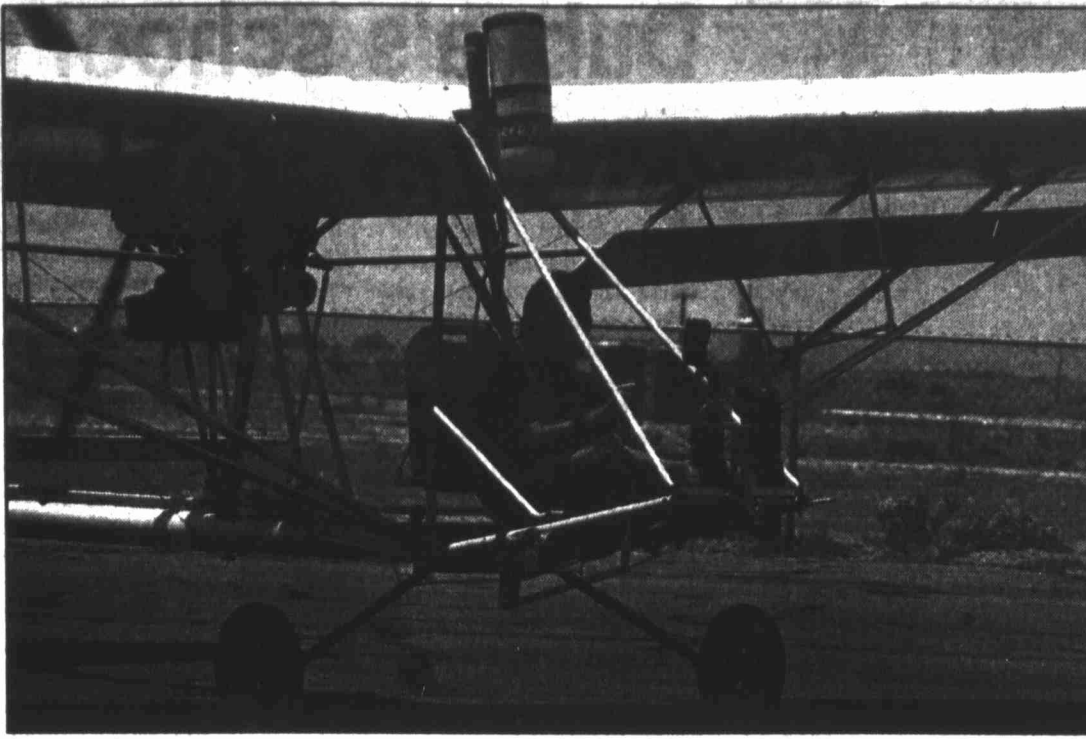
Results should come in the next week, Clifford said. The cow probably was born in the United States and was at least 12 years old, Clifford said. That means it was born before 1997, when the U.S. and Canada banned the practice of adding ground-up cattle remains to cattle feed.

The only way cows are known to get the disease is by eating brain and nerve tissue of already-infected cows.

Clifford said the department knows the location of the farm but is not disclosing it. Also, there is no quarantine now on the farm.

The two U.S. cases were confirmed in a Texas cow last month and in a Canadian-born cow in December 2003 in Washington state. Both cows also were born before the feed ban.

The brain-wasting disease is known scientifically as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
An ultralight pilot gets ready to tow yet another hang glider into the blue beyond during the 2004 U.S. Hang Gliding Championship at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The event will return to Big Spring Aug. 7 through Aug. 13.

GLIDERS

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of every competition he enters," said Glover. "He's flying over from Australia for the championship, so competition should be pretty stiff."

Glover said it's unusual to have the national championship in the same place.

"It's very unique to have the Hang Gliding Nationals ever go back to the same location," said Glover, "much less go back to the same location the very next year. It was because the pilots had such a great time and felt that this is such a good venue for testing the skills of the best pilots in the nation to find out who is really national champion."

Glover said the real icing on the cake will be in 2007, when Big Spring will host the World Championship.

"The world championship has only been held in the U.S. once in the last 30 years, so it's a real honor to have it coming to Big Spring in 2007," said Glover. "We're expecting approximately 125 pilots or more to come from all over the world to compete."

Glover said he expects pilots to begin arriving in Big Spring for practice runs as early as Wednesday.

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U.S. general, Iraqi prime minister say more U.S. troops should leave when possible

By ROBERT BURNS
AP Military Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's prime minister said Wednesday he wants U.S. troops "on their way out" as soon as his government can protect its new democracy. The top American general in the country said he hopes to begin significant withdrawal by next spring.

At the same time, in an unannounced visit, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Iraqi security forces should take on more tasks now performed by U.S. troops.

American military commanders have repeatedly expressed hopes in recent months that they could begin major troop reductions next year, depending on the intensity of the insurgency. Even so, Wednesday's remarks seemed to signal a new willingness to discuss specific ways American troops might exit an increasingly unpopular war in which nearly 2,000 have died.

There was a subdued reaction in Congress. John Warner, R-Va., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said, "I remain concerned about establishing timetables and raising expectations. However, I have not seen the data that the general had before him."

Sen. John McCain, of

Arizona, the second-ranking Republican on the committee, said he agreed with Casey and al-Jaafari that withdrawal will be possible only when conditions permit.

"I'm sure that the security situation at the time will dictate what they need to do," McCain said.

Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, speaking at a joint news conference with Rumsfeld, said, "The great desire of the Iraqi people is to see the coalition forces on their way out."

However, comments by Gen. George Casey, the most senior commander of coalition forces in Iraq, drew the most notice. He told reporters that a "fairly substantial" withdrawal of U.S. troops could go ahead in the spring and summer of 2006 if the Iraqi political process is not derailed and the insurgency does not grow.

Pentagon officials have provided little detail in discussing the possible withdrawal of forces from Iraq. The most specific estimate has come from Lt. Gen. John Vines, who runs day-to-day military operations in Iraq. He said in June that a reduction of "four or five brigades" — perhaps 20,000 troops out of the current 135,000 — was possible sometime next year.

More than 1,780

American troops have died since the U.S. invasion in March 2003. The Bush administration has refused to set deadlines for withdrawal, saying U.S. soldiers will remain as long as needed until Iraqi troops and police can defend the country on their own.

"The president wants to see our troops come home, but we've got an important mission that we need to complete," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Wednesday.

McClellan said Bush depends on his commanders to say how many troops they need, "And they make decisions based on the conditions and the progress that's being made on the ground."

Car bombings, roadside bomb attacks and other violence against U.S. forces and Iraqi civilians have increased in recent months, and al-Jaafari and his cabinet face constant threats. Rumsfeld's visit to Iraq was not announced ahead of time for fear of attack.

Still, the United States points to successful elections in Iraq in January and formation of a democratic government as evidence both that the Iraqis are on the path to independence and that the U.S.-led toppling of Saddam Hussein was worthwhile.

NASA

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the outpost to photograph the shuttle's belly for signs of damage.

The loss of such a large chunk of debris, a vexing problem NASA thought had been fixed, shattered the euphoria from Tuesday's shuttle launch, the first in 2 1/2 years. The redesign of the fuel tank was the focal point of the space agency's \$1 billion-plus effort to make the 20-year-old space shuttles safer to fly following the 2003 Columbia tragedy.

The grounding also adds to the burden on the space station, which has been relying solely on Russia's much smaller spacecraft for crew and cargo deliveries.

House Science Committee Chairman Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., said NASA is handling the situation "exactly right."

"It doesn't appear that the mission is in jeopardy. Nothing is in jeopardy except the schedule. But I don't want to underestimate the seriousness of it in terms of the future," Boehlert said.

The three remaining shuttles are due to retire in 2010, and a new spacecraft is in the works. President Bush has a lofty plan for NASA to return astronauts to the moon by 2020 and eventually to Mars. It's unclear how the latest grounding might affect public sentiment for the space program.

The piece of foam flew off Discovery's redesigned tank just two minutes after what initially looked like a perfect liftoff, right after the booster rockets peeled away. But in less than an hour NASA had spotted images of a mysterious object whirling away from the tank.

Mission managers did not realize what the object was — or how much havoc it would

cause — until Wednesday after reviewing video and images taken by just a few of the 100-plus cameras in place to watch for such dangers.

Parsons offered no excuses, saying, "You have to admit when you're wrong. We were wrong."

Engineers believe the irregularly sized piece of foam that came off was 24 to 33 inches long, 10 to 14 inches wide, and between 2 and 8 inches thick — only somewhat smaller than the 1.67-pound chunk that smashed into Columbia's left wing during liftoff. The plate-sized hole let in superheated gases that caused the shuttle to break up on its return to Earth on Feb. 1, 2003.

On Discovery, the foam broke away from a different part of the tank than the piece that mortally wounded Columbia.

Atlantis — whose own fuel tank is now suspect — was supposed to lift off in September, but that

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program already in effect in Midland and other surrounding communities.

Buoyed by the success shown in those school districts, Knox has high hopes for the program here.

"It all boils down to making the learning environment better for kids," Knox said. "It will involve a lot of logistics ... but we think it will help improve performance standards, and that's the important thing."

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OUR VIEWS

Children should get their 'shots' before bells ring

Getting ready for the start of the new school year is more than buying new clothes and getting everything on your child's school supplies list. It is also vitally important that parents make sure their children are properly immunized.

That's why the local Texas Department of State Health Services clinic, as in years past, is providing immunization services for students.

Immunizations are covered by Medicare, and are only \$5 for the entire spectrum of shots, but officials say they won't turn anyone away.

Children are supposed to be immunized before the start of the school year. Unfortunately, there are always those who take their children to get them enrolled and school officials wind up having to refuse to enroll them because they don't have all their immunizations.

A new law which takes effect Sept. 1 requires that children attending child-care centers and enrolled in early childhood programs be vaccinated against invasive pneumococcal and hepatitis A diseases.

To attend child-care and pre-kindergarten programs, a child also must be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, varicella and Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) at the appropriate age.

The school year begins Aug. 15 in Coahoma and Forsan, and Aug. 22 in Big Spring. State law requires public school students be vaccinated against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B and varicella.

Immunizations are available from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the TDSHS clinic, located in the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane.

Be sure your child's start of the school year goes smoothly. Make sure they're immunized before registering. They and you will be better off for the foresight.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we make a special effort to know You better, Lord, through Your word.

Amen

Dubya's school reforms pay off

For years, nothing helped. America's children weren't reading as well as they should. An achievement gap showed black and Latino students trailing behind their white counterparts in reading and math. Educators and politicians agreed something must be done, but they made halting progress. Until now.

This month, the National Assessment of Educational Progress — also known as the national report card — released good news on long-term educational trends in America. Reading competency for 9-year-olds has reached its highest level since NAEP began measuring progress in 1971.

What is more, the achievement gap is narrowing. The gap between black and white 9-year-olds tested for reading was 44 points in 1971 to 26 points in 2004, while the gap between white and Latino students narrowed from 34 points in 1975 to 21 points in 2004. Half the gap-narrowing has occurred since 1999.

Of course, educators are scrambling to make sure that no credit goes to President Bush or his No Child Left Behind program. The American Federation of Teachers issued a statement through an official, who noted that efforts that led to the higher scores predate the Bush presidency.

The AFT is right. The reforms that boosted scores predate the Bush presidency.

That said, when he was governor of Texas, Bush had the good sense to jump on the right horse. He believed in pushing basic literacy, even if he wasn't as strong on

phonics as I would have liked. He urged better testing to hold failing schools accountable. The approach paid off. When Bush was governor, black eighth-graders in Texas led the country in math and reading.

While Bush was on the right horse, some teacher groups and top educators were leading a stampede of bad horses, carrying American children headlong toward ignorance. They eschewed phonics, dispensed with multiplication tables, denounced testing — unless it gave credit for wrong math answers with clever essays — and preferred failed bilingual education programs to English immersion programs for children learning English.

Look at any reform that has boosted student performance — phonics, direct instruction, English immersion — and the chances are, the educators were against it.

When parents revolted against whole language — which teaches children to read language as a whole, without teaching them to decode words — the educators argued against a return to phonics, which they dismissed as "drill and kill."

When reformers pushed for tests that could show which curricula worked best, educators denounced testing. If children steeped in phonics scored well on reading tests, they were not impressed — it was because the children were brainwashed, not literate. And if whole-language learners scored poorly, well, it was because they were so creative.

When Bush and company demanded accountability, they complained that standards would hurt poor children — as if under-educating poor and minority students didn't hurt poor and minority kids.

The educator lobby in California

opposed the switch from bilingual education to English immersion. Fortunately, California voters, not educators, had an opportunity to switch to English immersion programs, and now more immigrant children have mastered English.

Over time, classroom teachers have seen their students make progress. Many have come to see the wisdom in emphasizing phonics — it may be boring for teachers, but it helps kids learn to read better.

Bush packaged his approach under his promise to fight "the soft bigotry of low expectations." For years, educators blamed parents, demographics, money — you name it — for poor student performance.

Bush didn't want to hear the excuses — and his Texas swagger paid off. As Hoover Institution fellow and sometime Bush adviser Bill Evers noted, "There's no doubt that high expectations and trying to hold the system accountable from top to the bottom is having an overall positive effect."

And so the educators are left with weak criticisms. They complain that No Child Left Behind is underfunded — even as Bush budgets money for the Department of Education. They argue that students have no motivation to apply themselves when they take tests — and still the NAEP numbers are up. They note that NAEP high-school scores are flat without acknowledging that they opposed reforms that are helping more of today's 9-year-olds read.

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Bolton's appointment bodes poorly for Bush

Two John's are dominating the headlines this week. One is expected to be confirmed, albeit after some tough questioning. The other was asked the tough questions, and is now expected to be the subject of a recess appointment.

John Roberts has been making the rounds this week, to generally positive notices. But already, there are concerns about why the White House is refusing to release papers from his tenure at the solicitor general's office, a move that is reminiscent of the position that led to a filibuster of the appointment of Miguel Estrada to a United States court of appeals. While no Democrats have yet announced opposition to Judge Roberts, Judiciary Committee members have made it clear that they expect to be able to question him on his record as a government lawyer.

In the meantime, the word on the street is that John Bolton, the president's embattled nominee to the United Nations, is now prepared to accept a "recess appointment" once the Senate adjourns on Friday. Bolton's own hearings succeeded in raising questions both about his record and his temperamental fitness. Even so, a recess appointment would mean that Bolton gets his position anyway — albeit only until the end of the current session of Congress, which would be January of 2007. If the president wants to keep him past that point, he would have to wait for another recess, and then appoint him again.

So much for advice and consent. Duck and run would be a better

word for it.

Certainly, a president has a right to his choices, which is why Democrats are moving cautiously in the case of the genial and well-credentialed Roberts. John Bolton has contempt for the institution where he is about to serve, it's a hard sell, to say the least. "If (the U.N. Secretariat building) lost 10 stories," Bolton once said, "it wouldn't make a bit of difference."

The Constitution provides for the president to appoint judges and ambassadors with the advice and consent of the Senate. In Bolton's case, the Senate has refused to vote to confirm Bolton. The Founding Fathers, recognizing the need for government to continue to run smoothly even when Congress is not in session, also provided that:

"The President shall have Power to fill up all Vacancies that may happen during the Recess of the Senate, by granting Commissions which shall expire at the End of their next Session."

As a matter of logic, one might argue that the clear purpose of this provision is to allow the president to fill positions that open up during the recess, not to use recess appointments to sneak through his unconfirmable choices while the senators are out of town. Why allow a president such an end run around the constitutional requirement of confirmation?

But precedent is clearly to the contrary. Past presidents have used the recess power for long-standing vacancies — for judges who would otherwise serve for life. Indeed, President Clinton gave Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights William Lann Lee not one but two consecutive recess

appointments, allowing him to serve with distinction, but without confirmation, from December 1997 until January 2001.

Democrats have argued that if Bolton goes to the United Nations as a recess appointee, he will have less power as a result. But Bill Lee didn't have less power because the Senate didn't confirm him — he certainly didn't see himself that way. His firm resume doesn't even mention the fact that he was a recess appointee. Why should it? He did the job.

Bill Clinton's party didn't control the Senate when he appointed Bill Lee to Justice. The chair of the committee considering Lee back in 1997 was a Republican, Orrin Hatch, which was why Lee couldn't get a vote. This time, Republicans have no one to blame but themselves. Republicans are in charge of everything, and yet they can't get John Bolton through. If you wonder why the president sought a consensus choice for the Supreme Court, look no further than the recess appointment of his non-consensus choice for the United Nations.

How strong is George Bush? How strong are the Republicans? It's easy to look strong with John Roberts. John Bolton is the better test, and a recess appointment is an admission of failure — not for John Bolton, but for George Bush.

Perhaps it will be a lesson for the choices that are yet to come, especially the choice of a chief justice.

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SUSAN ESTRICH

Christian Exodus urges evangelicals to start anew in South Carolina

By PAUL NUSSBAUM (KRT)

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Frank and Tammy Janoski, the Pennsylvania pilgrims, have landed.

With their four children, they have settled into a little subdivision in the country, the first transplants of a movement that wants to bring legions of conservative Christians here to turn South Carolina's government into a biblically-inspired oasis.

In the South Carolina of their dreams, abortion would be illegal. The Ten Commandments would be proudly displayed. Public schools would be a thing of the past. Taxes would be severely limited and property rights would be paramount.

And if the federal government tried to interfere, well, they'd secede.

So far, the Christian Exodus movement has not been a mighty magnet for change. Only four other families have followed the Janoskis' lead, a far cry from the "thousands of Christians" touted on the group's Web site. Even the founder of the group is still in his California home, promising to move in 2006 or 2007.

Their idea, however, is as old as America: a haven for like-minded people with a government run according to their particular religious lights. Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Utah all got their start as religious sanctuaries.

And it touches a deep-seated tension within Christianity — how much to withdraw from the contaminating influences of the outside world and how much to engage the world and try to transform it.

"Historically, evangelical Christianity has had a vacillating relationship with the culture," said James L. Guth, a professor of political science at Furman University here, who has studied the influence of religion on politics.

"For much of the 19th century, evangelical Protestants were the culture. A lot of that changed for a while in the 20th century. ... They tried to wall themselves off from the culture."

That shift from engagement to withdrawal, known as the Great Reversal, formed the fundamentalist branch of evangelicals. Intent on protecting themselves from such worldly influences as the theory of evolution and the seductions of Hollywood, conservative Christians often cited a biblical injunction: "Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you."

That stance began to change by midcentury, as more moderate evangelicals broke from the fun-

damentalists. And in the 1980s, the emergence of such groups as the Christian Coalition and the Moral Majority brought many conservative Christians back into the political fray, invoking Jesus' Sermon on the Mount:

"You are the salt of the earth. ... You are the light of the world ... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

The Reversal of the Great Reversal, as some scholars call it, is now in full swing. Politically active conservative Christians were crucial to President Bush's election victories in 2000 and 2004, and they are vocal supporters of Supreme Court nominee John G. Roberts Jr.

To Cory Burnell, founder of Christian Exodus, that political activity isn't enough. He wants something more radical — a kind of Christian free state.

"We believe that Christ's admonition to go and make disciples of all nations does not exclude any facets of life," Burnell said by telephone from his Valley Springs, Calif., home.

"We're asking people to move and do something new. Our intent is to put men in office who will do what (ousted Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice) Roy Moore did — defy the federal government."

The group's goal is to have 2,500 members in two upstate South Carolina counties by September 2006, and as many as 12,000 by 2008. That, Burnell said, would be enough to elect local candidates and snowball into a statewide force. Soon, enough right-thinking officials would be elected to force a confrontation with the feds.

"We are proponents of federal conflict," Burnell said. "People ought to stand up, they ought to flirt with arrest."

Burnell, 29, used to be a regional director in Texas for the League of the South, a secessionist organization. Robert Hayes, director of the league in South Carolina, said his group is working with Christian Exodus on the "common goal of self-government."

The last time South Carolina seceded from the union was Dec. 20, 1860, lighting the fuse that touched off the Civil War. This time, Burnell figures secession, if necessary, could be peaceful. He admits the state could not fight the U.S. military.

"I don't think it will come to bloodshed," he said. "I think it will come to compromise."

Many South Carolinians, including conservatives, are skeptical about the new group.

"It doesn't seem to be the kind of thing that would have much impact," said Bob Taylor,



KRT Photos/Brett Flashnick
Frank and Tammy Janoski and their four children, above, pray before lunch at their home in Pelham, S.C. Frank and Tammy, below, study the Bible with their children, Jonathan, left, and Joel at their home in Pelham, S.C. July 23. The family moved to South Carolina from Bethlehem, Penn., in February after finding out about the Christian Exodus movement.

a Greenville County councilman who is also a dean at Bob Jones University, the fundamentalist Christian college here. Active in Republican politics, Taylor said that "even the conservative religious right is not where they want to go."

And Taylor said of the notion of secession, "That didn't turn out so well the last time, did it?"

Brent Nelsen, a Christian who is a political science professor at Furman University, said, "What kind of balance do they expect to tip? The balance is already strongly Republican and from the religious right."

"This is a conservative part of the state in a conservative part of the country," Nelsen said. "Many of the elected officials are seen as Christian men who bring Christian values to their decision-making."

"I don't think Christian Exodus is going to make a big dent here."

The Janoskis, however, say they have gotten only supportive reactions from their new neighbors.

"At least to my face, no one has said anything negative," said Frank Janoski, 38, an affable, self-employed computer engineer. "I haven't met anyone who said, 'Y'all need to go home.'"

The Janoskis learned about Christian Exodus from a church friend. Dissatisfied with Republican politicians, Frank Janoski said the Christian Exodus philosophy resonated with him.

"The Republicans control the government, yet things are getting worse. When I found Christian Exodus, I thought: Here's a bunch of Christians like me."

"We want to take an area that is conservative to begin with and bring more conservatives in and have an influence. We want to return to a country where you can protect the life of the unborn, define marriage



as a man and a woman, protect family values."

Joe Elster, 41, brought his wife and three children here in June from Omaha, Neb., after hearing about Christian Exodus on conservative radio talker Sean Hannity's program.

Born in Philadelphia and reared in Buffalo, N.Y., Elster saw the opportunity to be closer to family in Virginia and North Carolina while advancing his political beliefs.

"I've been a Republican ever since I was able to vote, but I voted for the Constitution Party in 2004," Elster said, sitting in his new home.

"The Republican Party has gotten away from those who got them elected. The judiciary is out of control. It's time somebody did something, and that's what Christian Exodus is about — doing something."

Burnell, the Christian Exodus founder, acknowledged, "I'd hoped we'd be further along by now. But if it takes two years or 20 years, we're making progress. And as we have successes, I'm sure more people will join us."

Exercise helps arthritis sufferers

The benefits of exercise are no secret: Exercising a minimum of 30 minutes, three times per week is known to be beneficial to everyone.

Yet exercise, once not recommended for people with arthritis, is now known to help arthritis sufferers decrease fatigue, strengthen muscles and bones, increase flexibility and stamina and help stave off heart disease and osteoporosis.

The type of exercises most beneficial for arthritis sufferers are flexibility and stretching, strength and resistance training, range of motion aerobic or cardiovascular workouts.

All types of arthritis associated with joint pain and swelling can force a person to change their

lifestyle. High-impact exercise routines may have to be altered to low-impact exercises after diagnosis of arthritis.

A person with arthritis should start slow and find any exercise that will maintain an active lifestyle.

Exercise also provides emotional benefits. Mood enhancement, improved self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment are important for anyone suffering from an illness.

A rheumatologist recommends these activities for arthritis sufferers:

- Walking
- Water aerobics
- Yoga
- Tai Chi
- Golf

Before beginning any exercise program, consult a doctor.

Maverick players opens 'Interruptions'

The Maverick Players open the third show of the season, "Interruptions," Friday. The comedy will run weekends through Aug. 13, at the Mavericks' theater in Midland Park Mall.

Performances dates are

July 29-31 and Aug. 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12 and 13. All evening performances are at 8 and the Sunday matinees are at 2.

Tickets may be reserved by calling the Maverick box office at 432-522-5225.

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Infinite Infiniti

By JIM MATEJA

Chicago Tribune

Bill Gates and the Infiniti M45.

Where would either be without computer technology?

Because most of us know about Gates and Microsoft, we'll focus on the M45, which returns for 2006 after a one-year absence.

It's not that the sophisticated computers and network of sensors hidden throughout this car perform magic never attempted by other luxury cars.

It's that the M45 does things it couldn't in its past life. This includes feats such as a lane departure warning that reads the dividers on the pavement to alert the driver when he or she drifts out of the lane without using the turn indicator. That can prevent kissing the grille of an oncoming car.

There's intelligent cruise control that automatically slows the car using the brakes and/or reducing engine speed so you don't kiss the bumper of the vehicle ahead.

A rearview camera uses the navigation screen in the dash to show you live and in color what's behind when backing up, though watching the screen is so fascinating you tend to forget what's on either side of you at the moment.

And it comes with climate-controlled seats that not only warm your buns when it's cold, but cool them when it's hot. A word of warning, however, to first-time users. It's

a bit unsettling when the cold air strikes so be prepared for the lane-departure warning system to start beeping. The beauty of cooled seats, of course, is that when you arrive at work on a hot, steamy day, you don't have to peel pants and shirt off the leather seat. And the seats cool quickly even on those hot days.

There's also adaptive lighting in which the headlamps turn in the same direction as the car to better light the path.

Mark Igo, vice president and general manager of Infiniti, says there's so many whiz-bang gadgets that the M45 "captures the soul of the Infiniti brand" and will make "hearts pound."

If not into high tech, however, be warned that while your heart pounds, your head may spin.

So may your wallet. The technology doesn't come cheap. Intelligent cruise control and lane departure warning are part of a \$4,200 Technology package that includes a DVD navigation system, Bose sound system and satellite radio.

But you can't get the tech package without handing over \$1,700 for the Journey package that includes the rearview monitor, precrash belts that tighten when sensing an impact and a Homelink transceiver.

Rather than pay \$4,200 for a tech package that adds the satellite radio, you can get the radio as a freestanding option for \$350 — after you buy the \$1,700 Journey package.

Want a DVD entertain-



The 2006 Infiniti M45

ment system? It's \$1,500, plus the \$1,700 Journey system.

So to take advantage of high tech, you must contribute to Infiniti's high profit.

The Infiniti M is offered as the M35 with V-6, M35 Sport with V-6, rear-active steer and 19-inch wheels and tires, the M35x with V-6 and all-wheel-drive, M45 with V-8 and rear-wheel-drive and M45 Sport with V-8, RWD, rear-active steer and 19-inch wheels and tires.

The M35 offers a 3.5-liter, 280-horsepower V-6; the M45 a 4.5-liter, 335-h.p., 32-valve V-8 that's also in the Infiniti Q45 and FX45. Both V-6 and V-8 are teamed with a 5-speed automatic with manual-mode shifting for playtime.

Regardless of model or

engine, you get Vehicle Dynamic Control with traction control as standard. The stability control system resists oversteer or understeer to keep the vehicle on its intended course. And you don't have to buy the Journey package.

We drove the '06 M45 Sport. The V-8 packs a heck of a punch to launch you off the line or down the merger ramp.

But the sports-car handling is what allows you to enjoy the V-8 to its fullest. Thank the standard rear-active steer. The system automatically adjusts rear suspension geometry based on steering input, steering angle and vehicle speed.

Though high-tech magic, it simply means precise control as the M45 goes where you point it, when you point it and seems to lock into a slot in the road to keep you from wandering.

It functions automatically so you don't even know it's working and simply think you're a great driver capable of pinpoint maneuvers.

Like the previous generation M, the new platform positions the engine behind the front axle to optimize front-to-rear weight balance for top handling. The larger wheels and tires contribute as well. The Sport suspension is performance-tuned, which helps

handling but results in a tad firm ride.

Both the M35 and M45 are built off a version of a platform shared with the G35 sedan and coupe as well as FX crossover.

That means the new M45 sports a 4-inch-longer wheelbase and slightly wider tracking for better road manners, while overall length was reduced by 8.4 inches to give it a sportier, less cumbersome look — at the expense of cabin room. The cabin is an inch wider, but that still falls short of ample stretch space.

The year's absence from the market gave Infiniti time to update the M Series and in doing so upgrade the price. The '04 M45 started at \$43,250, the '06 at \$46,900, or about \$3,700 more. The '04 didn't offer a Sport model; the new one starts at \$49,550 before the high-cost options.

In keeping with its spare-no-high-tech-gadget theme, the M45 comes with push-button start rather than a traditional ignition slot in which you insert a key. The electronics that start the engine are in the key fob you must carry. No fob, no push-button start.

Other standard features include leather-appointed seats, voice-recognition controls, Bluetooth wireless technology, in-dash six-disc changer with MP3 playback capability,

10-way power driver's and six-way power passenger seat, power windows with one-touch front and rear, dual-zone climate control, power sunroof, advanced dual-stage air-bag system with occupant detection for the passenger side and side-curtain air bags front and rear and a first-aid kit.

The M45 Sport (and M35 Sport) offers standard 19-inch wheels and tires (18-inch wheels and tires are standard on non-Sport models), sport-tuned suspension with rear-active steer, Xenon headlamps and climate-controlled front seats.

While the M35 comes in all-wheel-drive, a first for the M Series, the M45 doesn't. Infiniti said demand in the M35 would determine whether it's added to the M45. The AWD system transfers torque to the wheels where it's needed based on conditions and speed.

Infiniti dropped the M Series after the '04 model year when sales slipped to 2,090 units from 4,755 in '03.

With a totally new car loaded with high-tech systems, Infiniti says the '06 will atone for the '04's dismal showing with sales projected at 2,000 units per month.

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2006 Infiniti M45 Sport

Wheelbase: 114.2 inches
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Big Spring volleyball to begin workouts

The Big Spring high school (9-12) volleyball team will begin this season's two-a-day practices Monday, according to new coach Jason McAden.

The first practice will take place at 8:45 a.m. in the Steer Gym. Also, all incoming freshman and juniors will need to have physicals.

Big Spring football practices announced

The Big Spring high school football team will begin this season's two-a-day practices Monday, Aug. 8, according to new coach Tim Holt.

The first practice will take place at 7 a.m. at Blankenship Field. The freshman will go until 11 a.m.

For questions about equipment, contact the coaches at 264-3662 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Signups for football to occur all summer

The Crossroads Youth Football Association signups are currently underway and will continue throughout the summer.

Signups will take place at the Big Spring Mall Fridays from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call Daphne Castilaw at 714-4688.

Cornell Corrections to host YoungLife annual golf classic

The sixth annual YoungLife golf classic hosted by Cornell Corrections will take place Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club.

The tournament will be an "orange ball" scramble as four people will make up one team.

The tourney will have a 1 p.m. shotgun start each day. The entry fee is \$75.

For more information, call Larry Bryan at 267-5354.

B.S. football season tickets on sale now

Football season tickets for the Big Spring Steers are now on sale for previous season ticket holders.

Tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

The general public may purchase season tickets Aug. 8-19.

For more information, contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Big Spring sets next quarterback meeting

The next Quarterback Club (football boosters) meeting will be Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATC.

Parents of all football players in grades 7-12 are invited and encouraged to come.

For more information, call Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

Texas takes care of Baltimore in extra innings

• Rangers' Teixeira gets first home run from right side

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer
BALTIMORE (AP) — Gary Matthews hit a three-run homer in the 11th inning to complete his first career two-homer game, and the Texas Rangers overcame a milestone shot by Sammy Sosa to beat the Baltimore Orioles 11-8 on Wednesday night.

Matthews connected in the 11th off Jorge Julio (3-3) after Richard Hidalgo reached on a walk and Mark DeRosa singled.

Hours earlier, Sosa hit his 587th homer to move into sole possession of fifth place on the career list.

Miguel Tejada and Javy Lopez also homered for

the Orioles, whose seventh loss in eight games dropped them a season-high 4 1/2 games behind first-place Boston in the AL East.

Sosa's 13th homer, his third in four games, broke a tie on the career chart with Frank Robinson that had lasted about 24 hours. The opposite-field solo shot to right, off rookie Chris Young, provided the Orioles with a 4-0 first-inning lead.

Baltimore made it 5-0 in the second, but Texas used home runs by Rod Barajas, Matthews and Mark Teixeira to pull even in the fourth.

Teixeira's homer was his 28th of the season, but first from the right side of the plate and against a left-handed pitcher.

Francisco Cordero (2-1), who blew a two-run lead

in the ninth, pitched two innings and James Baldwin worked the 11th for his first save since 2003.

Baltimore missed a chance to win in the 10th when Sosa was thrown out at the plate by Matthews trying to score on a two-out single by Luis Matos to center. Sosa slid into Barajas with spikes high, causing both benches to empty before order was quickly restored.

With the score 6-all, Alfonso Soriano led off the Texas ninth with a single off B.J. Ryan. Soriano stole second and Hidalgo was intentionally walked before DeRosa, who started the game batting .170, hit a two-run double.

But Cordero couldn't hold the lead. Sosa reached on an error and

Lopez followed with his ninth homer and second in two games, to tie it. Baltimore then loaded the bases with one out before Cordero struck out Melvin Mora and retired Tejada on a fly ball.

The Rangers took their first lead in the fifth, going up 6-5 when Kevin Mench hit a one-out double off Todd Williams and scored on a single by DeRosa.

After loading the bases in the fifth and sixth innings with two outs but failing to score, the Orioles pulled even in the eighth when Mora hit a bases loaded single off Kameron Loe, who then struck out Tejada and retired Rafael Palmeiro on a grounder.

Baltimore starter Bruce Chen was staked to 5-0 lead, but the left-hander lost it in the fourth.

After Barajas hit a two-run drive, Matthews homered two pitches later, the sixth time this season Texas connected on successive at-bats.

Michael Young followed with a single, and Teixeira capped the rally with a shot to right.

After rain delayed the start of the game for 1 hour, 37 minutes, Chen promptly got himself in a jam.

With runners at second and third and one out, Hank Blalock hit a liner to short that was snared with a fully extended leap by Tejada, who flipped the ball to second baseman Brian Roberts while prone for an inning-ending double play.

In the bottom half, Tejada followed a walk to Roberts and a bunt single by Mora with his 22nd home run.

Clemens not sharp, Astros still find way to beat Philadelphia

• Lidge gets 23rd save for Houston

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON (AP) — Roger Clemens' back was bothering him so much Wednesday that an emergency starter went out to the bullpen to loosen up with him before the game — just in case.

Then, about an hour and a half before he was due on the mound, Clemens talked over his status with doctors and decided to try pitching through the pain. The Philadelphia Phillies could only wish he'd been more cautious.

Clemens was far from dominant, yet still managed to pitch seven effective innings to help the Houston Astros beat the Phillies 3-2 for their 10th win in 11 games.

Clemens (9-4) gave up six hits, walked two and struck out four. He allowed only a run with two outs in the first inning and another in the fourth, taking his major league-leading ERA up from 1.40 to 1.46 while earning his sixth win in seven decisions.

Clemens said after straining his back around 2 p.m. Tuesday — he didn't say how — that he had sharp pains. By game time Wednesday, he felt "more of a dull pain." Although doctors were concerned that pitching might make it worse, they figured he wasn't likely to hurt it any worse. He also was relieved to know he had an extra day off before his next start.

He had only two 1-2-3 innings, and needed great defense for both, but the Phillies still couldn't sustain a rally. He left after throwing 103 pitches, getting replaced by a pinch-hitter.

Philadelphia manager Charlie Manuel said he could tell Clemens didn't have his good stuff. His players, however, couldn't.

The Astros gave Clemens the lead in the bottom of the second, with help from Phillies starter Vicente Padilla.

Orlando Palmeiro doubled in the first run and moved to third on an infield single by Adam

Everett. With one out, Ausmus surprised Philadelphia by bunting, but popped it up.

He didn't. Instead of making the catch and an inning-ending double play, replays showed the ball went between Padilla's hand and his upturned glove. He still threw out Ausmus while sitting down, but Palmeiro scored and Houston led the rest of the game.

Houston's Lance Berkman made it 3-1 with an RBI single the next inning, and Brad Lidge pitched the ninth for his 24th save in 27 chances.

"It's always special sealing a win for Roger," Lidge said. "The way he battled tonight was extraordinary."

The Astros beat Philadelphia for the ninth straight time and improved to 18-2 in their last 20 games at home. Most significantly, they moved one game behind the Washington Nationals in the wild-card race.

For the Phillies, the only solace in getting swept by Houston for a third straight series was seeing their equivalent of a big offensive night. Two runs marked their most in five games and only the second time in their last seven that they've scored more than one.

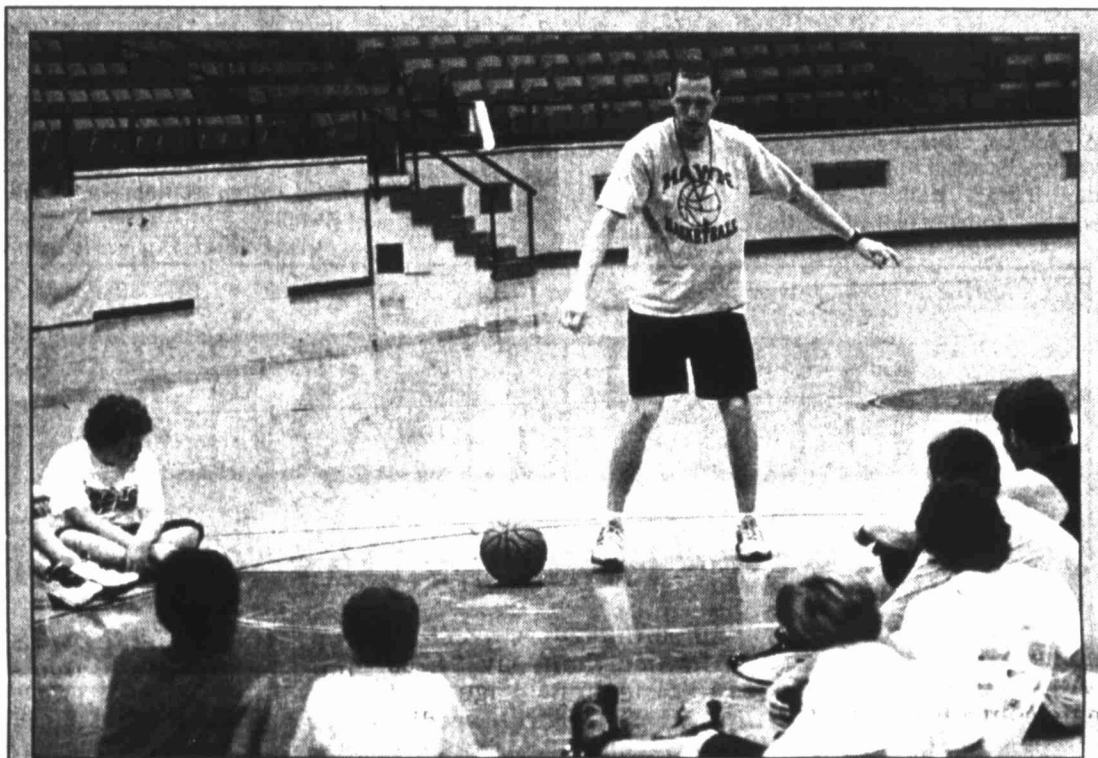
Chase Utley got them going with a double with two outs in the first, then scored on a single by Bobby Abreu.

Pat Burrell then walked, but Clemens ended the rally by getting Ryan Howard to ground out.

Burrell walked again to open the fourth inning and moved to third on a single by Howard. After staying there on a fly to center field by Bell, Burrell scored on a fly to right field by Mike Lieberthal, barely beating the throw from Palmeiro. Padilla struck out to end the threat.

Padilla (5-9) gave up three runs and six hits in six innings. He struck out four and walked one.

Houston rookie Willy Taveras bunted for a single, giving him 21 such hits for the season. It also was his 51st infield single, breaking the club record Craig Biggio set in 1992.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard College assistant men's basketball coach Jason Sautter gives instruction on free throw shooting during the Hawks basketball camp Tuesday. The camp continued Wednesday and finished up this afternoon at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Selig turns down Rogers' appeal

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer
BALTIMORE (AP) — Kenny Rogers' appeal of his 20-game suspension for shoving two cameramen was rejected Wednesday by commissioner Bud Selig, who deemed the behavior of the Texas Rangers' pitcher to be "wholly unacceptable."

The players' association said it will pursue a grievance before an arbitrator to overturn the penalty.

The commissioner, who heard Rogers' appeal in Milwaukee last Friday, said the suspension would begin with Wednesday night's game at the Baltimore Orioles. Rogers declined comment.

"We'll see what the next few days bring," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "We knew this was going to happen at some point, and we know we need a starter for Sunday."

Under baseball's rules, Selig decided the original penalty and also ruled on the appeal.

"Kenny Rogers' behavior towards the two cameramen who were present at the ballpark and doing their job June 29th, was wholly unacceptable," Selig said in a statement. "I have always placed a special emphasis on the social responsibility that each of us has in Major League Baseball given its proper place in American history and culture as a social institution. The

media is entitled to perform its important role without fear of physical intimidation or contact from our players or other participants."

Selig imposed the suspension and a \$50,000 fine for a June 29 videotaped tirade in which Rogers, a three-time All-Star, shoved two cameramen when he came onto the field for pregame stretching.

The players' association filed a grievance July 8, and arbitrator Shyam Das scheduled an Aug. 8 hearing after Selig made his decision Wednesday.

Das turned down the union's request to stay the suspension pending the new hearing, saying he didn't think he had the authority, union general counsel Michael Weiner said.

The union contends that Bob Watson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline, should have made the initial decision, not Selig.

"We think the decision is both unfair and inconsistent with the basic agreement," Weiner said. "We don't think commissioner Selig had the authority in the first place to issue discipline. We also think 20 games and a \$50,000 fine wholly disregards industry precedent with respect conduct of this type."

Rogers, 40, is the ace of the Texas pitching staff. His 11 wins are more than a fifth of the entire team total, and his 2.77 ERA over 20 starts is significantly lower than the 4.95 team mark through Tuesday.



KRT photo/Bob Pepping, Contra Costa Times
Cleveland catcher Victor Martinez dives between third baseman Aaron Boone, left, and pitcher Scott Eilarton to catch a pop-fly hit by the A's Nick Swisher during the seventh inning of their game Wednesday at McAfee Coliseum in Oakland, Calif.

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Mars is in a heroic mood, ready to fight for our right to financial stability. This action planet wants to get started on project finance, but Mercury has other mischief in mind — like messing up the details so that we'll look more closely at our real financial picture. Go over bank statements with an open mind about improving spending habits.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Don't let fear make a stranger out of someone you should really know. If you wait for a friend to do the job, it won't get done. Instead, go up and introduce yourself. You'll be warmly accepted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're carrying something beautiful with you, and everyone wants to see it. Share as much as you can while still protecting what is rightly in your possession.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The issue you've been struggling with is no cause for drama. Your perfect solution is laid out for you in plain language. All you have to do is buy the book — there are several on the topic. If you remain in the dark, it's your choice.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you engage in wishful thinking (and you

Tomorrow's Horoscope

will today), be sure that you are putting yourself in the present moment with your wish, enjoying it fully right now. Putting it too far away assures that it stays out of reach.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The stars whisper words of advice to you regarding love. Be still, and you'll hear them loud and clear. You needn't be in a hurry to do anything you're not comfortable doing. Go easy on yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your mother tried to give you the best of her experience. Putting her words into practice is another matter entirely. The times have changed since her day, but the wisdom is unwavering.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're a naturally creative being, though lately you feel stifled by the confines of a regular job. It would be easy to consider yourself a victim of economic necessity, but the fact is, you have more freedom than you think.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone needs to have "idols" of some kind — someone to look up to and aspire to be like. You have outgrown your role models of yesteryear, and it's time to find some new ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your latest and greatest project gets a boost of publicity today, either on a large scale or through word of mouth from your encouraging friends. If you don't have encouraging friends, now is the time to make some.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). It feels as though others need you so much that they can't possibly function correctly without you. It might be in your head though. Make certain that you are not cultivating codependency.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Sometimes, the emotion called "guilt" tells us that we could have done better. And other times, it's just a useless emotion we hang on to because we're used to feeling bad. Consider which category to put today's guilt in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll earn points for good style. Gather influences from different cultures. The past catches up with you tonight. This can be either positive or negative, depending on what you did!

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My darling husband (born Nov. 14, 1961) takes himself, his job, our life and most everything way too seriously. His temper can get out of control. How can I get him to lighten up? I tend to see the humor in most everything. (I was born Nov. 5, 1957.)"

You're both Scorpios, but your chart has more fire sign energy than your husband's does, which heats up your water elements. The result? Bubbles! Then steam! What could be lighter or more fun? Levity and humor are among the greatest coping mechanisms. Laughter is a scientifically proven immunity booster. It's wonderful that you are able to take your anger or fear

and turn it on its ear. And as healing as humor is for you, unfortunately, you can't make someone else see the funny side of things if they're not inclined to do it. Nonetheless, here are two solutions to try: The first is to continue to work on yourself, getting the most delight you possibly can out of life. (Fun is contagious.) The second is a meditation you do three times a day for five minutes in which you picture your husband laughing, happy and capable of dealing with whatever curves life throws him.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Mick Jagger is rock royalty, and he can roar like the lion he is. Leo is a sign of legacies, and Jagger helps to pass on his legacy this year by nurturing the talent of the next generation. Leo people tend not to like to instruct others, but they do a great deal of teaching through example. He could give a protege the opportunity of a lifetime in the form of an opening slot at a Rolling Stones concert.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I'm a young-looking, middle-aged woman and recently married a man several years younger than I am. My figure is petite, and I'm small-chested. Though he told me early in our relationship that breast size doesn't matter to him, he has made several remarks about breast implants and most recently said, "Everyone likes to look at a nice pair of breasts."

This is a man who usually seems caring and sensitive, which is part of what I fell in love with. He made me feel so good about myself in the beginning but now seems to be picking me apart, little by little. When I express concern about his attitude, he gets defensive and suggests that maybe he shouldn't say anything at all, and then won't speak to me — sometimes for hours.

I've done without ampler breasts my whole life and am not a fan of cosmetic surgery. What's your opinion? — Cupcakes Not Cantaloupes

Dear Cupcakes: We think your new husband is quite manipulative. There is no reason on earth for you to have implants if you don't want them. And we're worried about a husband who refuses to speak to you because you don't want to have surgery to please him. This is not a "caring and sensitive" person. This is a control freak. Watch out.

Dear Annie: My dad snores horribly. My room is down a hallway opposite the master bedroom, and I can still hear him through a shut door. It's gotten so bad, my mom can't sleep in the same room with him anymore. It's really putting a strain on the whole family because now everyone has sleeping troubles.

My dad knows that he snores, but I don't think he realizes how bad it is. He's not the type of guy who would go to one of those clinics to get help,



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but we all are just so tired in the morning, we don't know what to do. Can you please give me some advice? — Sleepless Daughter

Dear Sleepless: Snoring is often a sign of sleep apnea, which can be serious. Tape-record your father's snoring, and play it back when he's awake. Tell him you love him and worry about him and think he should see a doctor. If he's willing to try a sleep clinic, he can find one through the National Sleep Foundation (sleepfoundation.org), 1522 K Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Dear Annie: My husband and I just had our first child. My in-laws would like our daughter to call them "Nana" and "Papa" since that is what their other grandchildren call them. We want our daughter to know them as "Grandma" and "Grandpa," since my husband considers himself to be her "Papa." Also, we've never liked the name "Nana."

My in-laws say our daughter can decide when she's older, but meanwhile, they constantly refer to themselves as Nana and Papa when they speak to her. We are concerned that our little girl will learn to use those terms before considering any others. My in-laws tell us we are being disrespectful to them by not acquiescing to their wishes, but we think the opposite. Do we really have to go against what we want just to please them? — K.

in Pennsylvania

Dear K.: We are in favor of people being called what they prefer, but we also think parents have the last word on their child's behavior. — Your daughter will most likely call your in-laws what her cousins call them, but there's no reason you can't teach her to refer to them by different names. We caution you, however, to pick your battles carefully. You are making a big fuss out of a small matter, creating ill will when you don't need to. Please think long and hard about how important this is to you.

Dear Annie: My husband, "Jack," and I have been together for 11 years and married for one. When we first met, he was dating "Sofi." He broke off the relationship with her when he met me. The breakup was extremely difficult for Sofi, and she had trouble letting go.

Recently, Jack's job has brought the two of them back into contact. This job is a really good opportunity for Jack, but I'm afraid Sofi still hasn't gotten over him. She calls constantly on his cell phone and finds ways to work late nights with him. She has a relatively good position in the company, and her opinion of him counts.

A week ago, at the last minute, Jack's boss invited him for a four-day outing at his lake cabin to discuss his future with the company. I didn't mind the command performance, but I did not care for the fact that Sofi also was there.

It bothers me that Jack has to work so closely with her. He hasn't told her that we are married (he says it is none of her business), and he insists there is nothing going on between them. He says he works long hours in order to make more money for us and our children.

Annie, I am confused. If I complain, he offers to quit, saying my happiness means a lot to him. But I

don't want him to resent me for making him stop doing what he loves. Should I just be quiet and see what happens? I trust my husband, but I don't trust Sofi. — Odd Woman Out

Dear Odd Woman: One's marital status may not be the business of a casual stranger, but an old flame carrying an Olympic torch ought to have this pertinent piece of information. By withholding it, Jack is giving Sofi hope for a relationship. This isn't fair to her, and it certainly is suspicious to us.

We think you should invite some of Jack's professional colleagues to your home for a casual dinner, and be sure to include Sofi. Let them get to know you. If Jack objects to this perfectly appropriate gesture, you may have cause for concern.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from the man whose wife wants her mother to move back in with them, when it didn't work out so well the first time. I sympathize with Mr. "Preparing to Move Out." His situation supports the answer to the question, "Why did Adam live a very long life?" The answer? "Because he did not have a mother-in-law." Carry on. — Rocky

Dear Rocky: We're laughing now, but you can bet we'll be hearing shortly from all the mothers-in-law out there.

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7:30	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	Aguenta por un Amor	70s Show 70s Show	Big Brother 6 (CC)	El Campo del Deseo	Joy (CC) Will & Grace	Friends (CC)	Update/Lenal J.R. Church	West Yr. Jnl TX Monthly Talk	Stealth Night: Strike Force	Movie: The High and the Mighty	CBS Crime Scene Investigator	Movie: The Fugitive (CC)	The Patrons College Hill	Movie: Life is Ruf (CC)	Soccer: Chelsea at D.C. United	Open of Competitive Eating	Movie: Army of Darkness (CC)
8:30	Hooking Up (CC)	Hooking Up (CC)	La Madrasa	The O.C.	CBS Crime Scene Investigator	Los Plebeos	The Law Firm (CC)	Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me	Light of the Southwest	Live From Lincoln Center	Nighthawk - Stealth Secrets	MRC MRC	MRC MRC	MRC MRC	College Hill Blow' Up	25 Hottest Movies	American Orgn Sister, Sister	Open of Competitive Eating	Baseball Tonight (CC)
9:30	PrimeTime (CC)	PrimeTime (CC)	Aquí y Ahora	70s Show Malcolm-Mid	Without a Trace (CC)	Decisiones	ER (CC)	Shagged Me		Roadshow FYI	Stealth Night: Strike Force	Movie: Island in the Sky	Wildcat Police Videos	Fugitive (CC)	Movie: The Fugitive (CC)	Nightly News 108 & Park	That's Raven That's Raven	2005 Hot Dog Eating Contest	Movie: The First Wives in (CC)
10:30	News (CC)	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show-	Noticias Thulera y Mas	News Tonight Show (CC)	10 Movie: King Ralph	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Stealth Night: Strike Force	Movie: Island in the Sky	Wildcat Police Videos	Fugitive (CC)	Nightly News 108 & Park	That's Raven That's Raven	2005 Hot Dog Eating Contest	Baseball Tonight (CC)	Movie: The First Wives in (CC)
11:30	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora Deseo	Becker (CC) Becker (CC)	Latterman Late Late	Laura Al Rojo Vivo	Late Night (CC)	Late Night (CC)	Del Sanchez Jesse Lee Pe	Sign Off	Nighthawk - Stealth Secrets	MRC MRC	MRC MRC	MRC MRC	BET's Top 10 Live	Sister, Sister Kim Possible	Uzzie McGuire Proud Family	SportsCenter (CC)	Viva Rock Vegas (CC)
12:30	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Paid Program	Amigas y Rivales (SS)	Spin City Poesanne	Show The Insider	Marie Celeste Programa	Coran O'Brien Seinfeld (CC)	12:10 Movie: On Deadly	Update/Israel Faye Hardin		Stealth Secrets (CC)	12:15 Movie: Flying Tigers	Real TV (CC)	Movie: Blind Date	Soul Food (CC)	Lizzie McGuire Proud Family	X Games X Games	SportsCenter (CC)	Twilight Zone Twilight Zone

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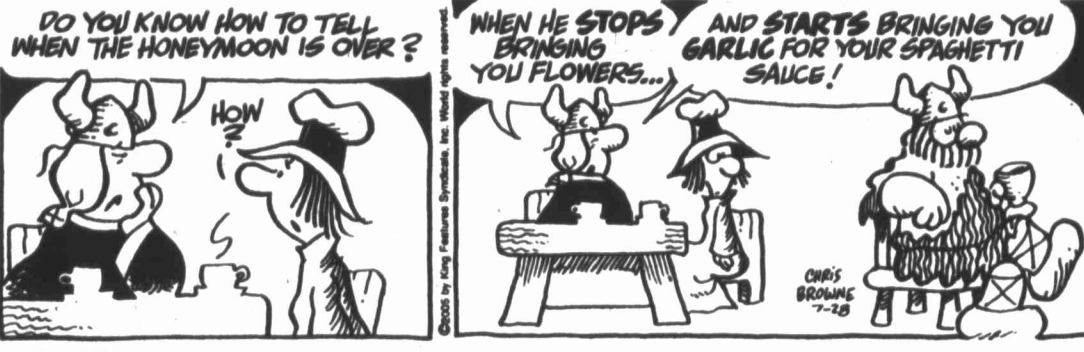
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By The Associated Press

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Today's Highlight in History:

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On this date:

In 1540, King Henry VIII's chief minister, Thomas Cromwell, was executed, the same day Henry married his fifth wife, Catherine Howard.

In 1655, French dramatist and novelist Cyrano de Bergerac, the inspiration for a play by Edmond Rostand, died in Paris.

In 1821, Peru declared its independence from Spain.

In 1868, the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing due process of law, was declared in effect.

In 1932, Federal troops forcibly dispersed the so-

called Bonus Army of World War I veterans who had gathered in Washington to demand money they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

In 1945, the U.S. Senate ratified the United Nations Charter by a vote of 89-2.

In 1965, President Johnson announced he was increasing the number of American troops in South Vietnam from 75,000 to 125,000.

In 2002, nine coal miners trapped in the flooded Quecreek Mine in Somerset, Pa., were rescued after 77 hours underground.

Ten years ago: A jury in Union, S.C., rejected the death penalty for Susan Smith, sentencing her instead to life in prison for drowning her two young sons. (Smith will be eligible for parole in 2024).

Five years ago: Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori was sworn in for an unprecedented third term of office, infuriating demonstrators who set government buildings ablaze.

One year ago: A car bomb exploded outside a police station used as a recruiting center in Baqouba, Iraq, killing 70 Iraqis.

Today's Birthdays: Movie

director Andrew V. McLaglen is 85. The former president of Peru, Alberto Fujimori, is 67. Former Sen. Bill Bradley (D-N.J.) is 62. "Garfield" creator Jim Davis is 60. Rock musician Rick Wright (Pink Floyd) is 60. Actress Sally Struthers is 57. Actress Georgia Engel is 57. Rock musician Simon Kirke (Bad Company) is 56. Actor Michael Hayden is 42. Jazz musician-producer Delfeayo Marsalis is 40. Actress Elizabeth Berkley is 33. Singer Afrosman is 31. Country singer Carly Goodwin is 24.

Thought for Today: "All youth is bound to be 'mis-spent'; there is something in its very nature that makes it so, and that is why all men regret it." - Thomas Wolfe, American author (1900-1938).

Answer to previous puzzle

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| 1 Very sharp | 65 Are, in Uruguay | 12 Film trailer |
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| 16 Saucy | DOWN | 23 Campaign tactic |
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| 25 Couch accessory | 6 Bell tower | 33 Shoelace annoyances |
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| 41 Indignation | | |
| 42 Blood fluids | | |
| 43 Fabric quantity | | |
| 44 Indian wrap | | |
| 45 Transport to Oz | | |
| 48 Walker, Texas Ranger star | | |
| 52 Sellout letters | | |
| 53 Neighbor of Chad | | |
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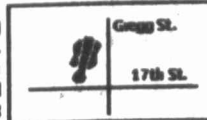
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Focused on wins

Recent victories have
Trucks driver Dennis Setzer
eyeing series title

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By JIM UTTER
Knight Ridder Newspapers

This driver got off to a sluggish start in his 2005 NASCAR season, but when he got back on track, he went right to the top.

He earned three wins in four starts and is now in prime position to capture the series championship. Another story on Tony Stewart? Nope.

Try Newton, N.C., native Dennis Setzer, who has rocketed to the points lead in the NASCAR Truck Series behind just one finish worse than fourth in his past six races.

Setzer, known as a short-track ace in the series, has found his success this season on the series' speedways with wins at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich.; The Milwaukee Mile in West Allis, Wis.; and Kentucky Speedway in Sparta, Ky. — all 1-mile or longer in length.

With visions of a their first championship floating around Setzer's No. 46 Morgan-Dollar Motorsports team, the driver remains committed to not looking beyond the next race.

"If we focus on our performance for the next race on the schedule, our consistency and strong finishes will continue. We would like to get a couple more wins this season but the competition is so tough every race, winning is quite an accomplishment for any team and driver," said Setzer, 45.

"To win races and championships, you have to stay focused on each race and not jump ahead. Having been in the championship hunt the past two seasons helps to understand how to keep a good balance as the season unfolds."

The 2005 season didn't start off as championship-caliber.

Setzer finished 10th or lower in three of the season's first four races and had dropped to 14th in points following his 33rd-place finish at Martinsville, Va., typically one of his stronger tracks.

The next week he finished second at St. Louis, and since he's finished no lower than 13th, including his stretch of three wins in four

SETZER FILE

- **Hometown:** Newton, N.C.
- **Family:** Wife, Darla, and son, Brandon
- **Team owner:** David Dollar
- **Best championship finish:** Second (2003, 2004)
- **Career wins:** 15
- **Career poles:** 5
- **Did you know:** Setzer holds the Truck record with winning at least one race in seven consecutive seasons. He also holds the record for winning from the worst starting position (33rd, Martinsville, Va., 2002).

races.

Some good fortune has also come Setzer's way during his run.

At Kentucky, he was running second to Terry Cook when Cook had a flat tire three laps from the scheduled finish. Setzer inherited the lead then held off Todd Bodine to win in a green-white-checkered finish.

"Winning races is what wins championships," Setzer said. "We are focused on winning races right now. These are sweet wins for our team."

Setzer is no stranger to success — he has been in position to win Truck championships in the past. But never has he made so many visits to Victory Lane so early in one season. In 1999 and 2003, Setzer earned three wins total in each season, with four of the six on short tracks.

Setzer has been racing for more than 20 years. He raced up and down the East Coast racking up seven track championships at four different tracks — mostly in the Late Model and Sportsman divisions.

He won two Busch Series races

in 1994 — on the short tracks of Hickory, N.C., and South Boston, Va. He also has seven Cup series starts to his credit.

While a steady performer in the Truck series, this season Setzer and his No. 46 Chevrolet appear to have diversified their success, a key to any championship hopes.

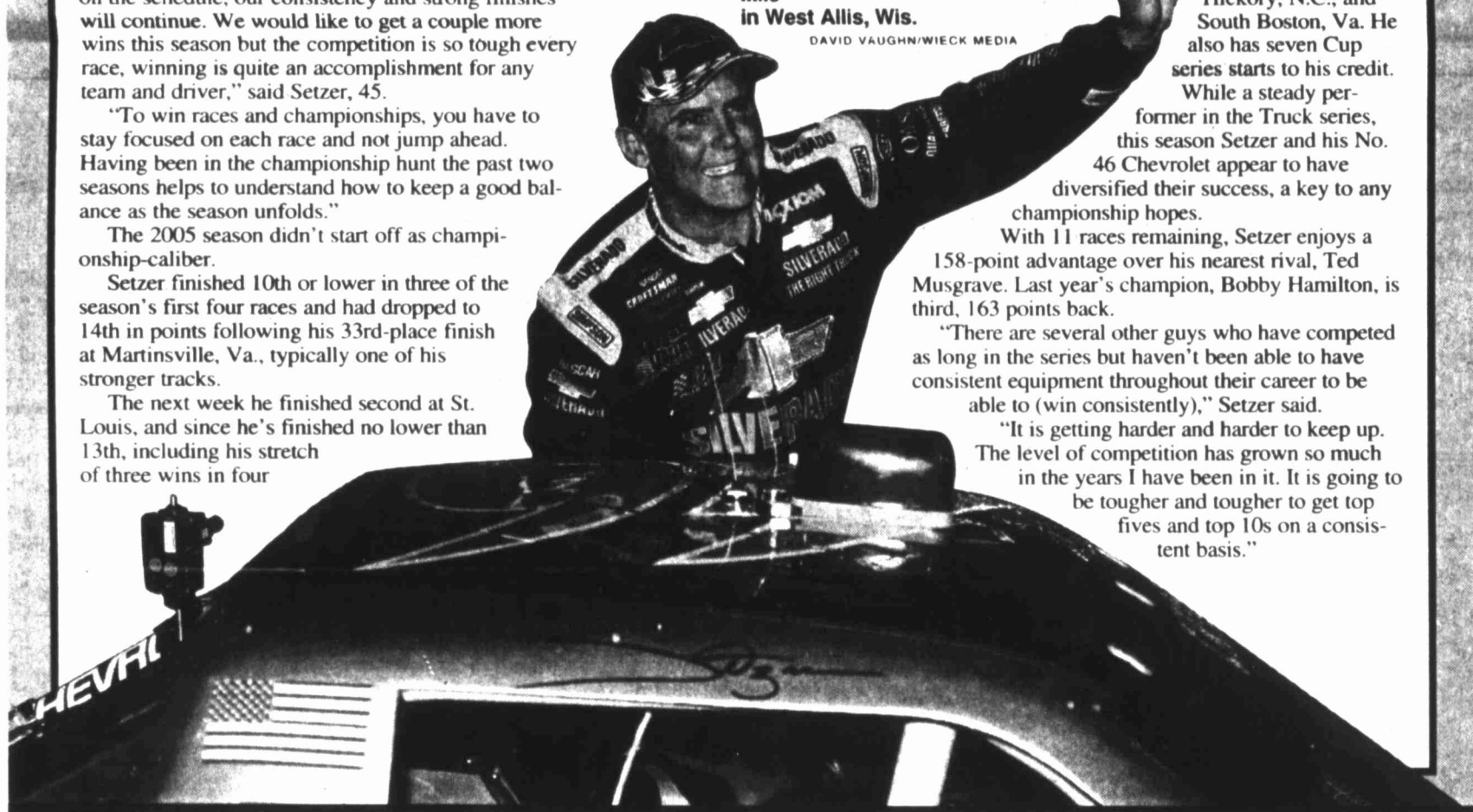
With 11 races remaining, Setzer enjoys a 158-point advantage over his nearest rival, Ted Musgrave. Last year's champion, Bobby Hamilton, is third, 163 points back.

"There are several other guys who have competed as long in the series but haven't been able to have consistent equipment throughout their career to be able to (win consistently)," Setzer said.

"It is getting harder and harder to keep up. The level of competition has grown so much in the years I have been in it. It is going to be tougher and tougher to get top fives and top 10s on a consistent basis."

Dennis Setzer celebrates his June 2005 victory at The Milwaukee Mile in West Allis, Wis.

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RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. **Tony Stewart (car No. 20):** A week off for one deep breath before either great travail or ultimate triumph at Indy. Last week: 1.

2. **Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48):** Showed mettle in 12th-place finish with backup car and bad track position at Pocono. Last week: 3.

3. **Greg Biffle (car No. 16):** Loss of early momentum might be a slight concern, but this team still seems OK. Last week: 2.

4. **Rusty Wallace (car No. 2):** Hasn't finished outside top 20 since Talladega, with seven top 10s in past nine races. Last week: 4.

5. **Kurt Busch (car No. 97):** Took dominant car on a Pocono romp. Is he gearing up for another textbook Chase run? Last week: 7.

6. **Mark Martin (car No. 6):** Another top 10 or two should pretty much lock down a spot in the Chase for the Cup. Last week: 6.

7. **Ryan Newman (car No. 12):** Not to get picky about it or anything, but it's been five races since he last won a pole. Last week: 5.

8. **Carl Edwards (car No. 99):** Got a little rowdy, to Kasey Kahne's detriment, on Pocono green-white-checkered finish. Last week: 10.

9, 10, and 11. **Jeremy Mayfield (car No. 19), Dale Jarrett (car No. 88) and Elliott Sadler (car No. 38):** Mayfield, Jarrett and Sadler have got the final three spots in the Chase for the Championship for now, but that hold is very tenuous. Last week: 9, 11 and 8 respectively.

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

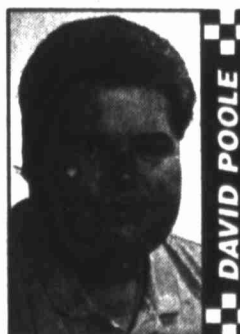
For NASCAR's Kyle Petty, racing and charity go hand in hand

As soon as Sunday's Pennsylvania 500 was over, Kyle Petty hopped a plane and headed to Idaho Falls, Idaho, to meet up with this year's cross-country charity motorcycle ride.

Nearly 250 riders left Saturday from Portland, Ore., heading out on a nine-day journey that will wind up Sunday at the Victory Junction Gang Camp near Randleman, N.C. With Nextel Cup's final idle weekend of the season this week, weather is allowing the Chick-fil-A Kyle Petty Charity Ride to follow its northernmost route in its 11-year history.

From Idaho Falls, the riders went to Cody, Wyo., on Monday. They were scheduled to go about 350 miles to Deadwood, S.D., Tuesday, then cross South Dakota on Wednesday before coming down to Iowa, then through Kentucky and Tennessee and on into North Carolina.

In addition to Kyle Petty and his father, seven-time NASCAR champion Richard Petty, the roster of riders for a



DAVID POOLE

first time Petty and about three dozen buddies came east from California in 1994.

"That first year, we pulled into a gas station and the lady running it shut off the power and locked the doors," Kyle Petty said. "We hadn't planned ahead and she thought we were just a big bunch of bikers pulling in."

Petty said as the ride has grown, it also has given him a unique perspective on how NASCAR has grown.

"It used to be we'd ride from

California to the Mississippi River and not only did nobody know who we were, nobody cared," he said. "Now, we pull into a town of 5,000 somewhere in the middle of Utah and you have 1,500 people at the gas stop to come out and see everybody."

The important thing is that when those people come out, they rarely are empty-handed. The point of the ride all along has been to raise money for charity, and sponsors and participants mean about \$1 million before the wheels turn. Along the way, though, Petty takes dollar bills, bags of change and checks that fans bring to stops, and stuffs them into the saddlebag on his bike. Last year, he had more than \$13,000 in that bag.

This year's ride will wrap up at the Victory Junction Gang Camp, which opened early last summer, just as next week's campers are arriving. Petty openly admits he's still driving his No. 45 Dodge because being a Nextel Cup driver gives him a platform to help solidify the long-term financial viability



PHOTO COURTESY OF NASCAR

Kyle Petty jokes around with professional softball player Jennie Finch at a recent celebrity charity softball game.

for the camp for seriously ill children.

For Kyle and his wife, Pattie, the camp is a living memorial to their son Adam, who died in a crash during practice at New Hampshire in 2000. Until he's sure the camp's financial future is on solid footing, Kyle Petty said he'll

keep driving his race car.

"I am not as good of a race car driver because of all the things I have to do as opposed to being a guy who has to drive a car and nothing else," he said. "But I have to be honest with myself. I will never be in position to do that again. I have to play the cards I have, because they're the cards I chose."

"I want to win races and run well. I don't always do that, but at the same time I am still a part of this sport and I will continue to use this sport as long as I can to help build the camp and put it on a solid foundation."

Petty has eight Nextel Cup victories. As far as he's concerned, though, any success he might have in the sport from here on shouldn't go on his resume.

"If I could win a race in the 45 car, it would be Adam's race," Kyle said. "That's his car. When I sign an autograph and people ask me to write my car number, I don't. The 45, that's Adam's number. I am just his relief driver."

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Jeremy Mayfield, Elliott Sadler, Dale Jarrett, Jamie McMurray and Carl Edwards are 8th through 12th in the NASCAR Nextel Cup standings, with 34 points separating Mayfield and Edwards. In that pack, who will have the most points entering the Chase?

Cast your vote at: www.thatstracin.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

What is the coolest way a driver can celebrate a Nextel Cup victory?

Number of votes: 9,297

Driver	No. of votes	Percent
By carrying the checkers on a victory lap	3,116	34%
By running a lap counterclockwise, a la the late Almi Kulwicki	2,442	26%
By climbing the frontstretch fence	1,416	15%
By burning down the tires	1,329	14%
Something else	994	11%

STOP 'N' GO

RANDOM THOUGHTS

■ Whoever said you can't have too much of a good thing has never watched a 500-mile Nextel Cup race at Pocono.

■ We're nowhere near to the bottom of this whole thing about Jamie McMurray being held to his contract with Chip Ganassi and how that might make Mark Martin run another Nextel Cup season in the No. 6 car. Martin said Sunday he is still working on a Truck Series deal for next year. That means he still thinks McMurray could come to Roush Racing in 2006, doesn't it?

— David Poole

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of July 24:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Jimmie Johnson	2799	21. Kasey Kahne	2037
2. Tony Stewart	2733	22. Brian Vickers	2037
3. Greg Biffle	2712	23. Bobby Labonte	1996
4. Rusty Wallace	2617	24. Ricky Rudd	1908
5. Kurt Busch	2537	25. Casey Mears	1847
6. Ryan Newman	2507	26. Sterling Martin	1833
7. Mark Martin	2490	27. Scott Riggs	1812
8. Jeremy Mayfield	2394	28. Dave Blaney	1803
9. Elliott Sadler	2391	29. Ken Schrader	1799
10. Dale Jarrett	2372	30. Mike Bliss	1795
11. Jamie McMurray	2363	31. Kyle Petty	1748
12. Carl Edwards	2360	32. Jeff Green	1742
13. Kevin Harvick	2299	33. Travis Kvapil	1672
14. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2262	34. Scott Wimmer	1627
15. Jeff Gordon	2258	35. Mike Wallace	1521
16. Joe Nemechek	2169	36. Jason Leffler	1474
17. Matt Kenseth	2159	37. Bobby Hamilton Jr.	1295
18. Jeff Burton	2137	38. Kevin Lepage	1085
19. Michael Waltrip	2122	39. Robby Gordon	1081
20. Kyle Busch	2092	40. Terry Labonte	657

NEXT RACE: Aug. 7, Allstate 400, Indianapolis

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of July 23:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Martin Truex Jr.	3006	11. Jason Keller	2241
2. Clint Bowyer	2884	12. Greg Biffle	2174
3. Reed Sorenson	2822	13. J.J. Yeley	2137
4. Carl Edwards	2687	14. Kevin Harvick	2009
5. Kenny Wallace	2669	15. Johnny Sauter	2006
6. Denny Hamlin	2567	16. Stacy Compton	1988
7. Ashton Lewis	2395	17. Randy LaJoie	1964
8. David Stremme	2336	18. Stanton Barrett	1939
9. David Green	2327	19. Jon Wood	1933
10. Paul Menard	2249	20. Justin Labonte	1869

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Wallace Family Tribute 250, Madison, Ill.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of July 23:

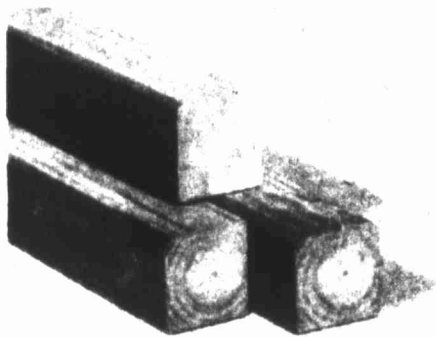
Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Dennis Setzer	2089	6. Ricky Craven	1803
2. Ted Musgrave	1931	7. David Reutimann	1799
3. Bobby Hamilton	1926	8. Terry Cook	1778
4. Ron Hornaday	1841	9. Matt Crafton	1758
5. Jimmy Spencer	1814	10. David Starr	1752

NEXT RACE: Aug. 5, Power Stroke Diesel 200, Indianapolis



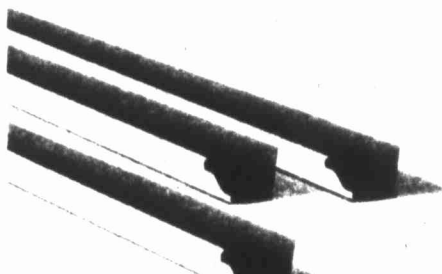
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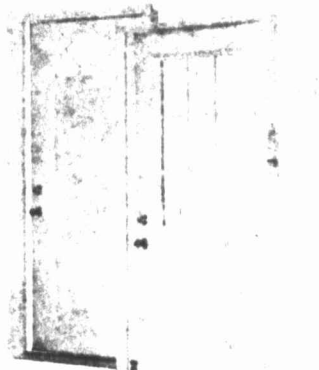
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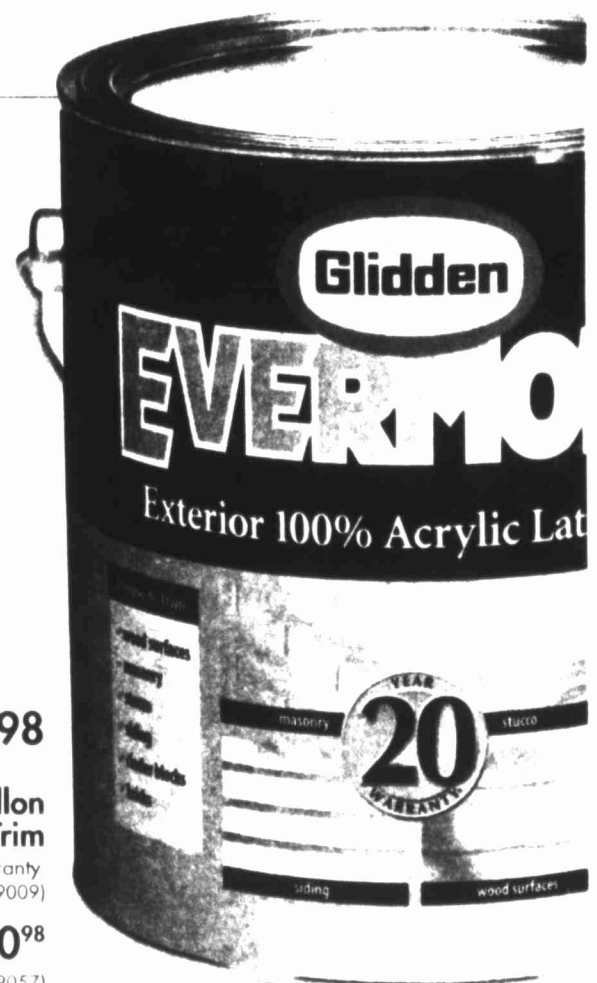
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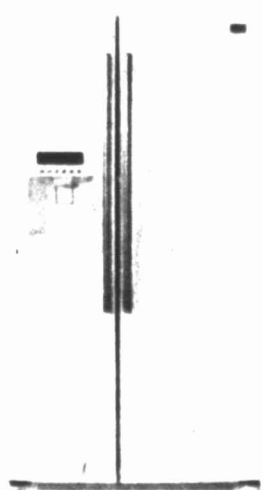
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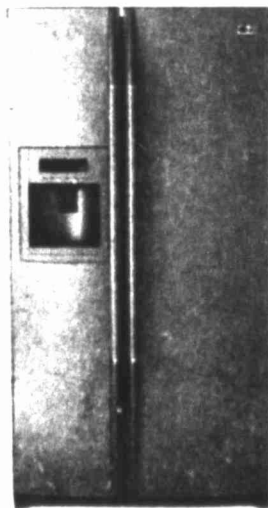


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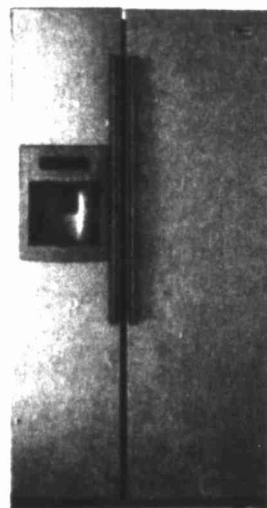


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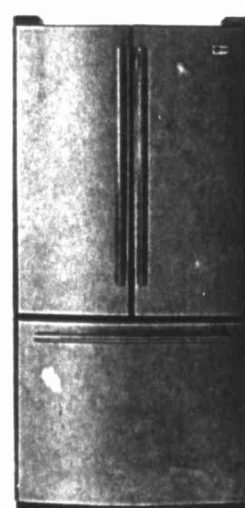


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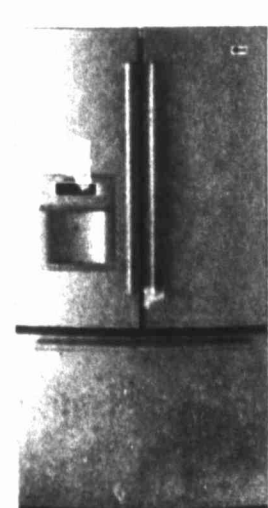


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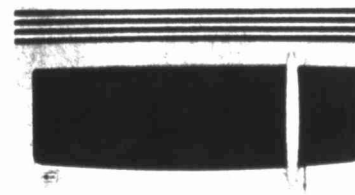


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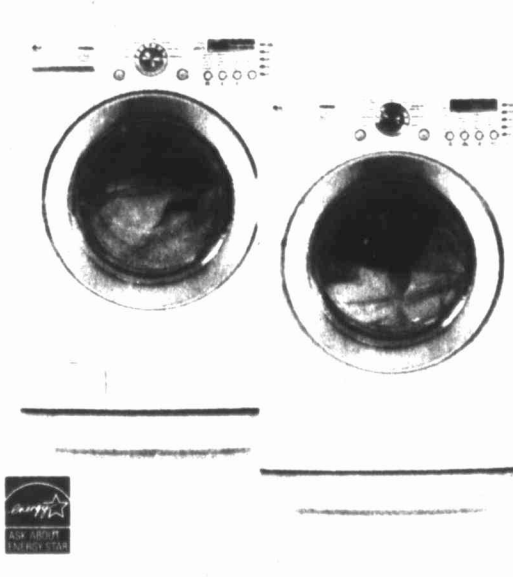
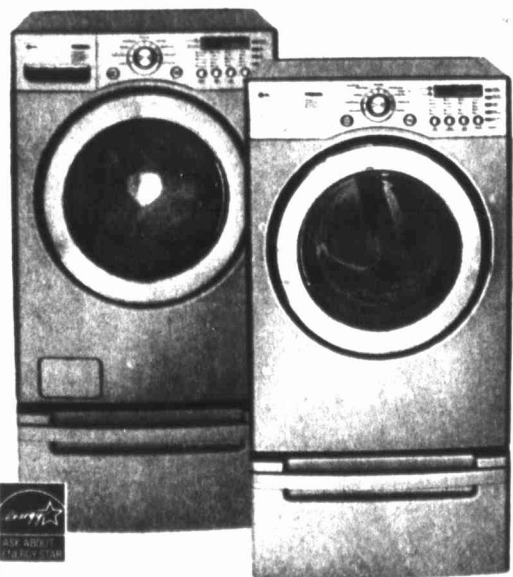
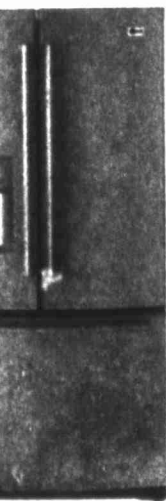


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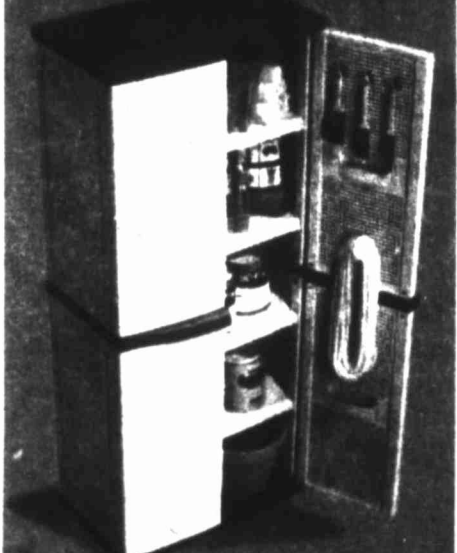
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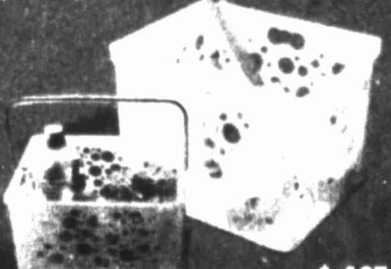
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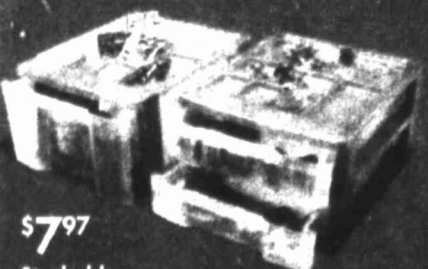
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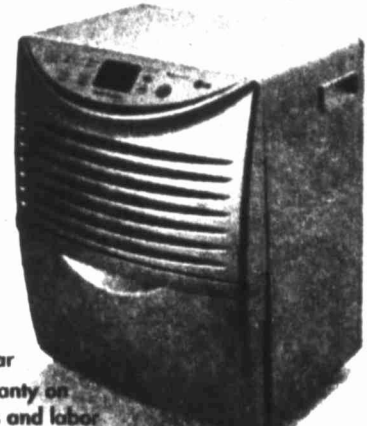
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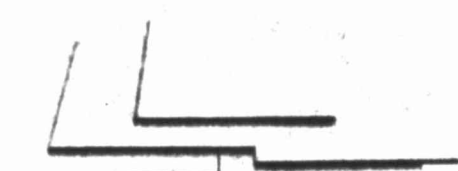


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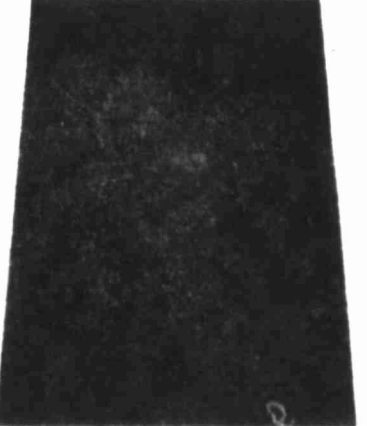
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