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## Vote count encouraging as end of early period nears

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

If anyone was expecting the usual low turnout for early voting in the state constitutional amendment election, they obviously forgot to tell the voters.

More specifically, the voters in Howard County.

As early voting in the county prepares to wrap up Friday,

Howard County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom said area voters have pushed the county past the state's average turnout.

"As of Wednesday, we've had 1,070 voters cast their ballots, accounting for 6 percent of the registered voters in the county," said Bloom. "Things have been going really well and I'm glad to see so many people get-

ting out to vote."

Among the counties listed on the Texas Secretary of State Web site, the average voter turnout is currently 2.81 percent, well below the percentage posted not just in Howard County, but in other rural areas as well.

"I think the people in rural Texas tend to get out and vote more," said Bloom. "We've got-

ten more than we were expecting, and were very pleased with it. We're having a really good turnout.

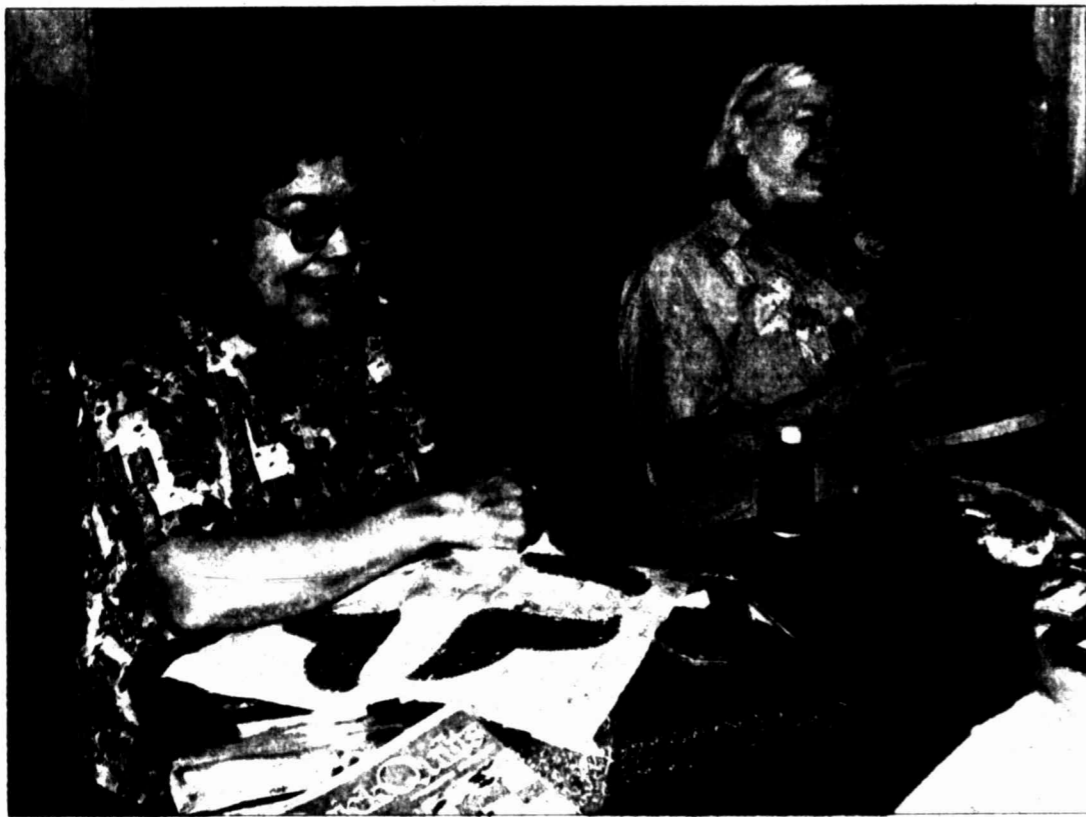
"In 2003 voters cast 1061 ballots during early voting and we've already surpassed that."

Bloom said early voting will continue through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Howard County Courthouse, as her office gears up for election

day Tuesday.

"We've had to make a last minute change to one of the polling places," said Bloom. "Due to renovations at the Coahoma Community Center, we had to move the polling place for Precincts 207, 408 and 409 to the council chambers at Coahoma City Hall, located at

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Gloria Rodriguez, left and Barbara Hulsey of the Signal Mountain Quilters Guild work on pieces for their next quilt. The guild presents "Displays of Color" at Heritage Museum Saturday.

## Quilting 'sew' much fun for Signal Mountain group

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Features Editor

For the women of the Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, quilting is much more than a hobby or a chance to make Christmas presents — it's a way of life.

"Quilting is addictive. We don't shop for fabric together because we'd never get out of the store," said Nell Clark, one of the original quilters of the group that formed in 1991.

"Displays of Color," a special quilt show Saturday at Heritage Museum, is a glimpse into the world of quilting, showcasing some of the handiwork of these 11 women.

"I'll never forget the first quilt we put together," said Vevagene Williams.

Each Friday, the women meet at the home of Mary Strain to quilt "to our heart's content." But one Friday each month, the women meet at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, where there are

What: The "Displays of Color" Quilt Show.

Where: Heritage Museum.

When: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Schedule:

- Janie Harrison, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.
- Break for refreshments and to view the show, 11 a.m. until noon.
- Pat Hardison, noon until 1 p.m.
- Hollis McCright, 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.
- Fran Maples, 2 p.m. until 3 p.m.

The quilts will remain on display through Dec. 22.

tables large enough to spread out the quilt pieces ready for finishing.

"It's called sandwiches because we put the backing, the batting and the pieced

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## E-waste: Get rid of it

Texas Recycles Day to target old computers, VCRs and the like

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Got e-waste?

That's the question the city of Big Spring and Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be asking Saturday, when the two organizations get ready to participate in Texas Recycles Day in a rather unique way.

"We're looking at elec-



Darden

tronic products that have reached the end of their useful lives, such as old computers, VCR players, fax machines, things like that," said Todd Darden, director of public works for the city. "It's one of the fastest-growing seg-

ments of waste in this country, and we need to turn our attention toward recycling those items, instead of increasing the burden on our landfills."

The recycling day is specifically targeting electronic waste, or "e-waste," which is quickly straining the resources and landfills of cities across Texas, according to Darden.

"We actually got the idea for this from Midland and Odessa," said Darden. "They held their first e-waste collection last year and it was a big success."

Electronic items, Darden said, must be handled differently from other waste items because their components can

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## Few immediate changes expected from sale of Cox Communications to Cebridge

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

West Texas customers of cable and Internet giant Cox Communications will be seeing a slight change in their service soon, as Cox and St. Louis-based Cebridge Connections Inc. announced a definitive agreement for the purchase of Cox cable television systems serving approximately 940,000 basic cable subscribers.

The agreement includes cable television systems in West Texas, serving Lubbock, Midland, Amarillo, San Angelo and Abilene

**"One of the things people should remember is this isn't an overnight thing. It will be at least six to eight months before we take over — probably sometime in April or May of next year."**

—Pete Abel

areas — including Big Spring.

Pete Abel, spokesperson for Cequel III — the telecommunications management firm handling

Cebridge — said he expects the transition to go smoothly. Cebridge is also expected to keep the current Cox employees in the affected markets, according to Abel.

"Our number one goal when we officially take over is going to be to maintain continuity," said Abel. "We want the transition to be seamless for the customers. The most significant change they will see is a change of the name on their bill."

Abel said there are no changes planned for the channel line-up currently in place. However, Cebridge is looking at making some

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Rebecca Peacock, center, of Caring Hearts Home Health, prepares to check Lillian Gray and Fannie Bell Adkins' blood pressure. The Senior Fun Fest begins at 8:30 a.m. Friday at the Dora Roberts Community Center with a health fair with nearly 30 booths available providing information for senior citizens.

## Senior Fun Fest will begin Friday

Special to the Herald

The Senior Fun Fest Friday and Saturday offers a variety of information for senior citizens as well as a chance to celebrate the diversity of senior opportunities available in Howard County.

Sponsored by Canterbury, RSVP and the Spring City Senior Center, the event Friday begins at 8:30 a.m. with a health fair at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The event continues at the senior center

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### POLLARD ANNIVERSARY

Bill Pollard, owner of Pollard Chevrolet-Buick-Cadillac in Big Spring, was honored Wednesday for reaching his golden anniversary as a dealer of General Motors automobiles.

Bart C. Buttles, West Texas zone manager for GM, presented Pollard with a plaque in recognition of his 50-year association with the automaker.

Pollard began his career selling GM cars in Roscoe in 1954, before opening his current location on East Fourth Street in 1961.

More on Pollard and his award can be found in this weekend's Business and Agriculture section.

### UW DINE OUT DAY

Red Mesa Restaurant, 2401 Gregg St., is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

A portion of that day's proceeds from the restaurant will go to benefit United Way, which serves 15 Howard County agencies.

For more information about United Way, or to make a donation, call 267-5201.



### FAULTY FLOWER POWER

KODIAK, Alaska (AP) — A woman will spend three days in jail for stealing flowers and lawn ornaments from people's homes and gardens.

Lan Chicas pleaded no contest to three counts of theft and one charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Witnesses said they saw a young girl exit Chicas' van and "tear some flowers from a retaining wall," the police report said.

"I've learned my lesson," Chicas told the court. She also was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine, complete 100 hours of community service and write apology letters to victims.

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## Obituaries

## Judy McFarland



Funeral services for Judy McFarland, age 50 of Lubbock, will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Nov. 4, at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

She passed away Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2005, in Lubbock.

Mrs. McFarland was born Sept. 7, 1955, at March Airforce Base in Riverside, Calif. She married Jackie McFarland July 23, 1979. She was a wonderful wife, mother, and daughter and was loved by all of her family and friends. She was the rock of our family.

Survivors include her husband, Jackie McFarland; two sons, Brandon McFarland and Todd McFarland and wife, Allison; grandson, Jack McFarland; parents, Leonard and Claudette Hartley; brother, Ty Hartley and wife, Shelly; niece, Brenna and nephew, Nathan; paternal grandmother, Edna Hayworth; and mother-in-law, Jeanne Mims.

*Paid obituary*

## JC Gross



JC Gross, 81, of Buffalo Gap, formerly of Big Spring, died Oct. 25, 2005, at Abilene Regional Hospital. A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005, at the First Baptist Church in Buffalo Gap with the Rev. Dr. Steve Joiner, pastor and the Rev. Graham Gutting, associate minister, officiating.

He was born Aug. 15, 1924, in Loraine and graduated from Loraine High School. He served in the US Air Force during World War II and was a master plumber, operating Gross Plumbing Co. in Big Spring until he retired in 1993.

He married Betty Jean Bollinger Nov. 17, 1946, and she preceded him in death June 5, 1982. He married Vivian Dillard Phillips Sept. 2, 1983, in Brady and she preceded him in death in October 2002.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Ruby Gross, one brother, Ted Gross, one son and one grandchild.

He is survived by two sons, Ronald Gross and wife, Marsha of Big Spring and Scott Gross and wife, Marica of Amarillo; two daughters, Barbara Bowman and husband, Mac of Elm Valley and Loretta Starky and husband, Ed of Bosier City, La.; 18 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 21 great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Gene Gross and wife, Donna of Killeen; two brothers-in-law, Elmer Dillard and wife, Doris of Buffalo Gap and Doyle Bollinger and wife, Isabelle of Albuquerque, N.M.; and four sisters-in-law, Dena of Willis, Louise Bollinger, Billie Adams and Mary of Bollinger, all of Big Spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Buffalo Gap or the Buffalo Gap Senior Citizens Center.

## Mildred Wright

Mildred Wright, 76, of Big Spring died in a Lubbock hospital Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **ABEL L. TORRES**, 17, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- **MISTY GAYLE MARTIN**, 26, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **FRANKLIN KYLE CASEY**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **JESUS LOPEZ TREVINO**, 41, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of harassment.
- **JESSE SALAZAR JR.**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check, failure to yield the right-of-way and driving while license invalid.
- **DOUGLAS EDWARD BAILEY JR.**, 37, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.
- **MARTHA MARTINEZ**, 42, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - second offense and a motion to revoke probation for driving while license invalid.
- **SANDY HERNANDEZ**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft by check.

## Take note

• **THE JURY PANEL CALLED FOR 9 A.M. FRIDAY** in Howard County Court, under County Judge Ben Lockhart, has been canceled.

• **HOWARD COLLEGE CONTINUING EDUCATION IS OFFERING WATERCOLOR I WITH ARTIST SUE BAGWELL** from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesdays Nov. 8-Dec. 20. Cost is \$80. Call 264-5131.

• **EARLY DISMISSAL FOR BIG SPRING STUDENTS** Friday for the football game in Plainview. Bauer Elementary dismisses at 2 p.m.; all other elementary and secondary schools dismiss at 2:15 p.m. Call 264-3600 for more information.

• **SENIOR FUN FEST** is set for Friday and Saturday, offering a variety of activities for senior citizens. Call Shannon Nabors at Canterbury, 263-1265 or Nancy Jones at RSVP, 264-2397 or Rhonda Campbell at the Senior Citizens Center, 267-1628, for more information.

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM QUILT SHOW** with quilt-

## Doyle G. Warren



Doyle G. Warren, 63, of Mission died Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2005, at his residence. Visitation is 3 p.m. today, Nov. 3, 2005, at Kreidler Funeral Home, 314 N 10th St. in McAllen with a funeral service to follow at 4 p.m.

A funeral service is set for 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, at First Baptist Church of Coahoma, 201 South Ave., Coahoma, under the direction of Colonial Funeral Home. Burial will be at Hart Cemetery in Hart.

He was born in Howard County, graduated from Coahoma High School and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech University. He was a member of the 4-H Foundation, the Extension Marine Advisory Board, the Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents and the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Warren of Mission; one daughter, Michelle Warren of Conroe; three sons, Chad Warren of Austin, Brad Warren of College Station and Ric (Lacey) Warren of Snook; his mother, Faye Warren of Coahoma; and a sister, Barbara Goswick of Snyder.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 11020, College Station, 77842 or the charity of your choice.

Kreidler Funeral Home Inc. is in charge of funeral arrangements.

## Josephine 'Josie' G. Garcia



Josephine "Josie" G. Garcia, 88, of Pecos, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Oct. 31, 2005, in a Pecos hospital. Vigil services are 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services are 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, 2005, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Big Spring with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring.

She was born Nov. 24, 1916, in Van Horn and married Albert Garcia March 10, 1946, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death July 11, 1985. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1946 and moved to Pecos in 1997. She had worked for Malone-Hogan Hospital for 15 years, retiring in 1978. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include numerous nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by one son, a sister, Maria Barraza and a brother, Jose Guerrero II.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwwelch.com](http://www.npwwelch.com).

## Police blotter

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

- **ALFRED EVANS**, 50, of 1901 Scurry, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DELMA ZAMORA**, 25, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.
- **MARY HELEN ESCOVEDO**, 41, of 3620 Hamilton, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of Class C assault - family violence.
- **LOLITA SALAZAR**, 36, of 300 Tulane, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RENE VALDEZ JR.**, 44, of 3308 S. Aylesford, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:
  - in the 3600 block of Hamilton.
  - in the 500 block of Westover Road.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of mile marker 164 on Interstate Highway 20. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 200 block of Centerpoint Road. Service was refused.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 300 block of East Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

ing demonstrations, presented by the Signal Mountain Quilters Guild is set for 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday. Call the museum at 267-8255 for more information.

• **BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT THE HOWARD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE CLASSES** is 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday in the St. Paul Lutheran Church library, 811 Gregg St. Donated good should be at the church by 9 a.m. Call the church at 267-7163 for more information.

• **FALL CAR FEST AND CAR SHOW** is set for 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday in the parking of Advance Auto Parts, 710 Gregg St. Trophies and door prizes awarded and the winner will be decided by cash donations totals. The Sonic Cruise is set for 6 p.m. Call Dickie or Helen Partlow at 263-4909 or 270-1900 for more information.

• **CANTERBURY ARTS AND CRAFTS BAZAAR** is set for 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Dec. 3 and booth space is limited. Call 263-1238 to reserve a booth.

## Bulletin board

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

## TODAY

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

• Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Community Pep Rally, 7:30 p.m., Big Spring High School gym.

• Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

## FRIDAY

• Senior Fun Fest 8:30 a.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Lunch and fashion show at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center.

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

## SATURDAY

• "Displays of Color" Quilt Show from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Heritage Museum.

• Open House and Ribbon Cutting at 10 a.m. in the new family estate area in the Garden of Meditation at Triunity Memorial Park. Call 267-8243 for more information.

• Blood drive, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, sponsored by Clear Channel Radio, Tour the Basin.

• Senior Fun Fest chili supper and dance at Canterbury. Call 263-1265.

• Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

## MONDAY

• Blood drive, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Special blood drive to honor Sage Gibson.

• The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.

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

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

## Weather

Tonight—Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s.

Sunday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Monday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Monday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Tuesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

Tuesday night—Partly cloudy. Lows around 50.

Wednesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-7-17-22-41 Bonus Ball: 12. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$14 million.

Headline: Lotto Texas results

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-18-19-26-35. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$16,157. Winning tickets sold in: Kerrville, San Angelo. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-8-0

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improvements to the Internet broadband services Cox has established in the market.

"We will probably look at boosting the top download speeds," said Abel. "This is a very competitive market, so we're always looking for ways to provide faster speeds for the customers."

"One of the things people should remember is this isn't an overnight thing. It will be at least six to eight months before we take over — probably sometime in April or May of next year."

With this transaction, Cebridge will become the eighth largest cable operator in the country, serving more than 1.3 million customers in a tight geographical area, concentrated in the central and southern United States.

"This agreement represents a significant milestone for all of us — our investors, management team, employees and customers," said Jerry Kent, chief executive officer for Cebridge.

"The Cox systems are strong, well-run properties that offer considerable synergies with our existing operations — synergies that will help us accelerate our efforts to deliver world-class service to our customers. We are especially excited about welcoming an exceptional management team and workforce to our operations."

Cox announced in March that it was exploring the sale of these operations in order to reduce debt and accelerate growth.

"This divestiture allows Cox to focus resources on our remaining tightly clustered operations and continue our commitment to rolling out telephony and advanced services company-wide," said Jim Robbins, President and CEO of Cox Communications. "We're pleased that we're selling these systems to a company with a strong financial track record and for which these operations are a great geographical fit."

Cox Communications Inc. — a Fortune 500 company — is a multi-service broadband communications company with approximately 6.7 million total customers, including approximately 6.3 million basic cable subscribers. The nation's third-largest cable television provider, Cox offers analog cable television under the Cox Cable brand as well as digital video service under the Cox Digital Cable brand, featuring advanced services including digital video recording, high-definition television and video-on-demand.

Cebridge Connections is a major operator of cable TV systems, providing basic cable, digital cable, and high-speed Internet services.

FOUNDERS AWARDS



Courtesy photo/Henry B. Crawford

The Ranching Heritage Association's Founders Awards were presented Saturday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Begun in 2004, the Founders Award honors those who have given dedicated service over a long period of time to the Ranching Heritage Association, a non-profit support organization for the National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock. The distinction singles out people who have made the Center's museum and historical park a priority in their lives, enhancing it with their time, talents, efforts, interest, and in some cases, finances. The 2005 honorees are, from left, Jerry Worthy of Big Spring, Wilma Powell of Plains, Giles McCrary of Post, Jim Humphreys of Lubbock and the late Frank Chappell, represented by his daughter Jenny Way.

QUILTERS

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top together. We put the three pieces together and then Mary (Grummitt) climbs into the middle of the table, because she's the most limber, to pin the center of the pieces together. We all work together, pinning the side. Then we all sew," said several of the women.

Along with Clark, Williams and Grummitt, the guild consists of Gloria Rodriguez, Barbara Hulsey, Fran Maples, Gladys McBrayer, Virginia Taylor, Mary Strain, Virginia Lujan and Jean Money.

The women came together to form the guild in a variety of ways, some meeting at fabric departments, others coming through word-of-mouth. When the group first formed, there were 36 members. Some have moved away; some have passed away.

The quilt show Saturday, which is a presented every two years, is dedicated to the late Betty Addy and the late Willie Campbell.

"We're all like long-lost sisters; this really is a sisterhood. You will never meet a stranger at a quilting," Clark said.

And Maples, a life-long quilter who moved to Big Spring from California, said once she found the quilting guild, she decided "Big Spring really isn't so bad."

While the women may have specific details about the fabric selected and the patterns they prefer, other details are missing, such as how many quilts they have made or how much one quilt costs. As soon as one quilt is finished, they start a new one.

Surprisingly, most of the women did not become quilters as a family tradition. Each said

they became quilters in a variety of ways.

Clark and Strain took a six-week quilting class at Howard College in 1991.

"I read every book I could find on quilting. And the Internet is a great place to learn. I bought lots of material before I ever began to make a quilt," Clark said.

"The Howard County Library is a great source for books about quilting," Strain added.

Maples and several other members said they learned to quilt watching HGTV's program, "Simply Quilts."

"I watched my mom quilt," said Virginia Taylor.

They tease each other about the hours they spend quilting each day, and none can say how many hours are actually devoted to their craft.

"We asked Fran (Maples) if she ever did any housework because she has so many quilts," Clark said.

Maples has at least 15 quilts in the upcoming show, including a Baltimore Album quilt and a Crazy Quilt. She has also provided a Roosevelt Quilt, which she said took three years to complete and was one of the hardest she ever attempted.

"It looks like old pottery from the 1920s. I had it mailed from my sister's in Amarillo to have for the show," Maples said.

Clark said she had to borrow several of her completed quilts from her children to display in the show. She had given the quilts as presents.

"They looked at me like I was an Indian giver. And they didn't seem to be happy about letting them go, but I assured them they will get the back after the show closes," Clark said.

Clark also has several quilted wall hangings she's displaying in the show.

"They're smaller than

quilts and easier to make," she said.

The method for putting a quilt together involves taking the top of the quilt, with pattern names as Churn Dash, Snails Trails, Blooming Night Patch or Drunkards Path, and sewing it to the batting and the back of the quilt.

"I really love Amish quilts. Every part of the country has the same patterns but they are called different names. Hole in the Barn Door is called Churn Dash here, and Snails Trails and Monkey Wrench are the same pattern," Maples said.

And the women are always sharing shopping finds with each other, locating the best place to buy quilting fabrics, matte, hoops, thread, batting and even rulers.

"You always want to use good, quality fabric in your quilt, because so much work goes into one," said Rodriguez.

The women also make quilts that are donated to local fire departments, although this year they are giving quilts to CASA, they said.

"We call these comfort quilts, because they are used to give to victims. They are lap-size quilts," they said.

But what truly makes the quilting guild an integral part of their lives is the fellowship and friendships the women find as they sew. They discuss everything from children to grandchildren to spouses to illnesses to their successes, and of course, quilting; in essence, they share their lives through their quilting.

Displays of Color is set from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday and will feature quilting demonstrations throughout the day. Refreshments will be served. There is no cost to attend.

E-WASTE

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cause damage to the environment. Those special handling requirements, have strained the budgets and resources of waste-disposal personnel throughout the state, he added.

"Some people aren't aware of how much lead is actually contained in a computer monitor," said Darden. "Also, things like cell phone batteries and other electronic items can contain very hazardous materials, so they need to be handled differently."

Darden said statistics show that 1.5 million new computers are bought annually in Texas, with only 162,000 of the old units being recycled.

"That leaves more than 1.3 million old computers that can be assumed to be either stored or sent to landfills every year (in the state)," Darden said.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful and the city will set up two collection points Saturday, with one at the west parking lot of City Hall on Nolan Street

and the second at the municipal landfill — from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The collected "e-waste" will then be taken to Midland on Nov. 15. There, a contractor will take the products to be either refurbished or recycled, Darden said.

People disposing of their old computers are urged to either remove or destroy the hard drives before turning the units over for collection.

"We will ask people to sign a paper releasing us from liability in case they've left sensitive information on their hard drives," Darden said.

Electronic products will not be the sole focus of the recycling day. Darden said officials also will accept paper products and plastic grocery bags, specifically those from either Wal-Mart or HEB grocery stores.

For more information, contact Keep Big Spring Beautiful at 264-2500 or Darden at 264-2501.

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Jury absolves Merck & Co. in Vioxx user's heart attack

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Merck & Co. won a major victory in the battle over its Vioxx painkiller Thursday when a New Jersey state jury found that the drug-maker properly warned consumers about the risks of the medication. The finding means Merck won't be held liable for the 2001 heart attack suffered by a man taking Vioxx.

After deliberating for less than eight hours over three days, the jury cleared Merck of allegations it failed to warn consumers about the drug's risks and engaged in "unconscionable commercial practices" in marketing it to doctors and their patients.

The verdict is Merck's

first win out of two Vioxx-related trials. In August, a Texas jury found the company liable in a Vioxx user's death. Damages there will be cut to about one-tenth of the jury's \$253 million award due to that state's caps on punitive damages.

Much of the seven-week trial, eagerly watched by lawyers and plaintiffs from around the country, relied on the testimony of medical experts. Witnesses for Merck testified the company believed Vioxx was safe for the heart before the drug was pulled from the market a year ago after a study showed it doubled risk of heart attacks and strokes when taken for 18 months.

FUN FEST

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with a fashion show and luncheon. The luncheon at 11:30 a.m. is \$2.50 for seniors.

Saturday, a senior chili supper and dance begin at 5 p.m. There is no cost to attend.

Nearly 30 booths are scheduled for the Fun Fest health fair, including AARP Tax Aide with Gloria Hopkins; Accolade Home Health; Advantage Home Health; American Cancer Society; Area Agency on Aging; Best Home Care; Canterbury/Canterbury North; Caring Hearts Home Health; Department of State Health Services; Experience Works; H-E-B Senior Services; Home Hospice; Medical Arts

Home Health; Nalley-Pickle & Welch; Odyssey Healthcare Inc; Park Place; Park View; Reflections at Scenic Mountain Medical Center; RSVP; Secure Horizons Direct; Social Security; Support Medical Services; Texas State Veterans Home; TLC; 211; Wal-Mart Vision Center; and West Texas Opportunities.

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Stan Harbin, 71, died Monday. Graveside services will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Other polling places include:

- Northside Fire Station, 100 N.E. Eight Street — Precincts 101-115
- Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane — Precincts 202-205 and 208
- Goliad Middle School, 2000 Goliad — Precincts 302-305
- Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Kentucky Way

and Birdwell Lane — Precincts 401-407 and 410.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Among the more controversial topics to be voted on is Proposition 2, which

would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Let's help make Cruisers' show a real success

Everyone likes to have a little fun. But when you can have that fun and help out a good cause... Well, that's just hard to beat in anyone's book. In fact, it's not every day that such opportunities are afforded us. But residents of Big Spring will have that opportunity Saturday when the Cruisers, a new car club in the community, hosts its Fall Car Fest Car Show on the Advance Auto Parts parking lot at 701 Gregg Street.

The show will not only be an opportunity for club members to display their cherished vehicles, but will also be a fund-raiser for the club, which plans to put the money generated by the event to good use during the upcoming holiday season.

According to Cruisers President Helen Partlow, members would like to use some of the money they raise Saturday to adopt angels from the Salvation Army's Angel Trees.

While there will be no admission to the show, Partlow says each car in the show will have a donation can with it. The car that raises the most money will win a trophy.

In all there will be five trophies awarded in different categories, meaning those attending the show will have an opportunity to view an array of different vehicles, from antiques to classics. In fact, Partlow said she wouldn't be surprised if there weren't a few motorcycles on display during the show.

Saturday's event will be the Cruisers' first car show, and members are encouraging the public to "come out and have a good time."

In addition to the wide array of vehicles on display, organizers will be conducting a number of games, including a fan belt toss, and there will be plenty of food. A bake sale is also planned during the show and door prizes will be awarded.

The show is slated from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., but it will also be the first Saturday of November and that means following the show Cruisers members will meet at the Sonic Drive-In on Gregg Street to again show off their cars at 6 p.m.

Again, there are no admission fees for anyone wanting to attend or participate in the show, so we here at the Herald want to encourage our readers to take some time Saturday to help the Cruisers make their first-ever car show a success and raise money that will benefit those needing a helping hand this holiday season. We'll see you there.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You are our problem solver. Lord, when we trust in You. Amen

# Calls against 'Borking' won't wash

I can just hear them now. "The era of 'Borking' must end. ... Every nominee deserves a fair hearing before the judiciary committee and an up-or-down vote on their nomination ..."

"The politicization of judicial nominations must end," they will surely argue, "lest the most highly qualified potential candidates refuse to let themselves be considered."

"A president has a right to pick whomever he wishes," they will say, "whether or not you agree with the nominee's ideology."

"Requests for the working papers of a nominee should not be used as an excuse to hold up the confirmation process."

The American people are tired of our playing politics with the judicial nomination process," they will loudly proclaim.

"They," of course, will be the conservative backers of the president's latest nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court, Samuel A. Alito Jr. of the Third Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

It's not that these arguments are necessarily wrong. Most people probably agree with them. I'm sure I'd be making them if Hillary Clinton were president. The problem is that "they" were the ones who did all these things — with great success — to Harriet Miers in the last three weeks.

Conservatives were gloating last week at their triumph in killing the Miers nomination before the public ever got a chance to weigh

in and openly gushing this week at the president's choice of her replacement. For those on the right, it was practically a perfect storm.

But not quite. Because in the process of destroying Miers, conservatives sacrificed every principle they will now invoke to support Alito, a nominee who would otherwise provide an apt occasion for ending the era of Borking.

Alito is, in many respects, just the sort of person who deserves to be on the court if politics and ideology didn't count for so much. He is extremely smart and honorable, competent and careful, decent and dignified. He has very fancy credentials and plenty of appropriate experience, and gets high marks for judicial temperament and ability. In pre-Bork days, he would have sailed through, as he did when he was nominated for the court of appeals and confirmed by unanimous consent.

His nomination might have served as an occasion for conservatives to argue that it was finally time to recognize that politics belongs in presidential elections, not in judicial confirmations.

But how can you argue that ideology should not be a barrier to confirmation when everyone knows that it was ideology, pure and simple, that formed the basis for the opposition to Harriet Miers? It was the right that was doing the politics against her, collecting money to run ads on television, playing the obstructionist cards against her. They were the ones demanding her White House papers — as Democrats will no doubt demand Justice Department papers from Alito, knowing it

might block her confirmation. How do you argue for the right to a hearing and a vote when it was Republicans who were pushing for Miers to withdraw before she was granted either?

Conservatives can't argue against "Borking" after they were the ones who "Borked" Miers. What goes around comes around. This fight is their just deserts — unfortunately for Judge Alito, and the rest of us.

The biggest substantive issue in Alito's case is likely to be abortion and, more particularly, the judge's view that women could be required to tell their husbands before they have an abortion, even if they fear doing so — a decision Sandra Day O'Connor reversed. An argument can be made that a nominee's views on abortion should not determine whether they are fit to serve as a justice, but those who were determined to deny Harriet Miers a seat on the court because they weren't certain how she would vote on abortion can hardly make that argument with a straight face.

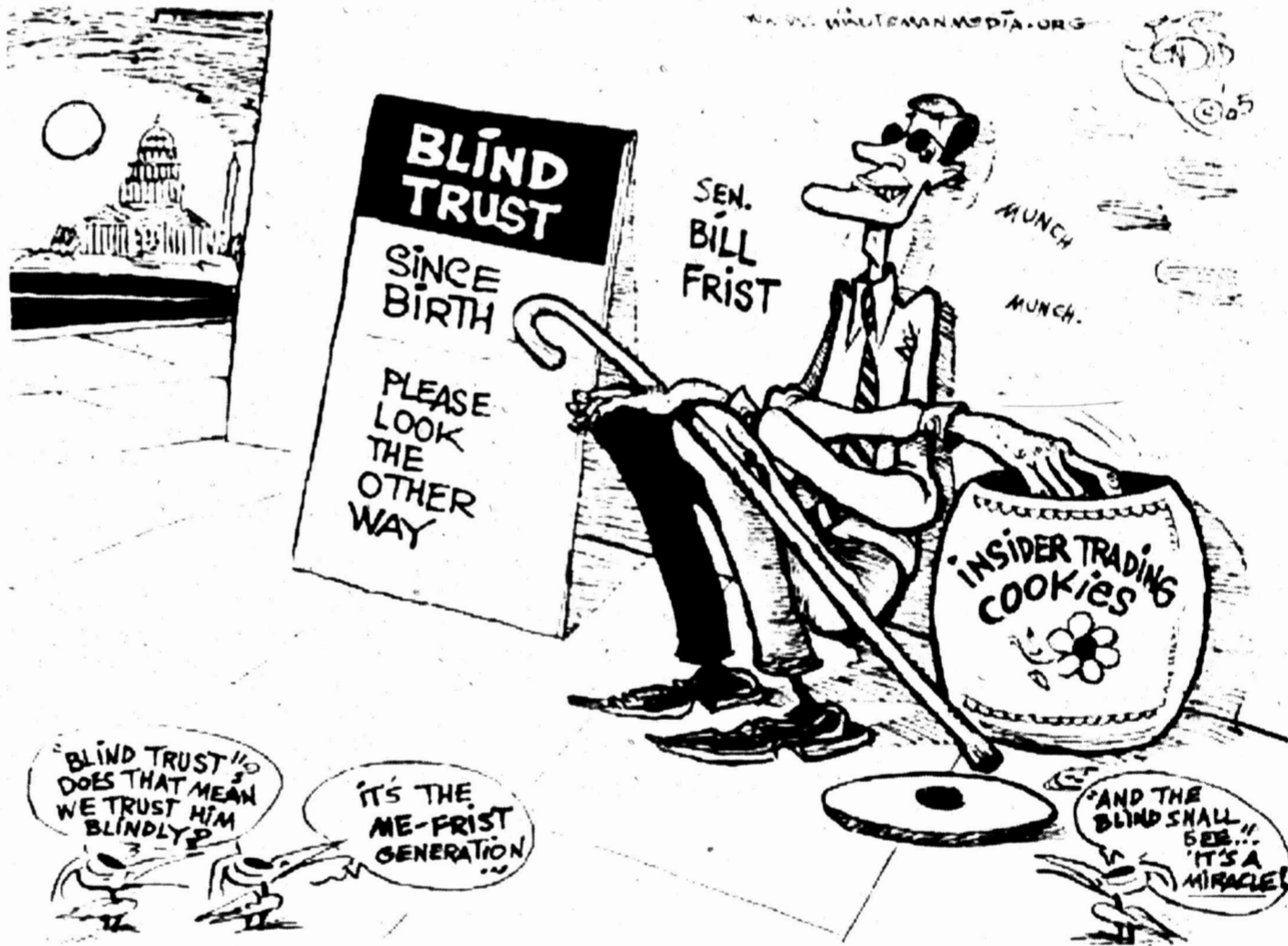
Conservatives were saying today that, in a few weeks, no one would remember Harriet Miers' name. Maybe not. But the arguments made to defeat her will almost certainly live on, in other hands — and those who made them may live to wish they hadn't.

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SUSAN ESTRICH



## The question that none dare ask

On the day the U.S. military death toll in Iraq reached 2,000, the president made a speech.

I watched it on TV, and then I read the transcript. The same thought occurred to me both times: It may be time for a White House correspondent to ask the Question That None Dare Ask.

Some bloggers have asked it. But, as far as I know, no White House reporter has ever asked it of the president.

It is a sensitive question, and one that may make the president angry.

But after his speech last Tuesday to the Joint Armed Forces Officers' Wives Luncheon, I think the president has begged the Question.

The speech was not extraordinary. It was yet another well-written, well-delivered repetition of why we are in Iraq and why we are going to stay there. (CNN got so bored, it broke away before the president was finished.)

But two parts of the speech caught my attention:

Bush attacks Osama bin Laden for deluding his followers into becoming suicide bombers. "He assures them that this is the road

to paradise," Bush says, "though he never offers to go along for the ride."

The audience laughed, and you have to admit, it's a pretty nifty line.

The rest of the speech is very serious. Bush thanks the officers' wives for the sacrifices they and their "loved ones in uniform" have made in the war effort.

"All of you understand that sacrifice is essential to winning war," Bush says, "and this war will require more sacrifice, more time and more resolve."

So these are the two points: that leaders should not ask followers to do that which they, themselves are not willing to do, and that sacrifice is "essential" to winning the war in Iraq.

So what is the Question That None Dare Ask?

Cindy Sheehan put it this way when she was camped outside Bush's Texas ranch in August, trying unsuccessfully to get a meeting with him: "(If the cause is so noble, when are you going to send your daughters over there and let somebody else's son come home?")

Given the president's speech this week, I think that question is worth asking, though not quite the way Sheehan put it. The Bush twins are adults (they are 23), military service is voluntary in this country, and it is not the place of the president to "send" his daugh-

ters to Iraq.

And even though the two made themselves public, political figures by actively campaigning for their father's re-election in 2004 (you may remember their little talk at the Republican Convention), I think they should be allowed a degree of privacy that the president is not entitled to.

Whether they want to serve in the military is their business. But the question is: Has the president ever discussed with them the idea of enlisting and making the "sacrifice" that he asks others to make?

If so, what did he say? And, if not, why not?

I think those are fair questions because they involve only the actions of the president and not his children.

Normally, what a president discusses with the members of his family should be private.

But when on the one hand Bush attacks hypocrisy, and on the other he urges others to sacrifice, then that discussion — or the lack of it — should be public.

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# Porsche's 911

## Carrera's speed, graceful lines are way over the top

By MARK PHELAN  
Detroit Free Press

A new Porsche Carrera isn't a car, it's an event.

The rear-engined German sports car is a shrine on wheels, a living testament to the great Ferdinand Porsche, father of the VW Beetle and one of the auto industry's formative geniuses.

The 911 Carrera was all-new for the 2005 model year, and there are only minor changes for 2006. It's the 10th model in the line since the original 911 debuted in 1965. Improvements from the previous generation, which went on sale in 1999, include more powerful engines, an entirely new interior, a substantially revised suspension and a reworked exterior that returns to the classic round headlight look of previous 911s.

I tested a 911 Carrera coupe with a sticker price

of \$88,010 and a 911 Carrera S convertible that stickered at \$99,100. Prices for the 2006 Carrera coupe start at \$71,300, with the more powerful S model starting at \$81,400. Convertible prices start at \$81,400, and the S model goes for \$91,400. All prices exclude destination charges.

Only some rattles and loose interior trim kept either from a four-star rating.

Both cars are gorgeous and fast.

The classic 911 profile is such a perfect design that it only becomes more graceful and sinuous with each new iteration of the car.

The current body style marks a return to the 911's signature round headlights, replacing the less attractive oval lamps on the previous model. Other exterior changes include a wider track — the distance from the out-



The 2006 Porsche 911 Carrera

side of the left tire to the outside of the right tire — and a slimmer, more pronounced waist.

The car's length and height both increased by about 0.2 inch, but the wider stance makes the new 911 appear smaller than the old car.

The coupe and convertible are both available in

regular and S models. The key difference is the engine.

Both cars use Porsche's new water-cooled flat-six engine, with the 3.6-liter base model producing 325 horsepower and the 3.8-liter S generating 355 horsepower.

A new six-speed manual transmission is standard

equipment. A six-speed automatic with Porsche's Tiptronic do-it-yourself shift feature is optional.

Both engines rev smoothly and quickly to the redline, with plenty of torque available at all engine speeds.

The 911 accelerates to 60 mph in 4.8 seconds and reaches 100 mph in 11.0 seconds. The S hits those speeds in 4.6 and 10.7 seconds.

The sticky tires — 18-inch on the base, 19 on the S — adhere like flypaper and the brakes could stop a charging water buffalo.

Antilock brakes and Porsche's sport-tuned stability control system are standard equipment. Ceramic disc brakes are optional, and probably only necessary for hardcore weekend racers.

A lot of Porsche owners do race their cars, though, and they'll love the optional Sport Chrono package, a fancy built-in stopwatch that counts laps and compares each lap to your best time.

The package also resets the engine controls and adaptive suspension for the kind of driving that's acceptable only on the track.

The 911's new interior is the most comfortable and accommodating in the model's 40-year history.

It even includes two reasonably useful cup holders, and the seats strike an excellent balance between comfort and the snug fit necessary for quick maneuvers. The rear seats are for emergency use only.

Other interior upgrades include larger and more legible gauges, automatic climate control with bigger vents and rich, attractive materials throughout.

Options include a DVD navigation system and a 13-speaker Bose surround sound stereo.

Unfortunately, the interiors of the two cars I tested each had a flaw. The driver's window rattled when the convertible top was down, and the coupe had a loose piece of plastic trim in the front-passenger footwell.

The cars are so intoxicating to drive that I forgot about those miscues whenever I put the pedal down and launched into a long fast curve.

As delightful as they are to drive, though, neither car should have gotten out of the factory with such an annoying, easily remedied problem.

The 911 remains one of the world's great cars, and one I'd love to drive every day, but mistakes like that are the difference between three and four stars.

## 2005 Porsche 911 S convertible and 911 coupe

### The Specs:

**Vehicle types:** Rear-wheel-drive convertible and coupe

**Base price**  
**Coupe:** \$79,100;  
**Convertible:** \$88,900  
(excluding destination charges)

**As tested**  
**Coupe:** \$88,010  
**Convertible:** \$99,100

**Standard equipment**  
**Coupe:** Six-speed manual transmission, hydraulic clutch, variable ratio power steering, ABS, traction control and electronic stability control, one-touch power windows, intermittent wipers, power locks, lockable storage compartment, automatic climate control, power heated side mirrors, power sliding roof, AM/FM/CD stereo.

**Convertible:** All of the above plus speed-activated rear spoiler.

**Options Coupe:** Seal gray metallic paint with matching leather upholstery

and floor mats, power seats, heated front seats, auto-dimming mirrors, multifunction leather steering wheel, navigation system, Sport Chrono competition timing system, Bose premium sound package.

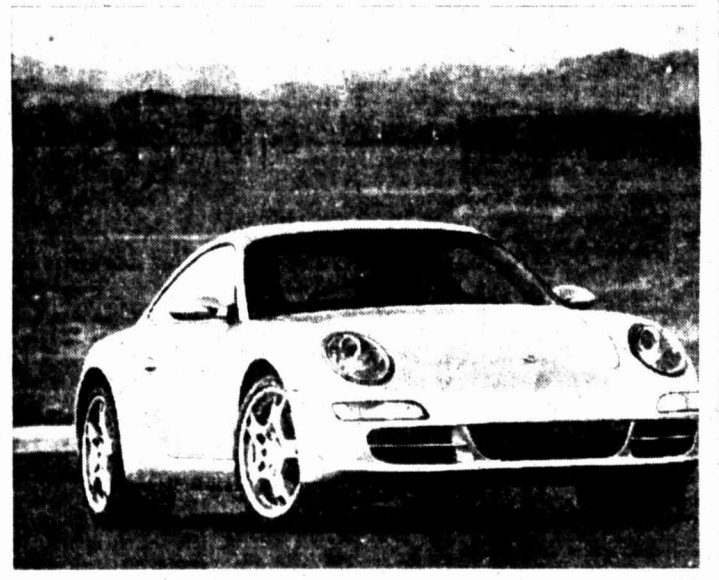
**Convertible:** Arctic silver metallic paint, black leather interior, adaptive sport seats, heated front seats, 199-inch Carrera Classic wheels, wheel caps with colored Porsche crest, Sport Chrono competition timing system, Bose premium sound.

**Specifications as tested:**  
**Engine**  
**Coupe:** 3.6-liter six-cylinder

**Convertible:** 3.8-liter six-cylinder

**Power**  
**Coupe:** 325 horsepower at 6,800 r.p.m., 273 pound-feet of torque at 4,250 r.p.m.

**Convertible:** 355 horsepower at 6,600 r.p.m., 295 pound-feet of torque at 4,600 r.p.m.



**Transmission:** Six-speed manual

**Fuel economy:** 19 m.p.g. city/26 m.p.g. highway

**Wheelbase:** 92.5 inches

**Length:** 175.6 inches

**Width:** 71.2 inches

**Height**

**Coupe:** 51.6 inches

**Convertible:** 51.2 inches

**Curb weight**

**Coupe:** 3,075 pounds

**Convertible:** 3,318 pounds

**Where assembled:** Stuttgart/Zuffenhausen, Germany

**Rating:** 3 stars (out of four stars)

**Reasons to buy:** Performance, looks, legend

**Shortcomings:** Loose trim, door rattle, high price

## Tomorrow's Horoscope.

### BY HOLIDAY MATHS

The sun continues to angle Saturn in such a way as to bring out the harder nature of our planet of lessons. A kind of cosmic "tough love" situation is upon us. This is a chance to show your will and your heart. There are always reasons to quit if you look for them. So don't look!

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). There's a discrepancy between the way you wish to be seen and the way you really are. Of course, this is true for all people and nothing to be embarrassed about. But do consider what would happen if you came totally clean.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're counting your virtues and virtues, pitting them up against each other in the manner of someone who is considering hiring you or dating you. Get on your own side! You have the whole package.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Public speaking of some kind is in the stars

— perhaps you'll be instructing a group. You come off cool, like you've got it all together. You're the only one who knows how scared you are.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your physical prowess is at a peak. Take a long hike, or do an extra grueling workout at the gym or any other activity that puts your body in motion. Don't be afraid of your anger. Use it.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your success in negotiations depends on your level of need. When you are in need, you can't strike a bargain. Take stock of your assets. Coming from a place of abundance allows you to make a winning deal.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's a dynamic day — you take action and beat the odds. Someone sweet comes calling this afternoon. The flirtation means something in the moment, but once the moment is gone, so is the meaning.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You act as the quality

control, the censor and the peacekeeper. Such roles are not so fun, but you're willing to be the "bad guy" in order to see the group operate at an optimal level.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll find yourself in a position of power and loving it! Of course, your responsibilities are increased, too, but you're willing to accept all that goes with the "job."

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Multiple new projects have you overwhelmed — tackling one thing at a time gets them done. Keep believing that you can have more than "just enough" to pay your bills. You were meant for big things.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a habit of freezing out the enemy. Now you would do well to kill 'em with kindness. Warm people up with your superb manners and social graces.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Indefinite plans are not enough to keep loved ones holding on

be specific. Tonight is perfect for doing a personal inventory. Examine your current state, and determine areas to work

on.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Noble moves are still subject to ridicule. Know when you're right, and

stay there. When all else fails, you can lead people by letting them believe that they are leading themselves.

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## BRIEF

## Libby pleads not guilty in CIA leak inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff pleaded not guilty today in the CIA leak scandal, marking the start of what could be a long road to a trial in which Cheney and other top Bush administration officials could be summoned to testify.

Libby entered the plea in front of U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton, a former prosecutor who has spent two decades as a judge in the nation's capital.

Once the charges were read and the judge asked for his response, Libby said: "With respect, your honor, I plead not guilty."

Libby, who is recovering from a foot injury, leaned his crutches against a podium from which lawyers normally question witnesses or address the court. He stood with his recently expanded legal team at the table reserved for the defense during trials as the charges were read. A short time later, they left the courtroom.

Cheney's top aide signaled his determination to fight the charges after Friday's grand jury indictment, which has provided more fuel to the political debate over the White House's possible misuse of prewar intelligence on Iraq. Libby bolstered his defense team this week with two well-known criminal trial lawyers, Ted Wells and William Jeffress.

## Confessed killer of 9-year-old girl set to die

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned killer Melvin Wayne White doesn't want to die but figures the state is doing him a favor if he's executed tonight.

"I look at it as relief, just to get out of here," White, 55, said last week from a tiny cage in the visiting area of death row, where he was sent for the 1997 abduction, sexual assault and fatal beating of a 9-year-old West Texas girl. "I've got to live with this for the rest of my life. It's not an easy deal to do."

"If they put me to death, it's going to be the easy way out. The hard way would be to have me live here with that."

White blamed a drinking problem that started when he was a young teenager for the slaying of Jennifer Gravell, who lived in his neighborhood in Ozona, about 200 miles west of San Antonio.

"I messed up, that's all there is to it," he said. White's scheduled lethal injection would be the 16th this year in Texas and the first of four set for over the next two weeks in the nation's busiest death chamber.

## Federal appeals court says parents not sole providers of kids' sex education

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court Wednesday dismissed a lawsuit by parents who were outraged that a school district had surveyed their elementary school-age children about sex.

The three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the parents' claim that they have the exclusive right to tell their children about sex.

In upholding a lower court ruling against the parents, Circuit Judge Stephen Reinhardt said "no such specific right can be found in the deep roots of the nation's history and tradition or implied in the concept of ordered liberty."

The appeals court noted that other courts have upheld mandatory health classes, a school system's condom distribution program and compulsory sex ed.

The parents had sought unspecified damages. An attorney for the parents, Erik Gunderson, said he was considering an appeal. Dennis Walsh, attorney for the Palmdale school district north of Los Angeles, said the survey was part of a legitimate effort aimed at helping students.

The district dropped the survey in 2002 amid complaints from parents. It was given to children in the first, third and fifth grades as part of a program to gauge early trauma and help youngsters overcome barriers to learning.

Among other things, the students were asked how often they thought about sex.

## Man sues Home Depot after using glue-covered bathroom toilet

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Home Depot is defending a lawsuit filed by a man who claims the chain's Louisville store ignored his cries for help after he fell victim to a prank and was glued to a toilet seat.

Bob Dougherty, 57, of Nederland, said he became stuck to a bathroom toilet seat last year after somebody smeared glue on it.

"They left me there, going through all that stress," Dougherty told *The (Boulder) Daily Camera*. "They just let me rot."

His lawsuit, filed Friday, said Dougherty was recovering from heart bypass surgery at the time and thought he was having a heart attack. A store employee who heard him calling for help informed the head clerk via radio, but the head clerk "believed it to be a hoax," the lawsuit said.

Home Depot spokeswoman Kathryn Gallagher said she could not comment on pending litigation.

The lawsuit said after about 15 minutes, store officials called for an ambulance. Paramedics unbolted the toilet seat, and while wheeling a "frightened and humiliated" Dougherty out of the store, he passed out.

The lawsuit said the toilet seat separated from his skin, leaving abrasions.

"This is not Home Depot's fault," he said. "But I am blaming them for letting me hang in there and just ignoring me."

## E-mails indicate DeLay's office helped Abramoff

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Tom DeLay's staff tried to help lobbyist Jack Abramoff win access to Interior Secretary Gale Norton, an effort that succeeded after Abramoff's Indian tribe clients began funneling a quarter-million dollars to an environmental group founded by Norton.

"Do you think you could call that friend and set up a meeting," then-DeLay staffer Tony Rudy wrote to fellow House aide Thomas Pyle in a Dec. 29, 2000, e-mail titled "Gale Norton-Interior Secretary." President Bush had nominated Norton to the post the day before.

Rudy wrote Abramoff that same day promising he had "good news" about securing a meeting with Norton, forwarding information about the environmental group Norton had founded, according to e-mails obtained by investigators and reviewed by *The Associated Press*. Rudy's message to Abramoff was sent from Congress' official e-mail system.

Within months, Abramoff clients donated heavily to the Norton-founded group and the lobbyist and one of the tribes he represented won face-to-face time with the secretary during a Sept. 24, 2001, dinner sponsored by the group she had founded.

Abramoff's clients were trying to stop a rival Indian tribe from winning Interior Department approval to build a casino.

DeLay, who has temporarily stepped aside as House majority leader because of criminal charges in Texas, eventually signed a letter with other GOP House leaders to Norton on behalf of Abramoff's clients, records show.

## Congressman proposes fencing U.S.-Mexico border

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House Republican wants to build a fence along the entire 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border, a plan that could cost billions of dollars and one that critics say would do little to stop illegal immi-



KRT photo/Chuck Kennedy

Special prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald arrives at the court during his investigation of the leak of CIA agent, Valerie Plame.

gration.

California Rep. Duncan Hunter, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, plans to introduce legislation that would create a two-layer reinforced fence with lighting and sensors from the Pacific Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico, a 100-yard border zone to the north of the barriers and 25 new ports of entry.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Quarterback club sets meetings

The Big Spring football booster club will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATC through the football season. For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

#### Flag football league to begin Sunday

The Midland Flag Football League will begin play Sunday, said Wayne Brandt.

The eight-on-eight tournament costs \$250 per team and takes place every Sunday through the middle of January.

For more information, contact Brandt at 432-230-5255.

#### Basketball officials needed for new year

Basketball officials are needed for the 2005-2006 basketball season involving junior high, freshman and junior varsity games in Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City and Sterling City.

If interested in officiating, contact Adam or Mandi Rodriguez at 263-8731 (after 6 p.m.), 517-0309 or 816-1963.

#### Sign ups for YMCA basketball underway

Registration for the Big Spring YMCA youth basketball league is taking place now until Dec. 3. The league is for boys and girls ages 5-12. Some 13-year-olds may play depending on their date of birth.

Practices are scheduled to begin Dec. 19. Kids who played last season may play on the same team from last year.

All games are scheduled to be played Saturdays beginning Jan. 7.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

#### Olesen announces free tennis clinic

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen has announced a free junior tennis league at the Figure 7 Tennis Center at Comanche Trail Park for students in second and third grade.

The league has begun and will continue for three weeks on Tuesdays. It goes from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each night.

Interested participants may bring a racket, but one may be provided if available. There is no specific start date as participants can show up on any Tuesday.

For more information, contact Olesen at 806-236-8901 or visit bigspringtennis.com.

#### Lady Steer Booster Club sets meeting for next Monday

There will be a Lady Steer Booster Club meeting Monday at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center (ATC) beginning at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Carol Policky at 432-466-3800.

## Grady searches for win, playoffs against Sands



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler  
Grady sophomore Roy Rodriguez gets past a tackler from Loop during a district game earlier this season. The Wildcats travel to Ackerly tonight to take on rival Sands in a key district game. Grady can clinch a playoff berth with a victory.

• **Playoff formula is simple for Wildcats as they finish regular season in Ackerly**

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
The playoff formula for the Grady football team is simple. All the Wildcats have to do is win tonight against arch rival Sands in Ackerly.

Grady (3-6) enters the game as a 34-point favorite and is starting to play well at the right time, said Grady head coach Joe Helms.

"We've had a good week of practice," he added. "Our team has matured a lot since the start of the year. We've pretty much just simplified things to make it easier for our young team."

The Wildcats are about

as young as can be with just one senior and as many as four sophomores on the field at once this year. The team is led by juniors Taylor Fields and Aguedo Najera, but sophomores Justin Tubb, Tommylee Rivas and Roy Rodriguez have been just as big to the team on both sides of the ball.

Helms said he thinks his team can be successful through the air against Sands (2-7) as that will be his primary attack for the game. He will use Rivas, Mitchell, Fields and maybe even Israel Sanjuan at quarterback and try to throw to Tubb and Najera as well as to Mitchell and Fields when they aren't playing quarterback.

The Mustangs are primarily a running team as they like to get the ball to seniors Santos Ybarra and Greg Carter. Stopping these two players is the main key for the Grady defense.

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## Blackwell forfeits to Bearkats, G.C. looks to playoffs

• **Garden City could face one of three teams in first round of six-man playoffs**

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
The Garden City football had a win handed to them this week after Blackwell forfeited Friday night's game after not having enough players to finish the season. The Bearkats finish the regular season with a 9-1 record and they went 5-0 in District 8-Six-man competition for the second straight season. The win against Blackwell officially goes down in the books as a 1-0 victory.

The Bearkats are now preparing for the postseason, which will begin sometime after Wednesday of next week.

Their opponent is still undecided but the three teams in the running to play the 10th ranked Bearkats are No. 6 Highland, Borden County or Westbrook.

Highland and Westbrook play Friday night and that game will decide everything as far as who plays the Bearkats next week in the bi-district round.

If Highland beats Westbrook, the Bearkats would take on second place Borden County. If Westbrook defeats



Highland by 2-11 points then Westbrook would finish second in the district and play Garden City. However, if Westbrook wins by more than 12 points, it would win the district and Highland would play the Bearkats.



HOSKINS

A one-point Westbrook win over Highland would send Borden County to the playoffs as the No. 2 team and Highland would win the district.

"I really don't care who we play," said Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins. "They all do some good things."

Hoskins said Borden County runs a more tight set on offense and Westbrook runs a spread formation. If the Bearkats play Highland, Hoskins said the formula to beat them is simple.

"If its Highland then there is no secret they will get the ball to (Ryan) Adkins," he said. "We must stop him. But we are preparing for all three at this point and will know who play after Friday."



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring senior Matt Hilario drags tacklers from Frenship with him during a run last Friday at Memorial Stadium. The Steers lost 38-3 to the Tigers, but hope to rebound this week against the district's leading rusher in Jamar Wall and the undefeated Plainview Bulldogs. The game will be played in Plainview Friday beginning at 7:30 p.m.

## Coahoma hopes for help in getting final District 4 berth

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
Coahoma's playoff chances are slim at this point in the season, but a win against Stamford and a loss by Hawley to Stanton Friday could send the Bulldogs to the postseason based on a three-way tie and a total points tiebreaker.

First thing is first for the Bulldogs though as they must handle their end of the deal with a vic-



tory over rival Stamford on the road.

"They run a spread offense and like to throw it a bunch," said Coahoma head coach Ken Cates. "We must eliminate the big plays as they

have plenty of speed on offense. We can't let the speed get outside on us."

The Bulldogs continue to struggle on offense as they fell last week at home in a crucial game against Hawley, 13-6. A win against the Bearkats last week would have meant that Coahoma would just have to win to get into the playoffs this week. However, Cates

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### This Week's Lineup

Tonight

\*Grady (3-6) @ Sands (2-7), 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Big Spring @ Plainview, 7:30 p.m.

\*Coahoma @ Stamford, 7:30 p.m.

\*Stanton @ Hawley, 7:30 p.m.

Garden City 1, Blackwell 0 (forfeit)

Forsan ended its season last week against Roby

\*denotes playoff implications

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according to Helms. "We need to contain Carter and Ybarra," added Helms. "Stopping the run will be a priority. We must be able to tackle."

The Wildcats are as healthy as they have ever been as only Brody Pinkerton, who has been out since the second game of the season, will not play tonight in Ackerly. Najera missed Grady's game against Dawson two weeks ago, but returned last week to play half the game against Klondike and should be in full strength this week.

Sands has been hurt by injuries all season as Garrett Nichols missed

the season with a broken collar bone and senior running back Cevan Smithson returned to the lineup two weeks ago against Loop, but has only seen about 10-15 plays of action in the last two games and doesn't appear to be in full strength, according to Helms.



While Grady's playoff scenario is simple, Sands' is anything but.

If the Mustangs win tonight at home against their rival and Wellman-Union defeats Loop as expected, there will be a three-way tie for the final playoff spot between Sands, Grady and Loop.

That would trigger a coin flip to decide the final playoff berth.

"We went away from the points system to decide the tiebreaker this year," said Helms.

The first round playoff matchup for both Grady and Sands remains a mystery.

Neither one of those two teams are actually in the postseason yet and their opponent is far from decided.

While Grandfalls-Royalty remains the favorite to play either Sands or Grady, three other teams are still in the mix. Fort Davis, Sierra Blanca and Dell City, which defeated Grady in the first round last year, are the other possibilities.

The game at Mustang Field tonight begins at 7:30 p.m.



Team Chaos was recently crowned youth volleyball champions through the YMCA youth volleyball league. Front row, from left: Towry Bigham, Megan Graves, Cassie Boehringer, Megan Crane and Jennifer Ybarra. Back: assistant coach Chad Wash, Chelsey Parker, Kelsie Hillis, Amy Lopez, Sarah Black, Kinsie Wash and head coach Ronlie Black.

COAHOMA

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said his team failed to capitalize when the opportunity was there.

"We must score when we have good field position and we didn't do that

last week," said Cates.

Cates does not plan on changing the gameplan this week as he will stick to what they have been doing all year.

"I just hope things go in our favor this week," he added.

Stamford enters the game with just one win

on the season, as it got that against Class 1A Hamlin, 34-22.

Coahoma is 2-7 overall and 1-3 in the district.



CATES

Barry leads Rockets past Kings

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy called Jon Barry at home on Tuesday and delivered a terse, motivational speech over the phone.

If Van Gundy keeps getting these kinds of results, he might be calling more of his players.

Barry scored 24 points, outscoring Houston stars Yao Ming and Tracy McGrady and leading the Rockets to a 98-89 win over the Kings on Wednesday night.

Van Gundy told Barry he was disappointed in the veteran guard's effort at recent practices. Barry agreed and said the call shook him out his doldrums.

"I needed a kick in the butt and it was good," Barry said. "I don't want him to call me every other day, but that's the effort I need to play with. I told him that wouldn't be a problem."

Barry grabbed a microphone before the game and gave his coach some good-natured ribbing, saying he hoped the fans had the same "optimism and enthusiasm" for the season that the notoriously critical Van Gundy had.

Van Gundy laughed, then told Barry the diatribe would cost him five minutes of playing time.

"I would've had 30-something, but he yanked me out of there a couple of times," said Barry, acquired in a December 2004 trade for Tyronn Lue.

For one night, Barry was the complement to Yao and McGrady the Rockets have been seeking since acquiring McGrady in June 2004. Houston's All-Star duo were their usual productive selves against the Kings.

McGrady had 23 points after sitting out Houston's last two preseason games with tendinitis in both

knees and Yao added 22 points and 10 rebounds.

But it sure was nice to have Barry scoring, too.

Barry sank 8 of 10 shots, including a pair of 3-pointers. He also went 6-for-7 from the free-throw line.

Bonzi Wells had 22 points and a career-high 18 rebounds and Brad Miller added 21 for Sacramento.

The Kings led early as the Rockets faced a familiar problem from last year — foul trouble for Yao. The 7-foot-6 center picked up his second foul just four minutes into the game and Miller converted a three-point play for an 11-4 Kings' lead.

Yao went to the bench and McGrady walked gingerly to the sideline five minutes later.

McGrady wore a black wrap around his left leg, and said he played in pain.

Sacramento missed 14 of its first 16 shots to start the second half.

Rookie guard leads Jazz to win in Utah over Mavericks

By DOUG ALDEN

AP Sports Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Although he didn't start in his NBA debut, Deron Williams had a nearly perfect finish.

Utah's rookie point guard had 18 points and three assists, and played the entire fourth quarter while the Jazz rallied to beat the travel-weary Dallas Mavericks 93-82 Wednesday night.

"I just feel comfortable being in those type of situations," said Williams, the third overall selection in the 2005 draft. "I've been in them a lot in college and I don't see why it should be different now."

The last game Williams played in that counted was the NCAA championship, when North Carolina beat Williams' Illinois team for the national title. He made his first NBA shot — a 3-pointer — in the second quarter Wednesday and beat the third-period buzzer with a 61-foot shot that sparked Utah's comeback.

Williams also had just one turnover. "He played OK. It was his first game and he knew what he was doing," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said. "He played in control and sometimes he got a little confused, but we expect that. I thought he played pretty well."

Mehmet Okur led the Jazz with 27 points and pulled down eight rebounds.

He scored nine straight during one stretch of the fourth quarter, convert-

ing a three-point play and hitting two 3-pointers — including one he just threw toward the basket to avoid a shot clock violation.

"It was a lucky one. I'll be honest with you. I saw the shot clock and just threw the ball up," Okur said of his turnaround, fadeaway 3-pointer.

Dallas was coming off a 111-108, double-overtime win at Phoenix on Tuesday night and wilted late in the fourth quarter.

"They were more physical. They rebounded stronger and they had a presence about themselves and we didn't," Dallas coach Avery Johnson said. "I think we battled. I don't want to make any excuses and say we ran out of gas or anything like that. This is the NBA."

Jason Terry led the Mavericks with 21 points, but scored just two after halftime. Dirk Nowitzki scored 16 and Josh Howard added 11 for Dallas, which grew frustrated toward the end.

Nowitzki was called for a flagrant elbow about a minute after he thought he was fouled on a missed layup.

"I just was boxing him out and he didn't like it, so he turned and showed me he didn't like it," said Utah's Matt Harpring, who went down to the court on the elbow by Nowitzki with 1:20 remaining.

Harpring made one of the two free throws and the Jazz followed with a field goal to go up 90-80 with about one minute

left. Andrei Kirilenko had 10 rebounds, six blocks and five assists for Utah.

Keith McLeod started at point guard for Utah and finished with 10 points, but watched the rookie Williams lead the Jazz from the end of the third to the finish of Utah's first victory over Dallas since January 2004.

Williams was 7-for-14 in his first game, including three 3-pointers. He saw the clock was about to expire at the end of the third quarter and put up a shot from about halfway between the Dallas 3-point line and midcourt and banked it in at the buzzer.

"Everyone needs a little luck in their life," Williams said.

With Dallas up 75-73 in the fourth quarter, Williams beat the shot clock on a 3-pointer with Keith Van Horn in his face to give the Jazz the lead. Williams went inside on Utah's next possession, driving the lane and getting an underhanded layup around Nowitzki to put Utah up 78-75.

"He played under control. He hit some big shots, but we'll see him again," Terry said.

Doug Christie got Dallas to 81-80 with 4:20 left, but Okur answered with an open 3-pointer, then his desperation 3 — a shot that even he had to laugh at as he ran back toward the Jazz bench.

Okur was turning around and backing up when he threw up the shot that went in.



Chicago's Tyson Chandler dunks against Charlotte Wednesday during the Bulls' game against the Bobcats in Chicago. The Bulls came back from a 25-point deficit to win in overtime. Chandler had 11 points, including two key baskets in overtime, and 11 rebounds.

Bulls rally from 25-point deficit

• NBA Capsules

Bulls 109, Bobcats 105 (OT)

CHICAGO (AP) — Chris Duhon had the first triple double of his career, and the Chicago Bulls rallied from a 25-point deficit to beat Charlotte.

Duhon finished with 18 points on 5-of-9 shooting, six assists and 10 rebounds in the season opener for both teams.

Tyson Chandler scored 11 points, including two shots in overtime that gave the Bulls a four-point lead, and grabbed 11 rebounds.

Darius Songaila hit a 3-pointer that tied it in the final seconds of regulation and finished with 11 points.

The Bobcats led by 25 in the third quarter and were ahead 89-68 going into the fourth.

Celtics 114, Knicks 100 (OT)

BOSTON (AP) — Ricky Davis scored nine of his 27 points in overtime, when the Boston Celtics went on a 9-0 run to beat New York and spoil Larry Brown's debut as Knicks coach.

Paul Pierce had 30 points and 12 rebounds, and Delonte West had 14 points, nine rebounds and nine assists for the defending Atlantic Division champions. Stephon Marbury scored 22 and Eddy Curry had 19 points and eight rebounds in his first game since learning of a heart problem that led to his trade to New York.

Pierce had just four points in the second half, and just one in the fourth quarter.

He missed one of two free throws with 16 seconds left in regulation and a chance to put the Boston up by three.

Antonio Davis' fade-away jumper with 2.6 seconds left in regulation.

Timberwolves 90, Trail Blazers 86

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Dwane Casey's first head coaching victory came at the expense of an old friend.

Kevin Garnett had 18 points, seven rebounds and seven assists and Richie Frahm hit his first five 3-pointers to lead the Timberwolves over Portland and new coach Nate McMillan, who either coached with or played for Casey in Seattle for the past 11 years.

Darius Miles had 32 points and 11 rebounds and Zach Randolph added 18 and 13 boards, but the Blazers couldn't finish off a fourth-quarter comeback in McMillan's first game after coming over from Seattle in the offseason.



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### Garage Sales

5 FAMILY Sale: 2313 Alledale, Saturday 8:30-12:30. 4x8 Trailer, kitchen items, Xmas items, clothing, lines, tools, Home Interior and misc. items.

BACKYARD SALE, 1420 Tucson. Friday & Saturday, 9:00-3:00. Women's clothes, dishes, furniture, lots of good stuff!

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### Garage Sales

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**Garage Sales**

**SOFTBALL TEAM Fundraiser.** 614 Colgate, Sat. 8-7 Bicycles, swing set, toys, adult & kids clothes, Homemade Burritos & Bake goods. No Early Shoppers.

**THREE FAMILY Carport Sale.** 2225 Lynn, Saturday 8:00-7 Furniture, 2 new butane water heaters, baby items, lots of misc.

**TWO FAMILY Garage Sale.** Friday & Saturday, 8:00-7 2515 Central. Camping supplies, toys, heaters, and lots of everything.

**YARD SALE:** Thursday, Friday & Saturday 8:00-2:00. 701 East 14th. Lots of kid's clothing, toys, videos, household items, furniture, tool box, tools and misc.

**Help Wanted**

**ADDITIONAL INCOME Potential.** E-Z Communications is looking for an independent sales rep. in your area. Will train. Call Aaron for more info. (325)227-9080.

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**WAREHOUSE/ DELIVERY** Wanted for local Rental Store. Benefits include paid vacation, retirement & health insurance. Requirements are back ground check, drug screening, good driving record and be at least 21 years old. Apply in person, Credit World, 1611 Gregg.

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**14X24 PORTABLE** Office Building. Delivery/Financing Available. Call 432)563-3108.

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**2523 Dow.** 3 Bedroom, 1 bath. \$425.00 month, \$150.00 deposit. 1104 Stanford 2 Bedroom, 1 bath. \$335.00 month, \$150.00 deposit. CHA, garage. Call (432)263-1792, 816-9984.

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**CHARMING DUPLEX:** Rent or Sale: 706 13th Street. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath. CH/A, new paint/ carpet, refrigerator, gas stove. No pets. Rent \$350.00, \$200.00 deposit. (432)267-6516.

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**Real Estate for Sale**

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**Vehicles**

**3 New 2004 Ford Freestar Vans**  
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**Legals**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Glasscock County Commissioner's Court will accept bids on November 14, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. for the following  
(1) 1999 Ford Crown Victoria with approximately 104,700 miles.  
The above car was once part of the Glasscock County Sheriff's Department fleet and may be seen at the Glasscock County courthouse. For additional information contact County Judge Wilburn Bednar at (432)354-2382 or County Treasurer Alan Dierschke at (432)354-2415. Bids may be mailed to P.O. Box 67, Garden City, Texas 79739. The court reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted.  
#4778 November 3, 2005.

On 10-18-05, World Radio Link Inc. (WRL) filed application with the FCC requesting consent to the assignment of construction permit for a new FM station on 105.5 MHz at Coahoma TX from WRL to Horizon Christian Fellowship (HCF). The officers directors and shareholders of WRL are Earl Williamson, Diana Atkin and Clark Parrish. The officers director and shareholder of HCF are Michael MacIntosh, Fred Salley, Phillip MacIntosh, Gayle Gordon, Mike Turk, Larry Gordon, Victor Najor, Hank Sybrandt, Jerjes El Raheb, Rudy Bartiz and Tom Phillips. A copy of this application is on file for public inspection during regular business hours at First Bank of West Texas, 500 W. Broadway Rd., Coahoma TX 79511.  
#4761 October 27 & 28 and November 3 & 4, 2005

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Western Container offers a great compensation package, including med dent vision/prescription; 401(k) w/company match; vacation; holidays and more. Send resume: Fax 432-263-8075; Mail: 1600 1st Avenue, Big Spring, TX 79720 or email wccjobsbs@wccpet.com, all attn: HR.

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Rebate -	<-4,500>
*Ford Credit Rebate -	<-1,000>
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**Sale Price \$21,995**  
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#429



**05 Ford 500 SEL**  
6CD - All Power - V6

MSRP -	24,840
Rebate -	-1,500
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By Bil Keane



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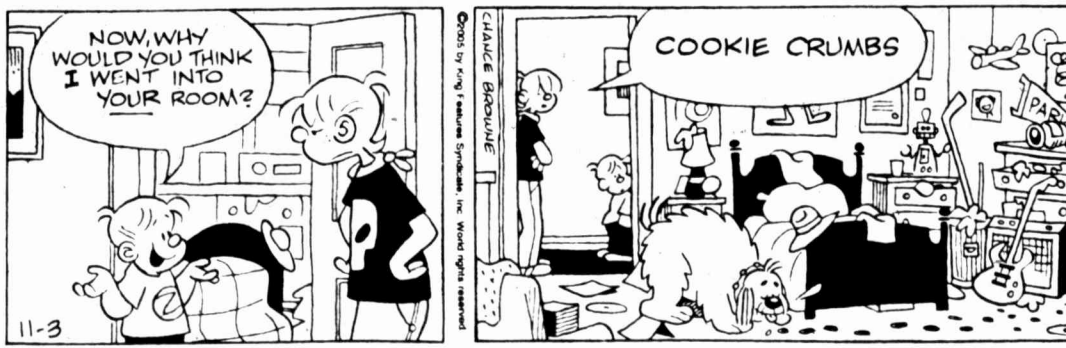
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Nov. 3, the 307th day of 2005. There are 58 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:  
 On Nov. 3, 1900, the first automobile show in the United States opened at New York's Madison Square Garden under the auspices of the Automobile Club of America.  
 In 1868, Republican Ulysses S. Grant won the presidential election over Democrat Horatio Seymour.  
 In 1896, Republican William McKinley defeated Democrat William Jennings Bryan for the presidency.  
 In 1903, Panama proclaimed its independence from Colombia.  
 In 1908, Republican William Howard Taft was elected president, outpuling William Jennings Bryan.  
 In 1936, President Roosevelt won a landslide election victory over Republican challenger Alfred M. "Alf" Landon.

In 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik II, the second manmade satellite, into orbit; on board was a dog named "Laika" who was sacrificed in the experiment.  
 In 1964, President Johnson soundly defeated Republican challenger Barry Goldwater to win a White House term in his own right.  
 In 1970, Salvador Allende was inaugurated as president of Chile.  
 In 1979, five radicals were killed when gunfire erupted during an anti-Ku Klux Klan demonstration in Greensboro, N.C., after a caravan of Klansmen and neo-Nazis had driven into the area.  
 In 1992, Bill Clinton was elected the 42nd president of the United States, defeating President Bush. In Illinois, Democrat Carol Mosely-Braun became the first black woman elected to the U.S. Senate.  
 One year ago: Hamid Karzai was officially declared the winner of Afghanistan's first-ever presidential election after a three-week probe into vote fraud found no grounds to invalidate his triumph.  
 Birthdays: Baseball Hall-of-Famer Bob Feller is 87. Actress Lois Smith is 75. Former Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis is 72. Actor-dancer Ken Berry is 72. Music composer John Barry is 72. Actor Shadoe Stevens is 59. Singer Lulu is 57. Television critic Tom Shales is 57. Actor Mike Evans is 56. Comedian actress Roseanne Barr is 53. Actress Kate Capshaw is 52. Comedian Dennis Miller is 52. Actress Kathy Kinney is 52. Singer Adam Ant is 51.  
 Thought for Today: "Justice is too good for some people and not good enough for the rest." - Norman Douglas, Scottish author (1868-1952).

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# Blessing in disguise

## Out of the Chase, Jeff Gordon instead prepares for '06 title run

By JEFF WILSON  
*Knight Ridder Newspapers*

**A** season that started as the Drive for Five in 2005 for Jeff Gordon made a u-turn toward 2000 some time during the late spring.

That's when "it" happened. Gordon still doesn't know what caused it, but he knew what it meant. Previous experience five years ago told Gordon that his team, which suddenly started to struggle, wasn't capable of winning the Nextel Cup.

That feeling turned to fact in September at Richmond (Va.) International Raceway, where the four-time series champion was eliminated from the Chase for the Cup. He said it was a blessing in disguise.

Missing the Chase, Gordon said last week at Texas Motor Speedway during a test session for Sunday's Dickies 500, reaffirmed to team members that the No. 1 goal is winning championships and drastic improvements need to be made to get Gordon back in the Cup title hunt in 2006.

"We're heading in the right direction to get us success for next year, and that's what I'm excited about," Gordon said. "These 10 races not being in the Chase are all experiences that happen for a reason, and I hope the reason is to get us in position to win for next year and for years to come."

Gordon became the first driver to reach three victories and was third in points after the Aaron's 499 on May 1 at Talladega Superspeedway.

What ensued was one of the worst stretches of Gordon's career. He had only five top-10 finishes and finished 30th or worse seven times in the next 17 races to miss the Chase. He became the casualty of a car that wouldn't allow him to attack the racetrack.

"That's something that we've been missing on this year for whatever reason," he said. "We can't really put our finger on it."

The No. 24 Chevrolet Monte Carlo has particularly struggled on 1.5-mile tracks, where drivers make gains by carrying speed into the corners.

Gordon said test sessions like the one at the 1.5-mile quad-oval in Fort Worth, Texas, are helping his team learn from its mistakes and try to eliminate them.

That would have been difficult to do had he made the Chase. With a points title on the line, drastic changes could have led to disastrous finishes. Now that points don't matter, the 10 Chase races have become pseudo-test sessions.

"We've got to get in there and be proactive to make sure that we make our program better, make our race cars feel more comfortable and get me the feel that I need," Gordon said. "By missing the Chase, it gives us an opportunity to make big changes, not worry about points and really try things."

Things clicked Oct. 23 during the Subway 500 at Martinsville (Va.) International Speedway. Gordon snapped a five-month winless streak on the series' shortest track, one where he has always had success. But he said just being competitive at the two remaining races on 1.5-mile tracks could do as much for team confidence as his seventh career Martinsville triumph.

"A win at Martinsville is definitely going to help that confidence building in the off-season,"

said Gordon, who is breaking in new crew chief Steve Letarte. "If we can come out of these mile and a half tracks with a top five or a top 10 or even leading laps win, a shot to win, that's going to do more for us than even that win at Martinsville."

He did that Sunday at Atlanta Motor Speedway, finishing as the runner-up to Carl Edwards in the Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500.

That effort and the Martinsville win helped wipe out a summer-long hangover that Gordon hadn't felt since 2000, when he struggled early and finished a distant sixth to Bobby Labonte in the points race.

Gordon hopes to experience the same results in 2006 as he did in 2001.

After the off year in 2000, Gordon won his most recent Cup title the next season, and he said the '05 campaign has a similar feel to 2000.

He finished 25th at Texas Motor Speedway that year. TMS remains one of only four facilities — Phoenix International Raceway, Chicagoland Speedway and Homestead-Miami Raceway are the others — where he hasn't won a Cup race.

And he doesn't need the local media to remind him of the missing hardware in his trophy case.

"Oh, yeah, I'm aware of it," he said. "I'm aware of it because there are only four tracks we haven't won at. When you go to a track you haven't won at, it means something. We've been close here. This one would mean a lot, and I know we're capable of doing it."

Sunday was proof that Gordon might be back, for the remainder of this season and beyond.

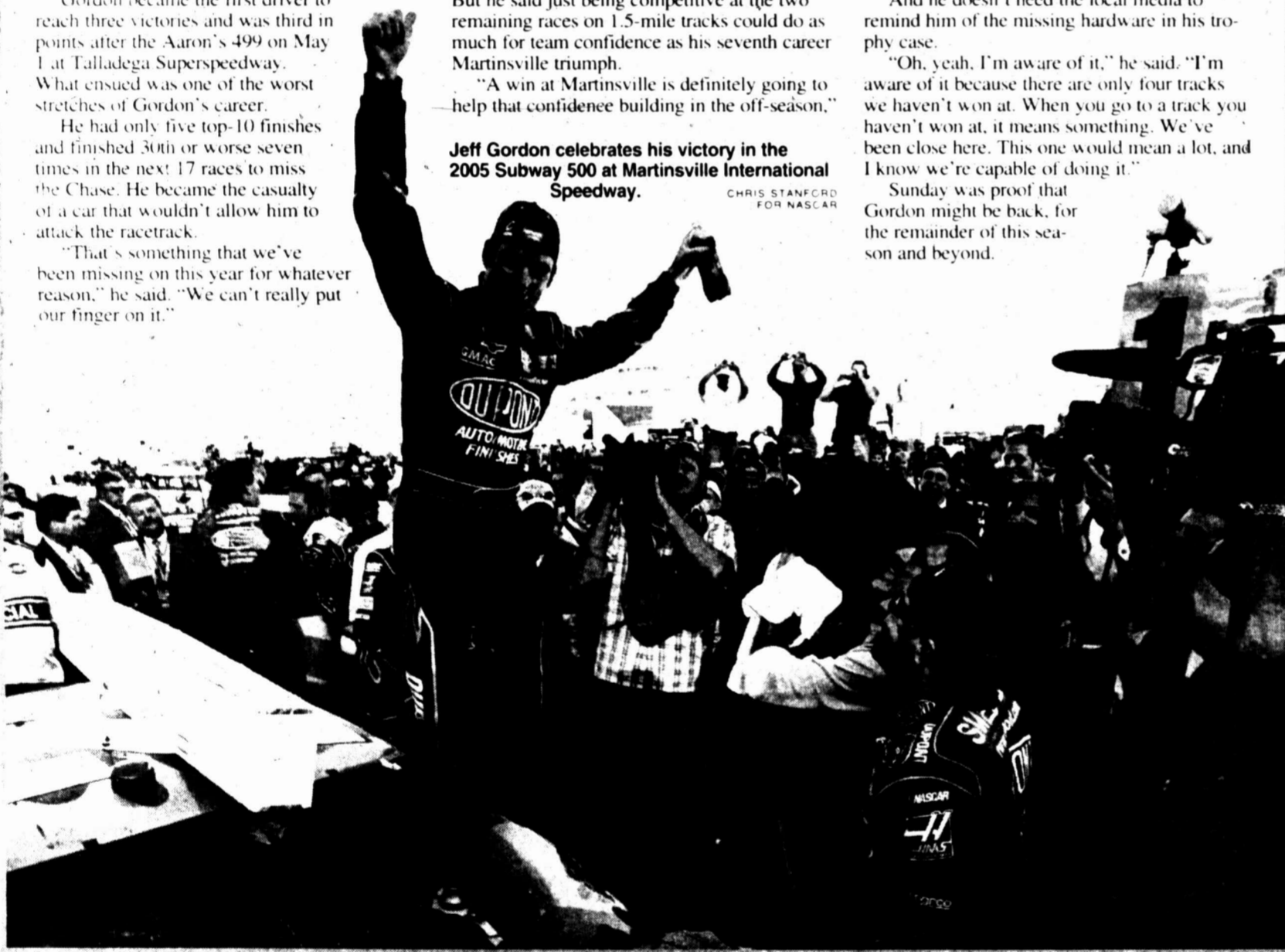


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— Jeff Gordon

Jeff Gordon celebrates his victory in the 2005 Subway 500 at Martinsville International Speedway.

CHRIS STANFORD FOR NASCAR



### RANKINGS

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

**1. Tony Stewart (car No. 20):** Has a bit of breathing room. If he wins one of the last three races, he'll be hard to beat. Last week: 1.

**2. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48) and Greg Biffle (car No. 16):** Johnson's still a strong title contender, but Biffle is, as well. If people lose

sight of that, the No. 16 team might just slip in there and grab this championship. Last week: 2 and 3 respectively.

**4. Carl Edwards (car No. 99):** Three wins with an Atlanta sweep in his first full season is mighty impressive stuff. Last week: 5.

**5. Ryan Newman (car No. 12):** Tied with Edwards in standings, but Edwards sure seems to have better title chances. Last week: 4.

**6. Mark Martin (car No. 6):** Third at Atlanta but still made little Chase headway. Last week: 7.

**7. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17):** Top-five finish at Atlanta leaves him just inside the edge of being out of the Chase hunt. Last week: 9.

**8. Rusty Wallace (car No. 2):** There'll be no fairy tale ending to his Cup career, but he sure gave it his best shot. Last week: 6.

**9. Kurt Busch (car No. 97):** Overdrawn at the luck bank in winning the '04 title; he's paying that back with interest now. Last week: 8.

**10. Jeremy Mayfield (car No. 19):** Changing crew chiefs during the Chase is a pretty good sign a title isn't in the cards. Last week: 10.

For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit [www.thatracin.com](http://www.thatracin.com).

# Crazy as it sounds, team limits might help NASCAR

The idea of limiting the number of teams a Nextel Cup car owner can have sounds, at first, like a song being played on a poorly tuned piano.

Something about it just doesn't sound right. Jack Roush had one of the year's best quotes recently at Kansas Speedway just after NASCAR Chairman Brian France floated the issue to reporters. "It feels like 'Get Shorty' to me," Roush said.

That's understandable, because clearly Roush seems like he'd have the most to lose under the hard cap of three, or perhaps fewer, that France is talking about.

Roush has five teams, and all are in this year's Chase for the Nextel Cup. So, at least on the surface, it seems NASCAR aims to punish Roush for the success he's enjoying — on the business and competitive sides of the sport.

Hendrick Motorsports, which has

four full-time teams, also could argue it's being penalized for success. And to some, that not only sounds wrong, it sounds downright un-American.

We don't know the details of how NASCAR plans to establish and phase in these limits. France said the policies could be announced within weeks, and until those come it's impossible to draw firm conclusions on how such a cap might work and whether it will be entirely fair.

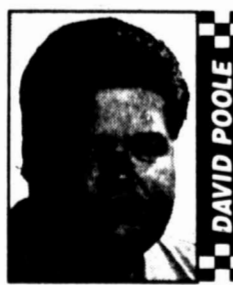
It would be an equally poor idea to reject team limits based simply on the initial questions the concept raises.

NASCAR is right to be worried about the trend toward multicar operations. For starters, the sanctioning body doesn't want to lose any power it holds to run the sport.

If four or five car owners wound up owning five and six teams apiece, that kind of consolidation of resources could lead to a consolidation of power. That's the same road other racing series have stumbled down toward disaster in the past 25 years.

But as tiny as the note struck by the team-limit concept might be, it sounds just as right to say the Nextel Cup Series would be better off, in the long term, with 12 well-funded, well-operated two- or three-car teams than it would be with six five-car teams.

A decade ago, many people in the sport believed two-car teams wouldn't work, much less four- and five-car teams. Roush and Hendrick had the vision to see they could, and they've worked diligently to make that happen. They're enjoying the rewards.



DAVID POOLE

### THIS WEEK'S RACE

#### DICKIES 500

**Where:** Texas Motor Speedway, a paved banked quad-oval located in Justin, Texas.  
**When:** Sunday at 3:10 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 4:10 p.m. Friday.  
**TV:** NBC.  
**Radio:** Performance Racing Network.  
**Purse:** \$6,815,880.  
**Last year's winner:** N/A (This is an inaugural event).

**Also this week:** After a crazy race finish at Atlanta, Ted Musgrave holds a 51-point advantage over Dennis Setzer in the race for the NASCAR Truck Series championship entering Friday night's race at Texas.

Martin Truex Jr. is getting closer and closer to repeating as Busch champion. He holds a 100-point lead over Clint Bowyer entering Saturday's race.

**Worth mentioning:** Four of the 10 Chase drivers have won at Texas — Greg Biffle, Matt Kenseth, Mark Martin and Ryan Newman.

### POLL POSITION

#### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Drivers Carl Edwards and Ryan Newman are currently tied at fourth in the standings. Which one will have the better finish in NASCAR's Chase for the Nextel Cup?

Cast your vote at: [www.thatracin.com](http://www.thatracin.com)

#### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Tony Stewart leads the Chase and has three pursuers within 83 points. Who's going to win it all?

Number of votes: 9,928

Driver	No. of votes	Percent
Tony Stewart	6,082	61%
Jimmie Johnson	2,031	21%
Greg Biffle	691	7%
Someone else	732	7%
Ryan Newman	392	4%

### STOP 'N' GO

#### WHO'S HOT

- Tony Stewart** has led the most laps in 11 of the 33 races this season, more than any other driver.
- Carl Edwards** has five top-10 finishes in his last six races, including a win last weekend.
- Jeff Burton** has finished in the top 10 in his last two races.
- Jeff Gordon** has finished first and second in his last two races. He has climbed from 17th to 12th in points, 42 points out of 11th.

#### WHO'S NOT

- Michael Waltrip** has not scored a top-10 finish since June at Michigan.
- Rusty Wallace** has finished 24th, 19th and 37th in the last three Chase races.
- Since his Talladega victory, Dale Jarrett** has finished 30th or worse in three races and 14th last weekend at Atlanta.

— Jim Utter

### BY THE NUMBERS

#### NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Oct. 30:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Tony Stewart	6100	21. Ricky Rudd	3388
2. Jimmie Johnson	6057	22. Kasey Kahne	3377
3. Greg Biffle	6025	23. Michael Waltrip	3267
4. Carl Edwards	5993	24. Casey Mears	3215
5. Ryan Newman	5993	25. Bobby Labonte	3187
6. Mark Martin	5957	26. Kyle Petty	2995
7. Matt Kenseth	5945	27. Jeff Green	2980
8. Rusty Wallace	5843	28. Dave Blaney	2967
9. Kurt Busch	5840	29. Mike Bliss	2953
10. Jeremy Mayfield	5790	30. Sterling Marlin	2938
11. Jamie McMurray	3782	31. Ken Schrader	2913
12. Jeff Gordon	3740	32. Scott Riggs	2806
13. Elliott Sadler	3722	33. Scott Wimmer	2805
14. Kevin Harvick	3711	34. Travis Kvapil	2785
15. Joe Nemechek	3693	35. Mike Wallace	2214
16. Brian Vickers	3617	36. Bobby Hamilton Jr.	2021
17. Dale Jarrett	3583	37. Robby Gordon	1854
18. Jeff Burton	3524	38. Jason Leffler	1538
19. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	3489	39. Kevin Lepage	1338
20. Kyle Busch	3485	40. Terry Labonte	1001

#### BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Oct. 22:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Martin Truex Jr.	4511	11. J.J. Yeley	3410
2. Clint Bowyer	4411	12. Greg Biffle	3355
3. Carl Edwards	4140	13. Ashton Lewis	3353
4. Reed Sorenson	4082	14. Johnny Sauter	3301
5. Denny Hamlin	3842	15. Stacy Compton	3069
6. Kenny Wallace	3768	16. Jon Wood	3047
7. Paul Menard	3710	17. Justin Labonte	2997
8. David Green	3520	18. Randy LaJoie	2792
9. Jason Keller	3504	19. Kevin Harvick	2749
10. David Stramm	3457	20. Tony Raines	2509

**NEXT RACE:** Saturday, O'Reilly Challenge, Fort Worth, Texas.

#### TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of Oct. 29

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Ted Musgrave	3158	6. Mike Skinner	2823
2. Dennis Setzer	3107	7. Jimmy Spencer	2769
3. Ron Hornaday	2915	8. David Starr	2737
4. Todd Bodine	2902	9. Ricky Craven	2709
5. Bobby Hamilton	2844	10. Matt Crafton	2707

**NEXT RACE:** Friday, Silverado 350, Fort Worth, Texas.

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