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Moore directors approve budget, to assist college

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The board of directors for Moore Development for Big Spring approved the agency's 2006-2007 budget Wednesday evening, with the focus in the coming year set firmly on marketing and economic development.

With revenues estimated between \$1 million and \$1.2 million in tax revenue this year, the board voted unanimously to accept the budget, which will be presented to the Big Spring City Council for final approval in the coming months.

Sticking mainly with the numbers developed during a special budget workshop held a week prior, the board did approve an additional \$5,000 for the agency's workforce development program.

According to Kent Sharp, executive director

of Moore Development, the funds would cover a project currently being developed between the economic development entity and Howard College.

"Raul Marquez and I met with representatives from the college on a laptop program for the college RN (registered nurse) program," Sharp told the board.

"The program would provide the college with approximately five laptop computers that the students in the program could check out."

According to Marquez, many of the students in the RN program don't have computers at home, putting them at a distinct disadvantage.

"Many of the classes in the nursing program are done online now," said Marquez. "Some of the students are single moth-

"Some of the students are single mothers who don't have computers at home. This program would allow them to take the laptops home and take the courses from there."



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In their honor

Freedom Parade is all about veterans

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

COAHOMA — William H. "Pop" King, Carl Dale Reid and Earnest Alexander Richters. They all have something in common. They are all veterans and they are all grand marshals at this year's Freedom Parade, set here Saturday morning.

"That's what this parade is all about. It's about veterans. Every veteran," said Quail Dobbs, a member of the parade board.

See comments about the grand marshals on Page 3

Each year, on the Saturday closest to Independence Day, this community holds the Freedom Parade, a means to show pride in their country, honor patriotism and salute the men and women who have served and are serving their nation.

Bicycles, three-wheelers, wagons and carts occupied by red-white-and-blue-clad children draw smiles and laughter from spectators who line up along North First Street to watch the parade. Antique or classic automobiles and pickups join in, along with tractors that date from the early 1900s to brand new.

"We'll have awards for the best car, pickup truck, float, bicycle, kids' ride and tractor," said Dobbs. The parade will begin at 10 a.m.



An area youth drives a tractor in a recent Freedom Parade in Coahoma. This year's parade will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday. The public is encouraged to attend.

after lining up at the football stadium north of the community and proceed south on North First, otherwise known as FM 820, through downtown to the north service road along Interstate 20. It will turn east to Sixth Street and back north to the city park.

"We'll have a car and tractor show at the park following the parade," said Dobbs.

There will be a people's choice award for each show, along with

prizes to the top three vehicles. Booths will offer ice cream, hamburgers, hot dogs, chili dogs and other food, along with plenty of drinks, said Dobbs.

The First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma will be sponsoring an inflatable slide for the children. Participation is by donation, and all funds earned will go to the United Way of Big Spring and

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Herald Web site getting facelift

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

The *Herald's* Web site is getting a facelift.

Big Spring Herald Publisher Susanne Reed announced this week that the newspaper's Internet site, located at www.bigspringherald.com, is being updated to offer even more services for customers.

The changes are scheduled to be complete by Saturday, Reed said.

New services offered at the site include:

- Calendar of events — Customers will now be able to check on upcoming community and sports events through our Web site.

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Big Spring police officers investigate the scene of a one-car accident at College Park Shopping Center Wednesday. Reports state that the driver of this vehicle lost control and ended up crashing through the entrance of West Texas Dialysis Center. No injuries were reported in the incident.

Protect against mosquito-borne illness, DSHS warns

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

They're a pesky and annoying part of the summer season, but with the threat of West Nile virus looming on the horizon, area residents may want to give mosquitoes — and the ways to protect themselves against them — a second look.

According to Jim Schuermann, a spokesperson with the Zoonosis Control Group at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the answer is only a spray away.

"Use a good insect repellent. Use it every time you are outdoors. That's the No. 1 thing people can do to protect themselves

Be safe!

DSHS offers these recommendations when using or handling insect repellents:

- Store insect repellent at the front and back doors of your home and apply when you go outside. Keep extra repellent in outdoor areas such as patios and decks.
- Mosquito-proof your house. Make sure door seals are secure and window screens are intact.
- Drain standing water from around your home. Empty cans, buckets, tires, rain gutters and saucers under potted plants regularly. Change the water in pet bowls, bird baths and wading pools several times a week.
- Limit the amount of time you spend outdoors from dusk to dawn. These are times when those mosquitoes likely to carry infections are most active.

from mosquito-borne illnesses," said Schuermann. "It's tough

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PRECIOUS PETS CONTEST

Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is holding a "Precious Pets Photo Contest" to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Entry is \$5 per pet and all proceeds will go to the network, which is an alliance of children's hospitals.

Winners will be selected by the credit union employees. All photos will be displayed, and entrants do not have to be a member of the credit union to participate.

Registration and photos must be received by Friday, July 29, at 1110 Benton in Big Spring.

For more information, call (432) 263-8393.

MENCHACA LAID TO REST

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The remains of Texas soldier captured and brutalized in Iraq were buried Wednesday following a funeral mass attended by hundreds of veterans, local residents, and area dignitaries and officiated by a Catholic bishop and a dozen area priests.

Pfc. Kristian Menchaca was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and a Prisoner of War medal.

Menchaca, 23, was one of three soldiers to die after a June 16 insurgent attack at the checkpoint they were guarding.

See article, Page 5.

A REAL WHOPPER

BENTON, Ky. (AP) — These fish stories were, in fact, too good to be true.

Two fishing buddies were charged with 10 felonies after being accused of cheating in fishing tournaments on Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley on the Kentucky-Tennessee line.

Dwayne E. Nesmith, 43, of Island, and Brian K. Thomas, 31, of Dawson Springs, were indicted on nine counts of theft and attempted theft.

The men allegedly stashed five live bass in a fist basket at the Relay for Life Buddy Bass Tournament, then scooped them up for the weigh-in.

The two men were arrested Tuesday.

Obituaries

Diego Olague



Diego Olague, 76, of Big Spring died Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at his residence. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born July 1, 2006, in Big Spring to Gregoria and Manuel Olague. Diego married Elva Rubio Jan. 23, 1949 in Big Spring. He worked for Texas and Pacific Railroad for 15 years and then worked for Bettle Womack Construction until retiring. Diego was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. His hobbies were his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Elva Olague of Big Spring; three sons, Diego Olague, Jr. and his wife Norma of Edinburg, Orlando Olague and his wife Priscilla and Arthur Olague and his wife Cruz, all of Big Spring; a sister, Paula Ortega of Big Spring; nine grandchildren, Lisa Salinas and her husband Robert, Suzanne Olague, John Olague, and Diego Olague, all of Edinburg, Tessa Olague and her husband Gary Watkins of Big Spring, Orlando Olague, Jr. and his wife Jessica of Arlington, Arthur Olague, Jr. and his wife Heather of Lubbock, Aaron Olague and his wife Nikki of Odessa, and Adrian Olague of Big Spring; 10 great-grandchildren, Justin Olague, Gary Watkins, Brinly Watkins, Kaeman Watkins, Aaron Michael Olague, Shawn Marcus Olague, Jazmyne Salinas, Darian Salinas, Nathan Salinas and Gabriella Olague.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Johnny Olague; two brothers, Manuel Olague, Jr. and Tomas Olague; and three sisters, Jovita Villareal, Francisca Yanez and Irene Alarcon. Pallbearers will be Arthur Olague, Jr., Aaron Olague, Orlando Olague, Jr., Justin Olague, Diego Olague, John Olague, and Adrian Olague.

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

Paid obituary

Carliss Buck O'Neal Jr.

Carliss Buck O'Neal Jr., 55, of McHenry, Ill., a former resident of Stanton, died Feb. 9, 2006, at his home. Memorial services are set for 4 p.m. Sunday, July 2, 2006, in the chapel at Cedar Lawn Memorial Park in Sherman.

Mr. O'Neal was born on July 2, 1950, in Montezuma, Kan. He spent the majority of his life in Texas with many years residency in Stanton, which he regarded as his home until 1991.

He was a self-employed carpet layer in Illinois for many years. He was a member of the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 188, the Masonic Lodge No. 158, the Tebala Shrine of Rockford, Ill., and past president of the Tebala mini bikes.

Survivors include two sons, Perry Landon O'Neal and Brandon O'Neal, both of Stanton; one daughter, Amy O'Neal of Stanton, who is currently stationed in Hawaii while serving in the U.S. Army; two sisters, Connie Berry of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Carla Kennedy of Tyler; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carliss Buck O'Neal Sr. and Oletha Randles O'Neal, and an infant twin brother.

Willa Poindexter

Willa "Willie" Poindexter, 72, of Big Spring, died Thursday, June 29, 2006, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

POWER HOUSE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST will have some good food available from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Turkey dinners include turkey and dressing, baked ham, green beans, butter corn, baked yams, bread and dessert for \$6. Barbecue on a bun includes potato salad, beans, onions and pickles for \$4. Pecan pies are \$7 and chocolate cakes are \$6. Come and place an order at 1311 Goliad or call 263-6239.

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

COAHOMA FREEDOM PARADE begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at the football stadium and continues to the park. Prizes for floats will be awarded in several categories. Booth spaces for vendors are free and available by contacting Shyrlee Reid at 393-5545.

THE PET PATROL helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STEER BAND 10-YEAR REUNION for classes 1970 to 1980 is planned July 28-29. Send name and addresses to Steer Band Reunion P.O. Box 103 Big Spring, 79721 or go to the Web site www.bigspringsteerband.org. For more information or to leave a message, call 263-2205.

THE COAHOMA ALUMNI REUNION WILL BE HELD AUG. 5 in the Coahoma Elementary School Cafeteria.

9:30 a.m.- Coffee and donuts
10 a.m.- Business meeting
10:30 a.m.- Visitation
Noon- Lunch with keynote speaker C5 Galaxy Pilot Major Helm (Class of 86)
2:30 p.m.- Awards and memorials
3 p.m.- Auction to benefit the community scholarship fund for High school seniors
4 p.m.- Concert by Jody Nix (Class of 70) and the

Police blotter

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

- **LORENZO YANEZ**, 32, of 502 State, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **SERGIO ALVAREZ**, 18, of 1002 N. Main Street Apt. 38, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **EMILIA ALVAREZ**, 19, of 807 Wyoming, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of interfering with a police officers duties.
- **SHAMAR MYLES**, 20, of 538 Westover Road Apt. 250, was arrested Wednesday on three local warrants.
- **KEITH DEWAYNE KELLY**, 23, of 1002 N. Main Street Apt. 17, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **PEDRO BRISENO JR.**, 23, of 1411 Virginia, was arrested Wednesday on charges of public intoxication and assault Class C - family violence.
- **DAVID GONZALES JR.**, 18, of 805 Lancaster, was arrested Thursday on a Howard County warrant.
- **VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER - ENHANCED** was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Sheriff's report

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

- **DARRELL SCOTT SHULTZ**, 23, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **SUMMER DAWN TEETERS**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for theft of services and a Midland County warrant for theft by check.
- **KENNETH MARUTZE DAVIS**, 32, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

Fire/EMS

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

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. Service was refused.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported near the intersection of Interstate Highway 20 and North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of 15th Street and Gregg. Service was refused.

Support Groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

TUESDAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. The next meeting is March 28. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

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

Texas Cowboys

5 p.m.- Class meetings
Tickets covering the meal and all activities are \$10 for alumni, \$7 for spouses and \$5 for children.

Early ticket sales will end July 22, but tickets will also be available at the door.

Send check to Rae Nell Best, PO Box 77, Coahoma 79511

Updates are available at www.coahomaisd.com <<http://www.coahomaisd.com>>

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1986 20th REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Kelly at 816-4540.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1996 10th YEAR REUNION** needs addresses and contact information for classmates. Call Mindy at 267-6524 or 267-7631.

• **FORSAN EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ALL-CLASS REUNION** is Aug. 5. Names, addresses and class years for Forsan exes are needed. Submit information or pictures for a newsletter before June 15 to Ida Lou Raney, 5216 Dawson Dr., Big Spring or call 432 267-2414, Jimmy Anderson at 432 267-6143 or Opal Stout at 325 574-2150, or e-mail hiraney@crcom.net.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977** is gathering addresses for the 30th reunion. Mail contact information to Emily Boyd, 10817 Sandpiper Lane, Dallas or e-mail emilyboyd1@aol.com.

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

- Coahoma Freedom Parade begins at 10 a.m. and runs south on North First Street from the football stadium through downtown. A tractor show and classic car show will follow at the city park.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

- Pops in the Park at Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. Gates open at 5 p.m., entertainment starts at 6 p.m. with Los Greenos. Parade of Flags and symphony, chorus perform at 7:45 p.m. Pictorial tribute to service men and women at 9:20 p.m. and fireworks display at 9:45 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Highland South Fourth of July Parade begins at 10 a.m. from Stonehaven and Highland Drive and proceed to Highland and Goliad.
- Funtastic Fourth Festival in Heart of the City Park begins at 10 a.m. and runs until midnight. Games, food, rides, Battle of the Bands throughout the day. Mickey and the Mortor Cars will play for a street dance that night. No admission fee.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. Light and variable winds becoming south around 10 mph in the afternoon.

Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

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

Sunday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s.

Monday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Independence day...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-19-22-31-41-43. Number matching six of six: 1. Prize: \$26 million. Winning ticket sold in: Dallas. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$4 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 17-20-34-35-37. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-4-8

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Freedom Parade grand marshals

William H. (Pop) King

Mr. King was the first draftee from Mitchell County after Pearl Harbor. He participated in WW II from 1943-1946, serving in the European Theater, including France, Belgium, Germany and North Africa, where he was captured by the Germans and held prisoner in a POW camp. After his release he was injured in a jeep accident in Bastonge, Belgium. Upon returning to the United States, he received many distinguished service medals, including the Purple Heart.



He retired from farming and carpentry and worked as a door greeter at Wal-Mart for five years. He currently enjoys gardening and his church. He and his wife of 59 years, Lucille, have three children, nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren and are expecting three new great grandchildren in the coming year.

Pops is very active in the POW organization and the DAV chapters.

Carl Dale Reid

Mr. Reid is a lifetime resident of Howard County and veteran of WWII, having entered active service Sept. 26, 1944. After basic training in the Army, he was shipped out to the Asiatic Pacific Theater. He was sent to Hawaii, the Marshall Islands and then on to Siapan for additional training before being sent to Okinawa, where his unit joined up with the 27th division in taking control of the island.



He spent time on several other islands during the war, including Gotemba, Xoriyama, Hokkaido, Soppora, Guam and also in Tokyo and Yokahama, Japan. He received combat medals and commendation medals for his service in the Asiatic Pacific Theater. He returned home to friends and family May 21, 1946.

Mr. Reid is the youngest son of the late Hiram and Dona Reid. He had two brothers, clay and Juil, both deceased. He married Mabel Earlene Edens Dec. 14, 1941. She has since died. They raised five sons, Billy Carl, Phillip, Royce, Mike and Donald.

Earnest Alexander Richters

Mr. Richters entered the service Jan. 26, 1945 in Midland. He took basic training at Fort Sill, Okla. and was subsequently trained to fire 105s. He was sent to the Philippines but by the time he arrived, the war was over. So he became part of the "mop-up" crews who disarmed live ammunition. While in the Philippines, he told his first sergeant there was a live, unstable 35 mm round in the tent. The officer said not to worry. It went off, killing three men.



Mr. Richters was shipped to Tokyo. Japan in time for Christmas of 1945, where they dumped live ammo in the ocean.

He had purchased kimono dresses for his girls and a 25 mm saddle gun for his son, but someone stole them on the boat home.

He was shipped home after Christmas and docked in Seattle, Wash. He tells the story that he was given \$10 and bought the biggest T-bone steak with a big ring of fat that he could find, served with fries and ketchup.

He was put on a train to El Paso but was put off on a side rail somewhere in New Mexico and almost froze to death before he found a lieutenant who got them back on track. He was discharged at Fort Bliss. They wanted him to stay and get his front tooth fixed by he said "no." he wanted to go home and see his family.

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Howard County. First Bank is also supplying water for all of the parade participants.

That includes anyone who wants to take part.

"All you have to do is show up. Just line up with everyone else at the football stadium and that's it," said Dobbs. If you get there late, just grab on to back of the line and hang on.

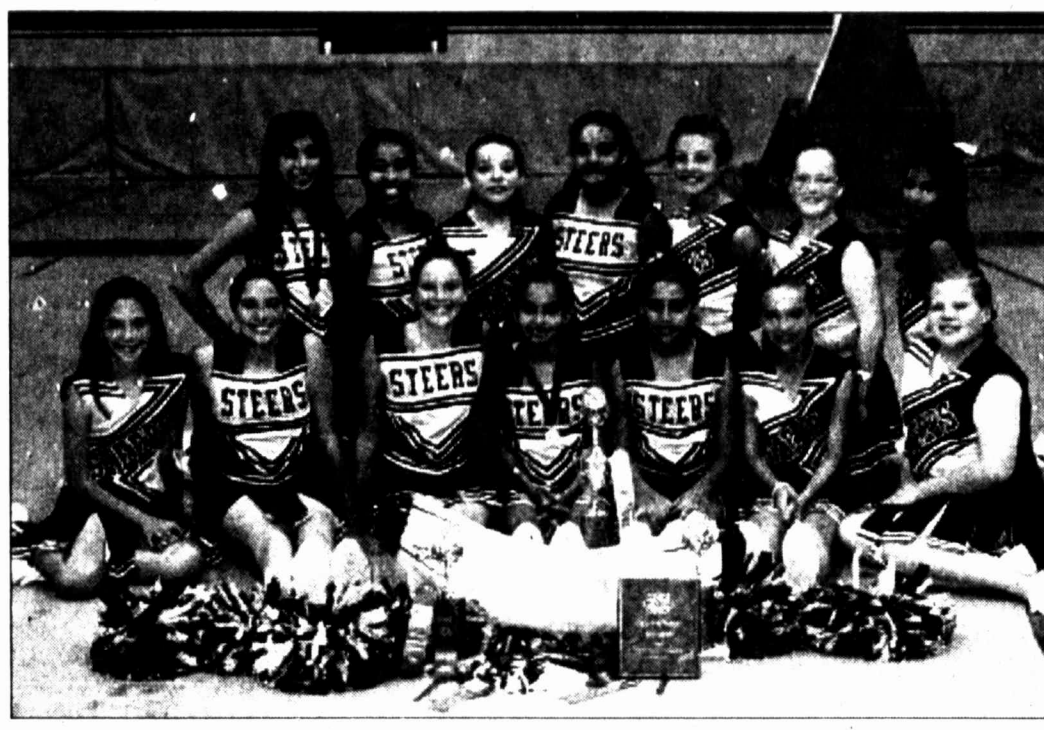
"You don't have to be

there by a certain time," confirmed Dobbs. "Just as long as you are there by 10 a.m."

There is no charge, of course to participate or spectate, and no admission either to view the car and tractor shows.

Foster families needed

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



Courtesy photo
Big Spring Junior High School cheerleaders bagged five awards at the Howard College Cheerleading Camp. They were voted Most Spirited and Most Improved Squad, and placed first in extreme dance, second in camp cheer and third in home cheer. They are, front row, left to right: Cassie Boeringer, Valarie Ross, Taryn Kennedy, Elle Torres, Abigail Fierro, Ambra Hill and Aaron Arispe; second row, left to right: Patricia Morales Opal Gonzales, Allison Perez, Jillian Valle, Scarlet Robertson, McKenzi Metcalf and Meagan Constanco.

MOORE

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ers who don't have computers at home. This program would allow them to take the laptops home and take the courses from there."

Sharp said providing broadband Internet service is another concern Moore Development and Howard College face in the program.

"If they don't have a computer, it's unlikely they are going to have a broadband Internet connection, which is necessary to take the classes online," said Sharp. "We're hoping to reach an agreement with one of the local Internet service

providers to try to get students service at their homes, at least while they are students."

Sharp said the college would retain ownership of the computers. "One of the things we looked at was ownership, and the college has a lot more teeth when it comes to getting the students to return the lap tops," said Sharp. "They are able to hold transcripts and items such as that until the computer is returned, so right now we're thinking the college will maintain ownership."

The 2006-2007 budget will also include two new proposals, including assistance with Howard College instructor salaries in its nursing

program. During the previous budget workshop, Sharp asked directors to approve \$31,000 in add-ons to the salaries, on the grounds that it would help the college secure high quality nursing instructors, which in turn would help the program produce high-quality nurses for this area.

Directors also penciled in \$50,000 for a legislative consultant, who would help Moore Development with several issues possibly developing out of the state capital.

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

SITE

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• Breaking news — Aside from coverage of local events, the Web site will now offer readers the latest in state, national and international news from the Associated Press wire, Reed said.

• Stock market quotes — Customers will be able to quickly check on how their stocks per-

formed.

• Interactive polls — To garner more feedback from the community, the Web site will regularly feature a reader poll on issues facing Big Spring and Howard County, Reed said.

Other features and services are being considered, and will be added to the site in the near future, Reed said. Subscription costs to the site will remain the same.

Subscription costs are: \$2 for seven days; \$8.65 for 30 days; \$25.95

for 90 days; and \$93.42 for one year.

"We believe these changes will make our Web site more user-friendly and interactive," Reed said. "With the Internet changing on an almost daily basis, we know we have to change with it."

For more information, contact the Herald at 263-7331.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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to tell people to wear long sleeves and long pants in the Texas heat."

According to Schuermann, West Nile virus can cause serious illness in humans.

"Mosquitoes get the virus from feeding on infected birds," said Schuermann. "West Nile virus cases usually begin in late spring, peak in early August and continue through the fall. Last year, 128 human cases of West Nile virus were reported in Texas, including 11 deaths."

"West Nile virus is here. We know it's not going away. Now is the time people need to think about prevention," he added. "If you go outside, wear repellent."

Schuermann said consumers should look for insect repellents that contain DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.

According to a 2005 DSHS analysis, 60 percent

of the people who got the most serious forms of West Nile infection never used repellent.

"Use a good repellent on bare skin and follow the directions on the label," said Schuermann. "DEET is the standby because it's long-lasting and effective. Picaridin-based repellents are new, tend to smell better and are less oily. Lemon eucalyptus-based repellents are ideal for people who are sensitive to — or just don't like using — chemical repellents."

West Nile virus is not as wide spread as some might think, according to Schuermann, but the risk it poses certainly warrants taking precautions.

"The risk of exposure to West Nile virus is relatively small. Not all mosquito species can transmit the virus. Of the species that can, only about one in 100 mosquitoes will carry the virus," said Schuermann.

"Eighty percent of people infected with West Nile virus have no symptoms

and recover on their own. But the virus can cause serious illness."

According to Schuermann, symptoms of the milder forms of West Nile illness include fever, severe headache, muscle and bone aches, nausea and drowsiness. Symptoms of more serious forms of West Nile illness include a stiff neck, visual problems, altered taste, body tremors, mental confusion, memory loss and seizures. Symptoms usually appear from three to 14 days after a person is bitten.

Schuermann said the people most at risk of developing symptoms include those older than 50 and those with compromised immune systems.

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"If West Nile illness is suspected, people should contact their local health care provider," said Schuermann. "A blood test can confirm a West Nile infection. There is no specific treatment for West Nile infections."

For more information visit the DSHS Web site, www.dshs.state.tx.us.

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OUR VIEWS

Freedom Parade in Coahoma will kick off holiday

It's a must see. Every year, Coahoma stages its Freedom Parade during the Fourth of July holiday. This year the parade is scheduled for Saturday and will honor three veterans in particular — William H. "Pop" King, Carl Dale Reid and Earnest Alexander Richters.

Those three will serve as grand marshals for the parade, always held on the Saturday closest to Independence Day.

The community holds the Freedom Parade to show not only show pride in our country, but to honor patriotism and salute the men and women who have served and are serving their nation in the military.

And it is always an impressive sight. Bicycles, three-wheelers, wagons and carts occupied by red-white-and-blue-clad children draw smiles and laughter from spectators who line up along North First Street to watch the parade. Antique or classic automobiles and pickups join in.

And then there are the tractors — some dating back to the early 1900s while others will look as if their owners have just taken delivery from the implement dealer.

According to Quail Dobbs, a member of the parade committee, awards will be given for the best car, pickup truck, float, bicycle, child's ride and tractor.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. after lining up at the football stadium and proceed south on North First (FM 820) through downtown to the north service road along Interstate 20. It will turn east to Sixth Street and back north to the city park.

Following the parade a car and tractor show is scheduled at the park. There will be a people's choice award for each show, along with prizes to the top three vehicles.

Booths will offer ice cream, hamburgers, hot dogs, chili dogs and other food, along with plenty of drinks, said Dobbs.

The First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma will be sponsoring an inflatable slide for the children. Participation is by donation, and all funds earned will go to the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. First Bank is also supplying water for all parade participants.

That's one of the best parts about this parade — participants can be just about anyone.

"All you have to do is show up," Dobbs explained. "Just line up with everyone else at the football stadium and that's it. You don't have to be there at a certain time, just as long as you're there by 10 a.m."

If you get there late, just grab on to back of the line and hang on.

We can't think of a better invitation.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we find Your loving blessings, Lord, in everything.

Amen

Gore's doomsday talk mostly politics

Science always saves man from his own excesses. Whether it be by eliminating disease or finding ways to overcome the damage we do to our planet, the men of science always rescue us, and there's no reason to believe the same won't be true if global warming actually progresses to the point it endangers mankind.

The idea that all the horrible things man does to the environment will result in catastrophe may be the currently in-vogue doomsday theory, but it's not the first. Man might have been wiped out by Plague, decimated by Smallpox or destroyed by Polio, but smart men and women, driven by demands of the free market, figured out how to neutralize these threats.

Disease, however, was not created by man. So, to understand just how ridiculous the idea that global warming will result in the destruction of the Earth really is, we must look back to the 1970s and that decade's liberal-created impending catastrophe — the population boom theory.

This theory, once very popular among Democrats, said that the population was growing so quickly that all these new people would overwhelm the Earth's resources. This would lead to widespread starvation, riots and all sorts of other terrifying things. To combat

the population boom, we would all have to change how we live, let the government decide how many children we can have and generally do a lot of the same things we're supposed to do to save ourselves from global warming.

Of course, the population boom never happened. The population increased, but the demand for food led to scientific innovation. Any starvation that has occurred since the '70s has happened due to distribution problems, not an overwhelming crush of people overtaking our ability to feed everyone.

None of this history has stopped Al Gore from telling America that global warming represents a unique crisis that can only be averted by doing whatever he tells us to do. Rid yourselves of SUVs, demand that big businesses "go green" and embrace whatever half-baked alternative energy sources Gore's left-wing allies would have you use.

Nothing more than a clever political gambit, the threat of global warming allows Democrats like Gore to attack capitalism without looking like the socialists they are. For Gore and his allies to get to tell everyone what to do, global warming has to be a threat that can only be solved by government taking over and making everyone live the "right" way.

Whether you believe in the global warming theory or choose to be skeptical, any student of the history of man would hardly panic at the threat. The only inconvenient truth here is that there's no reason to believe that this particular

end-of-the-Earth scenario requires the intervention of government.

If the emission of greenhouse gases and our consumption of fossil fuels has truly damaged the planet, then science will solve the problem when the economics make sense. Since global warming represents little more than a possible threat, not one that impacts our daily lives, that time has not yet arrived.

Al Gore says that this crusade isn't about politics, that it's about saving the planet. Unfortunately, Gore only wants to save the Earth so he can reshape its people in his image. The former vice president wants a world in which the government decides what's best for everyone, and if he has to threaten people with annihilation to get us to listen, than he's more than willing to play that card.

Fortunately, some of us have a pretty clear memory of not dying of Smallpox and remember never having been involved in the food shortages that the population boom most certainly should have caused by now. The melting of the ice caps and the promise of even scarier hurricanes makes for a really terrifying campaign speech, but for Gore to pretend it's anything more than that should make us question who's telling the real truth.

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Popular scorn of gays can inspire attacks

Did you help beat up Kevin Aviance? You might not know him; I'd never heard of the 38-year-old singer before mid-June. I read he's had a couple of hit songs; One called Alive topped Billboard's dance music chart in 2002, as did another, Din Da Da, in 1997.

Aviance may be a stranger, but you might have played a role in his brutal beating even if you weren't near the corner of First Avenue and 14th Street in Manhattan's East Village after midnight June 11. A group of men followed Aviance, shouting slurs and throwing objects at him before pouncing, breaking his jaw and injuring his left knee.

Aviance, I should mention, is a 6-foot-3 drag queen who performs in wigs, makeup and flashy gowns, although on the night of the attack, he was wearing what his publicist called "boy clothes." Aviance had just left the Phoenix, a gay bar two blocks away at 13th Street and Avenue A. The slurs, of course, were of the anti-gay variety.

"We're going to kill you, ___!" the perpetrators reportedly yelled before their attack.

Three men — including one from the neighborhood — and a 16-year-old have been arrested in connection with the assault. But there were millions of accomplices.

Aviance is among a class of people whom countless Americans — and more than a few opportunistic politicians and intolerant preachers — regard as repugnant to moral, righteous society, a mold on the cotton-pure fabric of our imagined Ward-and-June-Cleaver realm. Homosexuals are portrayed by these minions as a vague yet

ominously potent danger to the culture simply because they haven't hidden their sexual orientation to the satisfaction of the Godly masses.

Polite homophobes would never countenance violence against gays, though they energetically advocate the marginalization, stigmatization and denial of the fundamental freedoms of homosexuals. But it's self-delusion to believe polite scorn, and violence bred of that same scorn, could be unrelated.

"You're part of the continuum if you hold the opinion," Clarence Patton, executive director of the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, told me. "What those people on the streets are doing is the dirty work of the issue you're connected to. People may want to imagine one has nothing to do with the other, but if you believe the marginalization of any group is OK, that marginalization has to be enforced."

Gay-bashers are the enforcers, just as lynch mobs and night riders once did the dirty enforcement work that polite racists would never, ever endorse. Not openly, at any rate.

"You might think that your little nonviolent self isn't connected to all this stuff, but you are," Patton said.

When the president himself and half of Congress endorse a constitutional amendment denying gays the hitherto inalienable right to pursue happiness — in this case, through marriage — the sentiments inevitably trickle down, said Jeff Raymond, a bartender at the Phoenix. "When you have the leader wagging his finger at homosexuals, it just gives everyone license to say, 'Yes, those people are the problem,'" Raymond told me.

The Anti-Violence Project, which tracks reports of attacks on gays, has noted sharp increases whenever gay-related issues draw the spotlight, Patton said. Gay-bashing reports nationwide surged 26 per-

cent after the Supreme Court's 2003 Lawrence decision nullifying state anti-sodomy laws, he said. Attacks climbed another 8 percent in 2004 when defense-of-marriage amendments hit the ballot in 11 states. Following the Massachusetts Supreme Court's 2004 ruling opening the door to same-sex marriage in that state, reported attacks in Massachusetts surged 30 percent, Patton said. (What didn't happen, incidentally, was any discernible change to life in Massachusetts following the ruling.)

Also, attacks tend to spike in June — Gay and Lesbian Pride Month — Patton added.

The East Village is undoubtedly one of the least likely places for a gay-bash attack. It's a fabulously funky potpourri of cultures, languages, generations, professions and interests. Why would a gang of brain-dead thugs pick on a homosexual in a neighborhood like this? Because animosity toward gays is the last and most enduring brand of bigotry still openly and proudly proclaimed in America.

I spoke with patrons of the Phoenix a short time after the attack on Aviance. Most seemed to be in a state of uneasy denial, insisting the East Village is still safe and that the attack was an aberration. Yet all acknowledged the connection between efforts to demonize gays and the potential for violence against them.

"It's disconcerting, certainly," said Jason Woempner, who knows a thing or two about society's scorn having grown up gay in Indiana. "The ban on gay marriage is obviously going to contribute to an environment where things like that can happen."

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Soldier killed in Iraq remembered for his devotion to duty, family

By LYNN BREZOSKY

Associated Press Writer

BROWNSVILLE — The remains of Texas soldier captured and brutalized in Iraq were buried Wednesday following a funeral mass attended by hundreds of veterans, local residents, and area dignitaries and officiated by a Catholic bishop and a dozen area priests.

Pfc. Kristian Menchaca was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and a Prisoner of War medal.

Menchaca, 23, was one of three soldiers to die after a June 16 insurgent attack at the checkpoint they were guarding. He and another soldier, Pfc. Thomas Tucker of Madras, Ore., went missing for three days before their bodies were recovered. The third soldier,



Pfc. Menchaca

Sp. David J. Babineau, of Springfield, Mass., died in the attack. Diocese of Brownsville Bishop Raymond Pena spoke during the bilingual mass of Menchaca's valor and sacrifice. Some of Menchaca's relatives crossed the border to be with his family. His mother, Maria Vasquez, was born in Mexico and his family now lives largely in Brownsville.

His wife, 18-year-old Christina Menchaca, lives in Big Spring.

"News reports about the circumstances of Kris' death in Iraq could lead us to an unholy rage and anger, but that would only dishonor Kristian's very name and Kristian himself," Pena said. "We must, as he did, reach for the ideal: to work for peace and an end to conflict wherever we may find it."

Local residents carrying U.S. flags lined the route of the funeral procession, and workers emerged from area businesses, some in fast food uniforms or nursing scrubs, to join them.

Menchaca has been described as a quiet young man who was newly married and devoted to the Army. He hoped his military experience would qualify him for a career with the U.S. Border Patrol.

Border Patrol agents joined police and uniformed veterans lined up at the cemetery as a Fort Campbell honor guard carried the flag-covered coffin to the grave.

Christina Menchaca shook with sobs during the gun salute and the trumpets playing taps. Vasquez cried uncontrollably on the soldier of Menchaca's older brother, Julio.

"My little boy," she said. "He was only 23."

Together they pressed their faces to the coffin and cried.

Ram Chavez, a commander of the Hispanic veterans group American GI Forum, drove down from Corpus Christi with his veterans' band to play music at the funeral.

He said he was glad to see that military were honored —

unlike when he returned wounded from Vietnam.

"We know how it was at that time," he said. "We want to make sure we honor young men and women coming back today as it wasn't a big deal when we came back," he said.

Rachel Ayala, a school district official who has been acting as spokeswoman to the family, said the family would never forget the outpouring of community support.

"I just want to reassure this nation that Kristian may have died in hatred, but his spirit will always live on in love," she said.

Menchaca was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division from Fort Campbell, Ky.

Supreme Court ruling could affect November election

AUSTIN (AP) — Both Republicans and Democrats claimed victory Wednesday after the U.S. Supreme Court upheld most of Texas' congressional map, but the ruling could cast the November elections into disarray.

The court upheld most of the pro-Republican Texas congressional map engineered by former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, but threw out one huge district. A federal three-judge panel

will determine whether a new map will have to be crafted before voters head to the polls.

"Today is a clear victory for our state as the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Texas' redrawing of a gerrymandered map, and preserved the vast majority of the redrawn districts," said Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican.

The court said that the 23rd Congressional District, represented by Republican Rep. Henry Bonilla, failed to protect

minority voting rights. The ruling was a small victory for Democratic and minority groups who accused Republicans of an unconstitutional power grab in drawing boundaries that booted four Democrats from office.

"We see this as a very major victory for the Latino community, which is the main reason we were in this case," said attorney Rolando Rios, who represented the League of United Latin

American Citizens, a Hispanic rights group that was one of the plaintiffs in the case.

Some 100,000 Hispanics living in Webb County, home to Laredo, had been shifted out of the 23rd District, which sprawls from San Antonio south to Laredo and as far west as Hudspeth County near El Paso. Foes of the plan had argued it violated the Voting Rights Act which protects minority voting rights.

The plan's "troubling

blend of politics and race — and the resulting vote dilution of a group that was beginning to achieve (the federal law's) goal of

overcoming prior electoral discrimination — cannot be sustained," Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote.

News briefs

Worker phones for help after train severs legs

CLEBURNE (AP) — A rail yard worker who lost his legs when a train ran over him used a cell phone to report that he was trapped and had been "cut in two." Truman Duncan, 36, remained in critical condition Wednesday at a Fort Worth hospital after the Sunday accident at the Gunderson Southwest rail yard in Cleburne.

In a tape of the 911 call, Duncan tells the operator that he was run over by a rail car.

Duncan, of Cleburne, and a co-worker were attempting to couple eight railcars to three others when the accident occurred, according to a police report. Duncan may have been attempting to cross the tracks and was hit by the train, or he could have fallen from a car and been pulled under, police said.

Two indicted in school muffin case

DALLAS (AP) — Two teenagers were indicted by a grand jury Wednesday on felony charges in connection with the delivery of marijuana-laced muffins to the teacher's lounge of a suburban Dallas high school last month.

Ian McConnell Walker and Joseph Robert Tellini, both 18, each face five counts of assault on a public servant, third-degree felonies that carry sentences of up to 10 years total.

Rachel Raya, a spokeswoman for the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, said that the two could face up to 20 years in prison if convicted and the court finds a controlled substance was involved.

Walker's attorney, Tim Menchu, said in a story in Wednesday's online edition of The Dallas Morning News that he was disappointed by the indictment.

Officials said 18 school employees at Lake Highlands High School were hospitalized May 16 after eating the drugged snacks, but no one was seriously injured.

Walker later apologized and said he had participated in a senior prank gone terribly wrong. Tellini has declined to speak with the media.

Coast Guard cadet sentenced to 6 months for sexual misconduct

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP) — A military jury sentenced a Coast Guard cadet to six months in prison and kicked him out of the service Wednesday for extorting sexual favors from a classmate.

Cadet Webster M. Smith, the first student court-martialed in the academy's 130-year history, was acquitted

of rape but had faced up to five years and seven months for extortion, sodomy, indecent assault and other charges.

Defense attorneys for Smith, 23, of Houston, asked the jury to spare him jail time, saying the stigma of his conviction will follow him forever. He will not graduate from the Coast Guard Academy and must register as a sex offender in Texas.

"I am ashamed to have been the first cadet to have been court-martialed, but I am proud of my decision to fight for my career and freedom," Smith told the jury.

Prosecutors had asked the jury to send Smith to prison for three years, saying he had disgraced the Coast Guard and betrayed the nation's trust.

"You get to tell your fellow Coast Guardsmen, with everyone looking at our service and our academy, whether or not that's a big deal," said Cmdr. Ronald Bald, the prosecutor.

The case involved four female cadets, but the jury acquitted him of sexual misconduct charges, including rape, involving three of them. The primary charges on which he was convicted stemmed from a series of sexual encounters with a classmate in her dorm room.

The classmate said she was too afraid to protest because she feared Smith would reveal a secret that could have jeopardized her Coast Guard career.

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The year Edgar Kaplan won the Life Masters Individual (1957), he also reported the tournament for the Bridge World magazine.

The Individual is a special type of event where the participants take turns playing with each other, as contrasted with pair and team contests where you play steadily with a partner of your own choice.

Naturally, when you play with a succession of strange partners, some of whom might have wild flights of fancy, almost anything can happen — and does. As Kaplan commented

in his report: "There are three factors in the winning of this event. You must play reasonably well; you need a lot of fortitude; and you must be enormously lucky. Luck is the theme of this article, as it should be in one about the Individual."

After describing several hands in which he was both lucky and unlucky, Kaplan discussed the accompanying hand, which came up near the end of the final session.

"This was the luckiest of all. As South, I hold no brief for my partner's three-notrump bid, although it won the tournament for me. I had done my damndest to scream that my hand was worthless except at clubs. But there I was at three notrump.

"I won the heart queen in dummy, East's king falling. I led the nine of clubs (not the seven) to the king, and West put on the ace. West shifted to a low diamond, and the jack forced the ace. A diamond return rode to the king. Now I led a club, finessed the eight and made ten tricks for a top.

"You see, I was lucky enough to have Norman Kay on my left, in the West position. Never in his life has Norman been guilty of so bad a play as winning the first club if he could hold up, so the finesse was marked.

"Obviously, the secret of winning Individuals is to make sure that your opponents are more expert than your partners."

Tomorrow: Pre-emptive defense.

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Camry Hybrid

Its affordability is likely to make it a sales winner

By MATT NAUMAN

Knight Ridder Newspapers

It's easy to think of Toyota's Camry as a monolith, as an always-has-been, always-will-be, seems-like-everybody-has-one family sedan.

But the Camry constantly evolves, and the new hybrid version is just the latest in a long line of innovations.

Over the past two decades, the Camry has grown larger, more powerful and more expensive.

In years past, you could buy a Camry wagon, and Toyota does sell a two-door coupe and convertible version, calling it the Camry Solara.

These days, the Camry is a mid-size sedan, but it comes with three choices of powertrains and in five trim levels. Prices range from \$18,270 to \$27,520. Add a few options, and you can pay \$30,000 for a Camry.

The result is you can buy a Camry that feels like a good value but little-noticed workhorse or one that closely resembles a Lexus. That's the brilliance of Toyota, and why this car has been the best-selling passenger car in the United States for eight of the last nine years.

The 2007 Camry Hybrid is the one making the most news, not surprising in a season of \$3.50-a-gallon gasoline.

So, obviously, there's one number that's most important when it comes to discussing the new Camry Hybrid. And, no, it's not the gas mileage.

It's the base price of \$25,900. That's the key ingredient in making this gas-electric vehicle truly mainstream.

Yes, the hybrid Camry is more expensive than either of the base versions of the four-cylinder CE at \$18,720 or even the base V-6 LE at \$23,040.

But features such as air conditioning, 16-inch wheels, a JBL stereo with an iPod jack and cruise control — all standard on the Camry Hybrid — make it a very well-equipped choice.

And since the average price of a new car in 2005 was nearly \$28,000, well, the new Camry Hybrid will seem downright affordable to many families looking to replace their old Camry with a new one.

Now to that other number.

The window sticker of the car I test drove said it would get 40 mpg in city driving and 38 mpg on the highway. In a week of combined driving, I got right at 33 mpg. That's good, not great.

While I'm persuaded to

drive greenly when I'm piloting a Prius, I did less of that in the Camry Hybrid. I drove as I usually do, which meant fairly quick starts from stop lights and somewhat late braking.

The result was periods of higher gas mileage sandwiched between slices of more ordinary numbers.

The exterior of the new Camry is prettier than in the past car, a good mix of square and swoopy. To me, only the prominent nose with the horizontal grille and Toyota badge takes getting used to.

The hybrid version is nearly identical to the other models, aside from a unique grille, LED tail lamps and the subtle "hybrid" badge found above the wheel and the "Hybrid Synergy Drive" logo on the trunk lid.

On the inside, the car is delightful. There's the two-tiered illuminated instrument panel, and a sky-blue background to the climate, audio and navigation controls.

Seats are comfortable without



The 2007 Toyota Camry Hybrid

For a family car, a vehicle that no doubt will be used for carrying strollers and snowboard, for bags of both the potting soil and duffel variety, that's a real compromise.

I showed a young couple the car — they were on the waiting list for it — and the trunk size pro-

duced serious frowns. The rear seats split and fold, ostensibly to increase that cargo space, but there's that same battery tower blocking the way. You can maybe stick in a pair of skis, or something else long and skinny, but very little else will fit.

It's a little early to say how much people are paying for the new Camry Hybrid. Toyota has sold 3,118 of them since it went on sale in late April. The sticker price on the one we tested was \$30,667. According to

edmunds.com, people are paying about \$26,000 for a Prius, about \$29,500 for a Ford Escape Hybrid and about \$36,500 for a Toyota Highlander Hybrid.

On the road, the new Camry Hybrid had more acceleration than the four-cylinder version but not as much power as the V-6.

Toyota engineers add up the horsepower and come up with something called Sericin from silkworm cocoons to make the seats softer on your skin. I wonder if the folks at Avon know about this stuff?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's www.fueleconomy.gov site says the four-cylinder, manual gas Camry gets a combined 34 mpg, the four-cylinder automatic a combined 33, the V-6 automatic a combined 31 and the hybrid a combined 38.

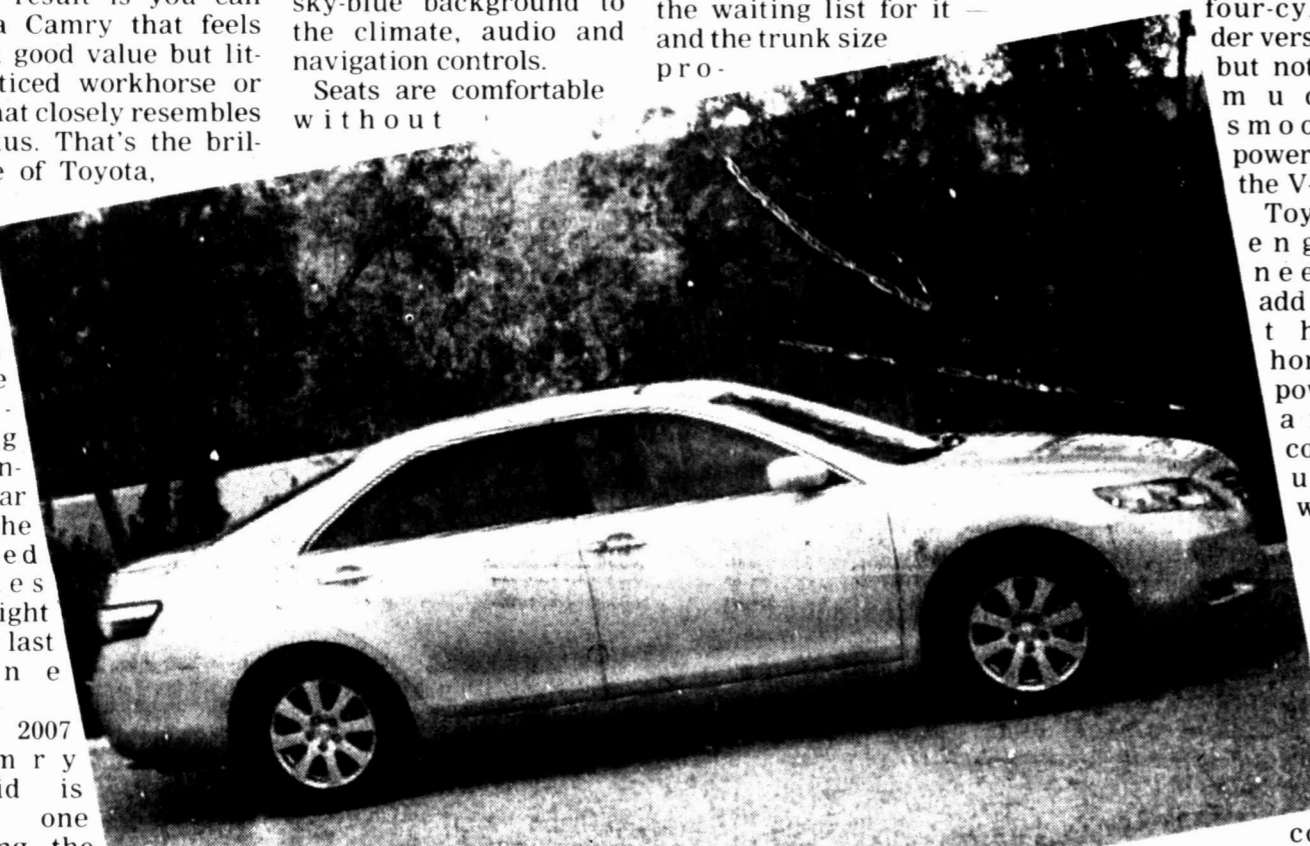
The site also points out that the Camry Hybrid will put out 4.8 tons of greenhouse gas emissions

a year, the four-cylinders will produce 6.6 to 6.7 tons and the V-6 7.2.

The V-6 is rated ULEV-II (ultra low emissions vehicle, or 50 percent cleaner than the average new car), the four is PZEV (partial zero emission vehicle) and the Hybrid an AT-PZEV (advanced technology PZEV, or 90 percent cleaner).

Considering its green appeal, and its attractive pricing, the new Camry Hybrid ought to do well for Toyota.

Only its truncated trunk might give some buyers pause.



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IN BRIEF

Softball touney set for July 15-16 at Cotton Mize Park

The first-ever Ball Busters Softball Tournament will take place July 15-16 at Cotton Mize Field inside of Comanche Trail Park.

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

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

Sandlot softball touney set for this weekend

A softball touney hosted by the Big Spring sandlot softball team will be held Saturday and Sunday at Cotton Mize Park inside of Comanche Trail Park.

The top three teams will receive trophies, the top two teams get T-shirts and there will also be MVP and golden gloves honors awarded as well.

For more information, contact Ben Flores at 267-4226 or 813-1062.

BSGSA to hold ragball touney

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association (BSGSA) will be having its annual co-ed ragball touney Friday and Saturday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

The cost of the touney is \$110 per team and each team will play at least six games.

Interested participants can register at the complex between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. June 30. The first game starts at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Ron Shafer at 432-213-3747.

BSHS announces softball camp for middle of July

Big Spring head softball coach Jennifer Reyes, along with her assistant coaches, will be having a softball skills camp July 10-14.

The camp will run from 8 a.m. to noon daily and is for first through ninth graders. It also costs \$25 per participant.

For more information, call 263-8527 or 270-2711.

HC sets boys summer basketball camp dates

The Howard College men's basketball coaching staff and players will be conducting two camps this summer and both camps will take place in July.

For more information, call 264-5040. Enrollment is limited.

Mavs draft Ager, the Wade-stopper they lacked

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — A week too late, the Dallas Mavericks might've finally found someone to cover Dwyane Wade.

The Mavs drafted guard Maurice Ager of Michigan State with the 28th pick in the first round Wednesday night and coach Avery Johnson immediately called him the shooting-guard defender the team lacked this past season, which ended in a loss to Wade and the Miami Heat in the NBA finals.

"We were looking for a guy who can be a shut-down guy at the 2 spot," Johnson said. "We

didn't think we had that on our team last year."

The weakness was exposed in the finals, when Wade scored at least 36 points in each of Miami's four wins. Dallas used various defenders and defensive schemes to slow him, all to no avail.

Ager said he watched the finals and was rooting for the Mavericks.

"Hopefully next year I'll be there to help them get over the hump," Ager said via phone from New York, where he attended the draft and cried upon hearing his name announced. "It's great, it's a perfect situation going on there. I love the way they play. I think things are going to work

out perfect."

The 6-foot-5, 202-pound Ager played four seasons for the Spartans under hard-nosed coach Tom Izzo, who values defense about as much as Johnson.

"At the end of the game, he's a guy that they would put on another guy to get stops," Johnson said.

Johnson stressed that Ager also impressed the Mavs with his scoring ability. His average rose every year, peaking at 19.3 as a senior. He averaged 12.5 for his career.

That's important to Dallas because last season's primary starter at Ager's spot was Adrian Griffin, whose lack of offense

ended up costing him his starting job. Griffin is a free agent who may not be re-signed; Ager's presence may make that even less likely.

"As much as we stress defense, now, coming out of this season, we want to have guys that can defend, but we also need guys that can score," Johnson said.

Izzo told Johnson that Ager can do that, especially when it matters most.

"I asked coach Izzo, 'Who did you throw the ball to in the last two minutes of games?'" Johnson said. "He said, 'Hands down, Maurice. Believe it or not, you may be able to count on him in those situations next year.'"

Pedro gets warm reception ... kind of

The Associated Press

Pedro Martinez got a warm welcome from the Fenway Park fans — and a rude awakening from his former Boston teammates.

The former Red Sox ace was greeted by the adoring crowd with chants of "Pedro! Pedro!" as he warmed up before the bottom of the first inning. He promptly gave up four runs in that inning, four more in the third and spent the rest of the game on the sidelines as baseball's hottest team went on to a 10-2 win over the New York Mets on Wednesday night.

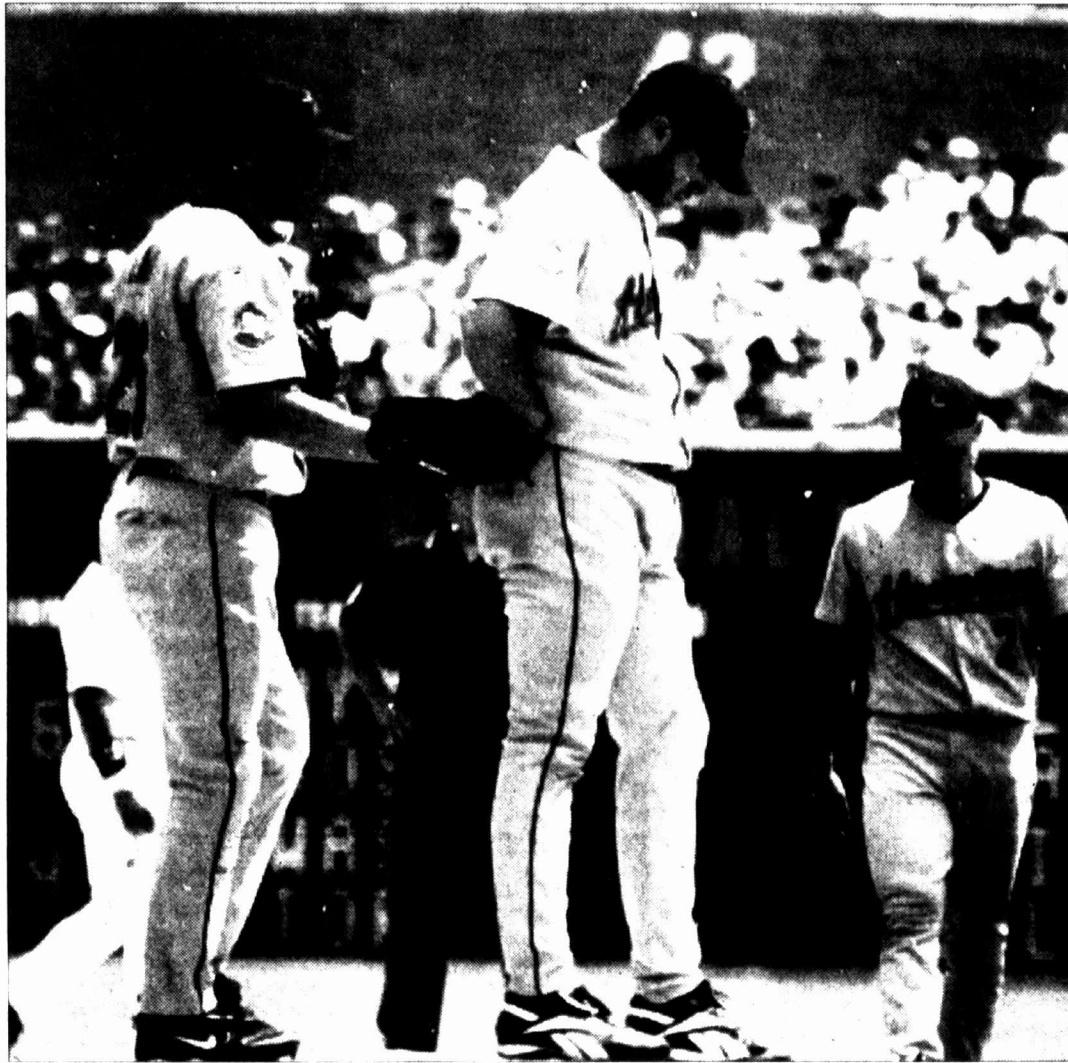
But after his worst performance in two seasons with the Mets, the right-hander who won two Cy Young Awards with the Red Sox and the hearts of their fans still flashed the charming smile they had seen so often during his seven seasons in Boston.

"It's not disappointing at all," Martinez said. "The reception I got, I will always remember that as one of the best moments of my life."

When Jason Varitek came to bat against his former batterymate, it was a strange moment.

"It was very weird," the catcher said, but "he got the respect and ovation from the fans that he so well deserved."

In other interleague games, it was: Chicago White Sox 4, Pittsburgh 3; New York Yankees 4, Atlanta 3, 12 innings; St. Louis 5, Cleveland 4; Detroit 5, Houston 0; Minnesota 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 3; San Diego 8, Oakland 1; Baltimore 7, Philadelphia 4, Game 1; Baltimore 12, Philadelphia 5, Game 2; Tampa Bay 3, Florida 1; Toronto 6, Washington 1; Cincinnati 7, Kansas City 2; Seattle 10, Arizona 3; Colorado 6, Los Angeles Angels 2; and San Francisco 5, Texas 1.



MCT photo/Kirithmon F. Dozier/Detroit Free Press
Houston Astros pitcher Andy Pettitte stands dejected on the mound after giving up a run in the sixth inning. The Tigers defeated the Astros, 5-0, Wednesday at Comerica Park in Detroit.

In the lone NL game, Chicago beat Milwaukee 6-3.

With the victory, Boston extended its winning streak to 11 games — all against NL teams and its longest in 11 years.

Martinez (7-4) allowed eight runs, six earned, and acknowledged he was caught up in the emotion of the moment. His ERA rose from 3.01 to 3.45.

Boston's newest pitching star, Josh Beckett, allowed two runs and five hits with seven strikeouts and one walk in 7 2-3 innings, five days after retiring his first 16 batters in a 10-2 win over Philadelphia.

White Sox 4, Pirates 3

Pittsburgh set a team record with their 13th

consecutive defeat, blowing a three-run lead in the seventh.

Juan Uribe's bases-loaded triple keyed visiting Chicago's four-run comeback. The Pirates put two runners on in the ninth against closer Bobby Jenks, but Jason Bay struck out to end it.

The Pirates broke the modern-era club record of 12 straight losses set in 1939.

Yankees 4, Braves 3

Alex Rodriguez turned boos to cheers with a two-run homer in the 12th, rallying host New York.

Marcus Giles had put the Braves ahead with a solo shot in the top of the 12th.

Jorge Sosa (2-10) walked Jason Giambi with one

out. Rodriguez, mired in a 2-for-20 slump, then drove a 3-1 pitch far beyond the left-field fence for his 16th homer.

Ron Villone (1-1) escaped a bases-loaded jam in the top of the 12th.

Twins 6, Dodgers 3

Johan Santana pitched seven shutout innings and Torii Hunter hit a grand slam to lead host Minnesota to its seventh straight victory.

Joe Mauer went 2-for-3 with a walk to improve his major league-best batting average to .392.

Santana (9-4) allowed two hits and struck out nine to increase his big league-leading total to 124. The left-hander finished June 5-0 in six starts.

Joe Nathan struck out

all three batters in the ninth for his 13th save.

Cardinals 5, Indians 4

Jhonny Peralta's throwing error, one of two by Cleveland in the ninth, helped the host Cardinals end an eight-game losing streak.

Catcher Kelly Shoppach dropped So Taguchi's pop fly just in front of home to start the inning for a two-base error and Aaron Miles' RBI double off Bob Wickman (1-3) with one out tied the score. Miles scored from third when Peralta's throw on David Eckstein's grounder eluded first baseman Victor Martinez.

Tigers 5, Astros 0

Justin Verlander pitched three-hit ball for eight innings and surging Detroit took advantage of several defensive miscues by visiting Houston.

The Tigers, who have the best record in baseball, have won six straight. Verlander (10-4) struck out seven and walked none.

Andy Pettitte (6-9) yielded five runs and 10 hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Giants 5, Rangers 1

Ray Durham hit a grand slam to give Noah Lowry all the run support he needed to win for only the second time in nine starts for the host Giants.

Lowry (3-5) pitched into the eighth for his second victory since beating Houston on May 8 in his return from the disabled list.

John Rheinecker (3-2) lasted only four innings for the Rangers.

Rockies 6, Angels 2

Garrett Atkins drove in the go-ahead run with an infield single in the eighth, and Jorge Piedra added a three-run double for visiting Colorado.

Sharapova cruises into Wimbledon's third round

By STEPHEN WILSON

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — Another day, another easy win for Maria Sharapova.

The 2004 champion overpowered Ashley Harkleroad 6-2, 6-2 in 67 minutes Thursday to reach the third round at Wimbledon. The match was slightly tougher than her 51-minute 6-2, 6-0 win the previous day over Anna Smashnova.

The third-seeded Russian had too much power and consistency for the 76th-ranked American, who had reached the second round for only the first time in four attempts.

Sharapova, her shriek-like grunts carrying beyond the Court 2 stands, took control by winning 14 of 16 points at one stretch in the first set. She fin-

ished with 27 winners and 12 unforced errors. Harkleroad, mostly on the defensive, had four winners and seven errors.

Sharapova saved a break point — the only one she faced — and needed five match points before she closed out the contest when Harkleroad sent a backhand wide.

Defending champion and three-time winner Venus Williams was up later against Lisa Raymond, with top-seeded Amelie Mauresmo facing Samantha Stosur.

On the men's side, 1992 champion Andre Agassi, 2002 winner Lleyton Hewitt, two-time runner-up Andy Roddick and French Open champion Rafael Nadal were all scheduled to play second-round matches.

Getting the day off was Roger Federer, who says he's never

been in such dominant form so early in the championships — a scary thought for any player planning to stop him from winning his fourth straight title on the All England Club grass.

"I've had a different kind of draw, where people are expecting me to struggle more," the top-ranked Swiss star said. "That I came through that convincing obviously gives me a lot of confidence. Sends out maybe a little bit of a message for the other players."

Federer looked untouchable Tuesday as he routed four-time semifinalist Tim Henman 6-4, 6-0, 6-2 on Centre Court to reach the third round, extending his grass-court winning streak to 43 matches. He dropped only seven games in his previous match against Richard Gasquet, who was coming off a grass-court

tournament win in Nottingham.

"In beating two such great players so convincingly, I think it definitely gives you the feeling that you're playing very well," Federer said. "I have the feeling I'm playing excellent. And that is for me good to know. I don't need to fight for rhythm or fight for this is or that. It's all here already."

Federer considers Roddick, the player he beat in the last two finals, and Hewitt as his most realistic challengers.

Federer showed no mercy against Henman, one of his closest friends on the ATP Tour.

"It's not a lot of fun beating a friend like this, that's for sure," he said.

Federer strolled to victory after saving two break points — the only ones he faced in the match — at 4-3 in the first set.

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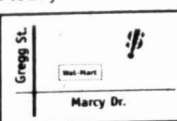
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WRAPPING UP

While Fox Sports ends this season's Cup coverage at Daytona, it looks ahead to 2007

By DAVID POOLE
McClatchy Newspapers

Fox Sports not only says goodbye for the 2006 Nextel Cup season after Saturday night's Pepsi 400, it also bids farewell to summertime visits to Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla.

But from 2007 through at least 2014, the term of the eight-year contract that constitutes NASCAR's second network television deal, the network's crews will take up residence in central Florida for the Daytona 500, stock-car racing's showcase event.

A great deal has happened in the six years since Fox did its first NASCAR race in the 2001 Daytona 500, including an Emmy award for the best live sports series in 2005. But even as his team wraps up its work for this season, Fox Sports president Ed Goren is asking them to look ahead.

"We won an Emmy a couple of months ago and that was wonderful," Goren said last week after a meeting of the Fox team in Sonoma, Calif. "What's important now is what are we going to do next? I am challenging everyone on our team to get better."

Last year, Fox averaged a 6.0 rating for races shown on the network. That was the highest rating for a NASCAR package ever, and the last major sport to average a record rating in a season was the NFL in

1981. Over the term of the contract that began in 2001, Fox has averaged a 5.6 rating, up 12 percent from the 5.0 average for races aired on networks in 2000.

"NASCAR has exceeded our expectations," Goren said. "When you fight as hard as we did to work out a new deal and ... come away knowing that for eight years we will have the Daytona 500 every year, I think that speaks to our enthusiasm for the sport."

Fox will have fewer races in the new contract — 13 compared with 16 in the current deal. Fox will also have the Budweiser Shootout plus two Truck Series races.

TNT will air six races after Fox's final Cup event next year, which would be Dover under the current schedule. ESPN and ABC take over for the remainder of the season, with ESPN getting six Cup events and ABC showing the Indianapolis race and then the 10 Chase for the Nextel Cup events. ESPN, ESPN2 and ABC will carry the entire Busch Series schedule. Speed will have the 150-mile qualifying races at Daytona, the NASCAR Nextel All-Star Challenge and the balance of the Truck Series schedule.

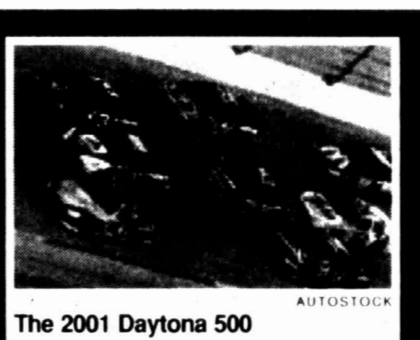
The deal's total value is around \$4.5 billion, with Fox paying \$1.64 billion, ESPN/ABC about \$2.16 billion and TNT around \$650 million.

Goren said Fox hopes to continue to build the Daytona 500 into one of the nation's top-level sports events by promoting it heavily in the weeks leading up to each February's Speedweeks.

"The Daytona 500 was always a great event," he said. "But over the past five years has established itself as one of the sport's calendar must-see events."

"We will use the Fiesta, Orange and Sugar bowls, the BCS championship game and the NFC postseason, so there will be more eyeballs watching Fox Sports building up to the Daytona 500 every year than ever before."

Goren vividly



The 2001 Daytona 500

“That first Daytona 500, even before the final lap when Dale Earnhardt died, was probably as emotional as a day in broadcasting as I have ever had.”

— Ed Goren, Fox Sports president

remembers the beginnings of NASCAR on his network.

"When we signed football, hockey and baseball, I could have told you as soon as we signed the deals what direction we would be going in and who the people were that we would hire," Goren said. "With NASCAR I didn't have that comfort level and that scared the heck out of me. (But) I was so proud of how the group came together."

"That first Daytona 500, even before the final lap when Dale Earnhardt died, was probably as emotional of a day in broadcasting as I have ever had. ... The emotion we had going into and going through that day, and then it went beyond anything we could have imagined."

If Goren plans major changes in Fox's approach to NASCAR he's not about to tip his hand. "We've already given everybody a road map to copy," he joked.

But he's proud of the stability Fox has had with its talent, including Mike Joy, Darrell Waltrip and Larry McReynolds in the booth and Chris Myers and Jeff Hammond leading the prerace show.

"Either we're stubborn, or we hired really outstanding people to work our shows," Goren said. "I'd like to believe, and I truly do believe we've made some outstanding talent choices."

While recognizing it's inevitable Fox will be compared to the ESPN/ABC approach beginning next year, as it was with the NBC/TNT team in the current deal, Goren said he doesn't plan to spend a lot of time worrying about what his competition is doing.

"It's not about who's coming in, it's about us," Goren said. "I don't worry about what somebody else is going to do, but I sure do worry about how we're going to grow."



Goren



RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

- 1. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48):** Back into the top spot after a one-week hiatus that really ticked off Johnson's fans. Last week: 2.
- 2. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17):** Not a stellar day at Sonoma, finishing 17th. Never had a top-five finish at Daytona. Last week: 3.

3. Kasey Kahne (car No. 9): Kahne is now third in the standings, but 13th place is closer to him than he is to first. Last week: 1.

4. Greg Biffle (car No. 16): Strong fourth at Sonoma. His Pepsi 400 victory in 2003 is his only top 10 at a plate track. Last week: 7.

5. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): Daytona provides an outstanding opportunity for this team to flex a little bit of muscle. Last week: 5.

6. Mark Martin (car No. 6): Pepsi 400 is the 75th plate race of all time. Martin, Ken Schrader and Sterling Marlin have run 'em all. Last week: 6.

7. Tony Stewart (car No. 20): Last year's Pepsi 400 win was part of a magical stretch for this team. It needs more of that now. Last week: 4.

8. Jeff Burton (car No. 31): Sixth in points, which is the highest he's been since fourth after Las Vegas in 2003. Last week: 8.

9. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): Looks to be first to win back-to-back races since Carl Edwards at Atlanta and Texas last fall. Last week: 12.

10. Denny Hamlin (car No. 11): How tight is the race to the Chase? He was 12th at Sonoma but still fell out of the top 10. Last week: 9.

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

Nothing's a sure bet in Nextel Cup racing

Here are some thoughts that incubated on the red-eye from California.

The last time Nextel Cup teams headed into a restrictor-plate race, Greg Biffle was in big trouble, and nobody thought much about Denny Hamlin's chances of making this year's Chase for the Nextel Cup.

The Aaron's 499 at Talladega, Ala., on May 1 was the season's ninth race, and after eight races Biffle was 21st in the standings and Hamlin was 18th.

Two months later, the circuit goes back to Daytona for Saturday night's Pepsi 400. Eight more races have passed, and things have changed.

If this year's second eight races had been the first eight, the NASCAR media would be writing stories about Tony Stewart's struggles, about Hamlin's emergence and about Jeff Burton's renewal.

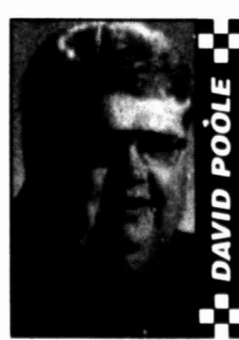
The numbers during the past eight races also confirm that the season's two

most consistent teams have been Jimmie Johnson's and Matt Kenseth's.

Jeff Gordon's 74th victory, in Sunday's Dodge 350 at Infineon Raceway, leaves him two short of extending what might be his most impressive statistic. If he wins twice more this year, it will be the 12th straight season in which he's won at least three times.

A third victory this year would also tie him with Dale Earnhardt on the all-time victory list at 76.

"One day I'll look forward to looking back at those stats," Gordon said. "But when you're here right now, it's about feeling that energy that comes. There's no greater feeling in the world than going to Victory Lane and all the



DAVID POOLE

hard work and effort that's put into it, especially when you haven't been there in a while. ...

"Ever since I was 6 years old when I had my very first win, all I've ever raced for is to get that trophy, to get to Victory Lane. (Car owner Rick Hendrick) pays me a lot of money to do it, so he might say 'Yeah, yeah, whatever.' ... There's not enough money in the world that you can give to buy that feeling and to buy that opportunity."

Brian Vickers confirmed Sunday in a television interview what had been assumed since he announced he'd leave Hendrick Motorsports after this season — he will drive one of Team Red Bull's two Toyotas in 2007.

Dave DeSpain, host of Speed's "Wind Tunnel" show, asked Vickers if leaving the team that his friend, the late Ricky Hendrick, picked him to drive for

was especially tough.

"My heart is, and always will be in so many ways, with Hendrick Motorsports and the Hendrick family," Vickers said. "I'm very close to them and I hope my personal relationship only grows. This was a difficult decision, but right now, I've got to look forward."

With all due respect to Danica Patrick, the best story involving a female in motorsports continues to be Melanie Troxel.

She is holding on to the points lead in the National Hot Rod Association's Top Fuel division after Sunday's event in Illinois, 24 points ahead of Doug Kalitta and 110 over Brandon Bernstein.

Troxel's accomplishments have not gone unnoticed. She's up for two ESPY awards this year, including best female athlete. Golfer Annika Sorenstam, snowboarder Hannah Teter and basketball's Sheryl Swoopes are the other nominees for that ESPY.

THIS WEEK'S RACE

PEPSI 400

Where: Daytona International Speedway, a 2.5-mile, paved high banked tri-oval located in Daytona Beach, Fla.

When: Saturday at 7:30 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 4:35 p.m. Friday.

TV: Fox.

Radio: Motor Racing Network.

Purse: \$6,144,820.

Last year's winner: Tony Stewart.

Worth mentioning: Dale Earnhardt Jr. has six consecutive top-10 finishes at Daytona, the longest current streak. Mark Martin, Ken Schrader and Michael Waltrip are the only three drivers that have competed in all 74 restrictor-plate races. Jeff Gordon leads all active drivers with six victories at Daytona.

Editor's note: There will be no poll question this week.

STOP 'N' GO

WHO'S HOT

- Jeff Gordon:** An engagement. A victory. Just who is his wedding planner?
- Paul Menard:** Showed once again Nextel Cup drivers are no lock to win all the Busch races this season.
- Terry Labonte:** I wouldn't care if he bluffed his way to the front, the man can still drive.

WHO'S NOT

- Tony Stewart:** Denny Hamlin got a lot more out of his injury than his Joe Gibbs Racing teammate.
- Scott Pruett:** Spun at least half a dozen times last Sunday and finished 30th. And David Stremme couldn't do better?
- Kevin Harvick's pit crew:** Busch or Cup? Take your pick last weekend, neither did him much good.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

For a concept that was supposed to reward NASCAR race winners, this year's Chase for the Nextel Cup may once again be decided with some drivers who have yet to win a race this season. Currently there are three in the top 10 with no wins: **Mark Martin, Jeff Burton and Tony Stewart.** All seem fairly strongly entrenched and unlikely to be knocked out by the 26th race.

Brian Vickers says the competition is what drew him to Team Red Bull. I guess having a four-time series champion (**Jeff Gordon**) and current series points leader (**Jimmie Johnson**) at Hendrick Motorsports didn't count.

David Gilliland wins at Kentucky. **Paul Menard** wins at Milwaukee. Where is all the whining about the Cup drivers destroying the Busch Series now?

— Jim Uiter



Vickers

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of June 25:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Jimmie Johnson	2434	21. Reed Sorenson	1584
2. Matt Kenseth	2333	22. Martin Truex Jr.	1578
3. Kasey Kahne	2121	23. Dale Jarrett	1575
4. Mark Martin	2113	24. Scott Riggs	1550
5. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2105	25. Bobby Labonte	1512
6. Jeff Burton	2034	26. Jeff Green	1496
7. Tony Stewart	2012	27. J.J. Yeley	1418
8. Jeff Gordon	1986	28. Joe Nemechek	1404
9. Greg Biffle	1967	29. Robby Gordon	1371
10. Kevin Harvick	1945	30. Kyle Petty	1334
11. Denny Hamlin	1936	31. Jeremy Mayfield	1333
12. Kyle Busch	1925	32. Dave Blaney	1303
13. Carl Edwards	1872	33. Ken Schrader	1281
14. Kurt Busch	1780	34. Sterling Marlin	1265
15. Casey Mears	1757	35. Michael Waltrip	1189
16. Jamie McMurray	1733	36. David Stremme	1070
17. Ryan Newman	1730	37. Travis Kvapil	1069
18. Clint Bowyer	1665	38. Scott Wimmer	965
19. Elliott Sadler	1644	39. Tony Raines	883
20. Brian Vickers	1619	40. Terry Labonte	857

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of June 24:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Kevin Harvick	2647	11. Jason Leffler	1739
2. Denny Hamlin	2303	12. Jon Wood	1711
3. Carl Edwards	2269	13. John Andretti	1711
4. Clint Bowyer	2239	14. Burney Lamar	1710
5. J.J. Yeley	2195	15. Ashton Lawlis	1704
6. Paul Menard	2115	16. Danny O'Quinn Jr.	1642
7. Kyle Busch	2039	17. Todd Kluever	1630
8. Greg Biffle	2035	18. Reed Sorenson	1621
9. Kenny Wallace	1861	19. David Green	1620
10. Johnny Sauter	1858	20. Stacy Compton	1564

NEXT RACE: Friday, Winn-Dixie 250, Daytona Beach, Fla.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of June 23:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Todd Bodine	1758	6. Mike Bliss	1463
2. David Reutimann	1632	7. Dennis Setzer	1463
3. Johnny Benson	1628	8. Rick Crawford	1461
4. Ted Musgrave	1560	9. David Starr	1458
5. Jack Sprague	1502	10. Ron Hornaday	1433

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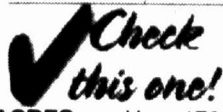
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The moon is in bigger-than-life Leo, and Mercury is newly exploring Leo's fiery realm of the sky, making this a hot time to express yourself, not only in word, but in deed. Grand gestures are well received.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Practice is far more effective than preaching. People may debate semantics, but no one can argue against a living, breathing example.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The stars declare that you were meant for nobility. Nobility requires effort, though. If you do something you don't want to do every day, you'll make peace with what falls under the category of "duty."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your astral gift is the ability to recognize a golden moment when you see it — and when don't you see it? Now, you not only notice the glories of ordinary living, you celebrate them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have extraordinary beginner's luck, so start anew instead of spending time on middles and endings. What you do today affects your professional life for years to come.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A romantic relation-

ship needs a little spark — be spontaneous and bold. There's not a moment to waste in worrying whether or not someone loves you, unless that person is you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The planets assist you in being more conscious of the affect you have on others. It's best not to carry your career attitude into your personal relationships (unless you're addicted to drama).

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Since you're the boss of your own show, step up. It's OK to make mistakes as long as you learn from them. The afternoon highlights your broad appeal and animal magnetism. You're hot!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Trivial matters lead to more substantial work, so don't be afraid to amuse yourself with seemingly frivolous distractions. After all, if you don't follow your interests, life can be very uninspiring.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your mind churns with different versions of the same basic question: "Will I be OK if things change?" Strengthen your faith. All magic springs from your connection with the creative force.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As much as you try to compromise, certain people can't help but push you to the limit — it's their nature. If it crosses your boundaries or hurts your feelings, just say "no way!"

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're in an

extravagant, impulsive and outspoken mood, which could inspire a tantrum before the night is through. Chalk it up to your artistic temperament.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love is the last thing on your mind. Bring it to the front. Consider that romance needs equal parts breathing room and attentiveness. Too much of one or the other knocks the relationship off balance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today it's a blast to play where the rules are a little loose, or better yet, completely undefined. With your fertile imagination and strong moral conscience, you'll make up your own guidelines.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I've been in sales for years, and I've just been laid off again for the third time in two years. I can't get motivated. I feel like I don't know where to look for a job. I've also studied voice and, in my younger days, wanted to act, but I need income. I'm so behind on my bills. My birthday is Feb. 4, 1955."

I see your talents as mischievous children. They're tired of weeping in the corner of your life, and they have conspired to overturn your work environment so you would have time to make them the stars of your world once again. You've spent many years subverting your desires in order to help someone else get rich — a logical choice at

the time, but now you're ready for something different. In fact, you could still make money in sales — more money than you ever have in the past. As an altruistic and creative Aquarius, you have to believe that what you're selling really helps people live better lives. It doesn't have to be something grand, it just has to be truly helpful. Use this time off to get back into singing, to indulge those little "talent children" inside you. Limit your job search to one hour per day, and spend the rest of your time on you, you, you!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: She tells us to get our "freak on" and "work it," which is why we love hip-hop superstar Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott. Cancer is a nurturing sign, and often, Cancer performers naturally fall into the realm of "role model." Missy Elliott is a modern day feminist who speaks her mind. I see her conquering the world of film in 2007, as she lands a serious role that demonstrates a dramatic talent.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I work in a health care facility. For the past eight months, our married director of nursing has been having an affair with a married member of the nursing staff.

I don't care if the two of them are cheating. My problem is that they will behave in inappropriate ways when the "top dogs" are not around. That includes doing naughty things in any corner of the facility — including some of the residents' rooms. This is both unethical and unprofessional.

We informed the "top dogs," but either they don't believe these two individuals are monkeying around, or they don't want to address it. I know this a very personal issue, but do we have a right to stop them from fooling around in the facility? As subordinates, is there anything we can do? — Confused Worker

Dear Confused: This is a matter of professional ethics. Whistle-blowing can be hazardous to your career, but there is strength in numbers. Document every instance where this couple is acting inappropriately in the facility, especially in the residents' rooms. Then a group of you should get together and inform the couple that their behavior is both unprofessional and quite noticeable. Give them the opportunity to find a more private place. Otherwise, bring your documentation to the "top dogs," as well as the appropriate professional nursing organization in your area.

Dear Annie: My 9-year-old wants to sit in the front seat of the car. When he travels with me, I insist he sit in the back, period, and say he must do so until he is at least 11. My husband, on the other hand, allows him to sit in the front seat.

It started with short runs to the store, but now my husband drives him to long-distance hockey tournaments across town, which require travel on busy highways in heavy



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

traffic, with our son in the front seat.

I have expressed my dismay to both my son and my husband, and have explained the dangers of the airbag for a small child, but my pleas are ignored. Am I overreacting? What is the appropriate age/height for kids to be in the front seat? — Precautious Mom in Montreal

Dear Mom: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends that all children age 12 and under be buckled up in the back seat, regardless of height. If your husband absolutely will not do this, ask him to at least move the passenger seat back as far as possible, so if the air bag should go off, your son is less likely to be harmed. We have a hard time understanding a parent who is unwilling to put his child's safety first, no matter how small the chance of an accident.

Dear Annie: I work in a doctor's office and would like to comment on the letter from "C.T. in N.Y.," who was upset that the office staff demanded her Social Security number for insurance purposes.

The change in the health care industry to NOT using the patient's Social Security number began in earnest only last year. Some insurance companies have switched to ID numbers that are different, and other companies will be switching with their renewal policies, which means there are some people who are still identified with their

Social Security number and others who are not. Local hospital systems are still in the process of identifying patients with other numbers, but to locate old records, lab results, X-rays, etc., we still need the Social Security number.

In a few years, this process will be complete, but for now, we still ask for the patient's Social Security number on our registration form. It constantly amazes me that patients will trust us with their lives, but not with their Social Security numbers. — Virginia Beach, Va.

Dear Virginia: We appreciate the explanation. Identify theft is a genuine threat, and patients need to be cautious. We are glad to know the system is changing.

Dear Annie: My ex-husband, the father of our three children, just had his third major car accident due to his diabetes. When he checked his blood sugar in the morning, it was quite high, so he took a fast-acting insulin tablet. That made his sugar drop too low, and later, he went into a diabetic coma while driving his sports car. He totaled the car, but fortunately, he was not seriously hurt.

My ex has had minor mishaps in the past because he has a difficult time regulating his blood sugar. Usually, if he feels a drop, he will pull over to the side of the road, but he doesn't always get there in time. Although he has never hurt another person, I fear he will cause a major accident and perhaps kill someone.

His doctor reported this to our state Department of Motor Vehicles, and his license was invalidated. However, my ex also has a driver's license in a neighboring state. Do DMVs communicate with each other? What happens if my ex moves to another state so he can drive? — Very Concerned

Dear Concerned: The federal government main-

tains a National Driver Register that lists drivers whose licenses have been suspended or revoked. However, since your ex-husband already has a second license, there would be no reason for the DMV to check the register. You might call the DMV in your neighboring state and ask if there is anything you can do about this, and possibly enlist the help of your ex's doctor — not only to report him, but so the doctor can find out why he is having such a hard time regulating his blood sugar.

Dear Annie: In a recent column, you had a letter from a woman who found fault with men's neckties. Has she taken a good look at some of the women on TV whose dresses and jackets are a size smaller than they should be? Their outfits are so tight, the clothing wrinkles and it looks as if the buttons are ready to pop off. Also, some women wear their skirts so short and snug that they can't sit in a comfortable position. Hey, girls, leave something to the imagination. — Tom in North Dakota

Dear Tom: We suspect this has less to do with the individual women and more to do with ratings, but we hope they are listening.

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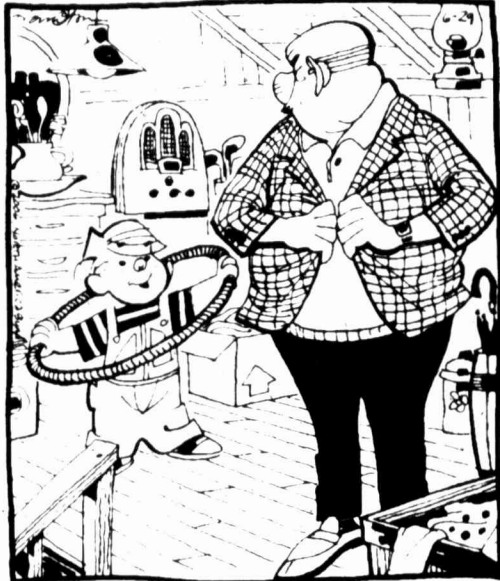
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10 PM	News (CC) Nightline	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticias Univ	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticia: Titulares y Mas	News Tonight Show	Trip (CC)	The Hour of Healing	Charlie Rose (CC)	Prowling Sharks	Movie: A	TNA IMPACT! (CC)	Tombstone (CC)	Jamie Foxx That's-Raven	Zack & Cody That's-Raven	Quite Frankly With Smith	SportsCenter	Movie: Sub Zero (CC)
11 PM	Entertainment Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)	La Hora de la Risa	King of the Hill Malcolm Mid	Letterman Late Late	Laura Al Rojo Vivo	Late Night: Conan O'Brien Apex	Movie: Houseguest (CC)	Del Sanchez Y Salamanca	Sign Off	Prehistoric Sharks	Bridge Too Far	CSI Crime Scene Invstgn	In Living Color In Living Color	Phil of Future Kim Possible	X-Games Classix	World Cup Baseball		
12 AM	Live (CC) News (CC)	Extra (CC) Pad Program	Sonadoras	My Wife-Kids Divorce Court	Show The Insider	Maria Celeste Pagado		Update/Israel Booker			Jurassic Shark		Blind Date Blind Date	Movie: American	BET After Dark (CC)	Sister, Sister That's-Raven	X-Games Classix	SportsCenter (CC)	Twilight Zone

DENNIS THE MENACE



"HEY, MR. WILSON, THAT OLD COAT MAY BE TOO SMALL, BUT I'LL BET THIS WOULD BE A PERFECT FIT."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I tied both my shoes, Mommy, but now I can't get them on!"

HAGAR



IT'S NOT THAT I'M NOT GRATEFUL...



BUT ARE YOU READY FOR LEFTOVERS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS?

BLONDIE



WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE ABOUT THAT DAGWOOD SANDWICH SHOP IDEA?



EATING SANDWICHES IS MY AREA OF EXPERTISE

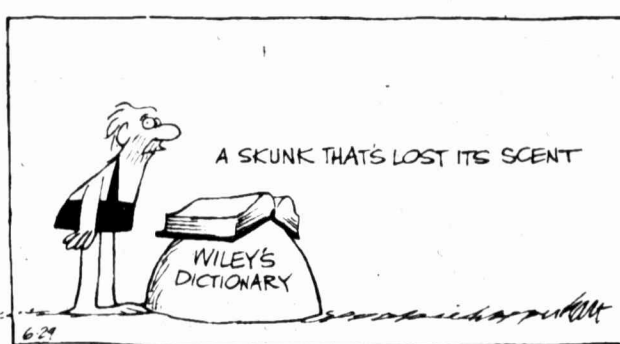


SLEEPING IS ALSO YOUR AREA OF EXPERTISE

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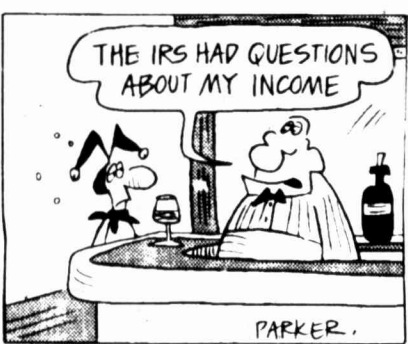


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A SKUNK THAT'S LOST ITS SCENT

WIZARD OF ID



THE IRS HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT MY INCOME

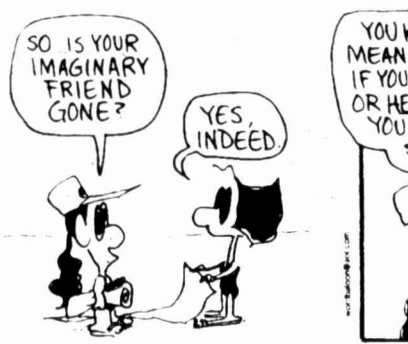


YOU CAN NO LONGER CLAIM YOUR TIPS?



I CAN NO LONGER CLAIM YOU AS A LOSS

AGNES



SO IS YOUR IMAGINARY FRIEND GONE?



YES, INDEED



YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK IF YOU CAN'T SEE HER, OR HEAR HER, HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN SHE'S GONE?

HI AND LOIS



SLOOSH!

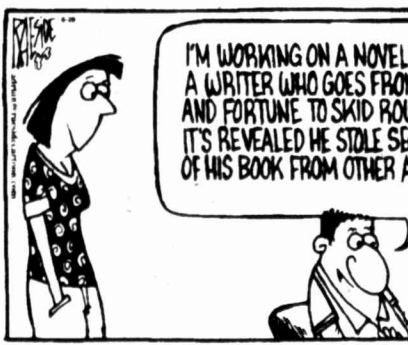


I STILL SAY "SPLASH DIVING" WILL NEVER BE AN OLYMPIC EVENT



THAT'S WHAT THEY SAID ABOUT SNOWBOARDING

THE OTHER COAST



I'M WORKING ON A NOVEL ABOUT A WRITER WHO GOES FROM FAME AND FORTUNE TO SKID ROW AFTER IT'S REVEALED HE STOLE SECTIONS OF HIS BOOK FROM OTHER AUTHORS.



THAT SOUNDS GREAT. WHERE DID YOU GET THE IDEA?



I LIFTED IT FROM A BOOK I FOUND IN THE LIBRARY.

SNUFFY SMITH

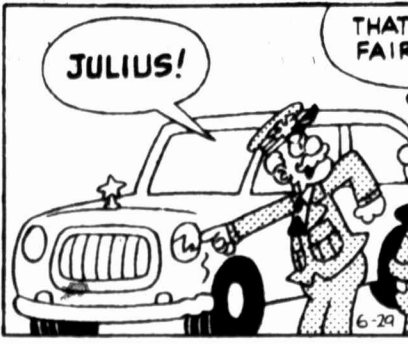


I'M THINKIN' OF A NUMBER 'TWEEN ONE AN' TEN, MAW !!



WOW !! YO'RE GOOD !!

BETLE BAILEY



JULIUS!



THAT'S NOT FAIR, SIR



YOU NEVER HAVE ANYTHING GOOD TO SAY ABOUT THE FENDERS I HAVEN'T DENTED

This Date In History

Today is Thursday, June 29, the 180th day of 2006. There are 185 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 29, 1776, the Virginia state constitution was adopted, and Patrick Henry made governor.

On this date:

In 1767, the British Parliament approved the Townshend Revenue Acts, which imposed import duties on certain goods shipped to America. Colonists bitterly protested the Acts, which were repealed in 1770.

In 1949, the government of South Africa enacted a ban against racially mixed marriages.

In 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission voted against reinstating Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's access to classified information.

In 1966, the United States bombed fuel storage facilities near the North Vietnamese cities of Hanoi and Haiphong.

In 1967, Jerusalem was reunified as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

In 1970, the United States ended a two-month military offensive into Cambodia.

In 1972, the Supreme Court ruled the death penalty, as it was being meted out, could constitute "cruel and unusual punishment." (The ruling prompted states to revise their capital punishment laws.)

In 1981, Hu Yaobang, a protege of Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, was elected Communist Party chairman, replacing Mao Tse-tung's hand-picked successor, Hua Guofeng.

In 1995, the shuttle Atlantis and the space station Mir docked in orbit.

Today's Birthdays: Movie producer Robert Evans is 76. Songwriter L. Russell Brown is 66. Actor Gary Busey is 62. Comedian Richard Lewis is 59. Actor Fred Grandy is 58. Rock

musician Ian Paice (Deep Purple) is 58. Singer Don Dokken (Dokken) is 53. Rock singer Colin Hay (Men At Work) is 53. Actress Maria Conchita Alonso is 49. Singer Evelyn "Champagne" King is 46. Actress Sharon Lawrence is 45. Actress Amanda Donohoe is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Stedman Pearson (Five Star) is 42. Musician Dale Baker is 40. Rap DJ Shadow is 34. Country musician Todd Sansom (Marshall Dyllon) is 28. Singer Nicole Scherzinger is 28.

Thought for Today: "A hypocrite is a person who — but who isn't?" — Don Marquis, American journalist-author (1878-1937).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Milne's "tubby little cubby"
 - 5 Let up
 - 10 Resistance unit
 - 13 icicle locale
 - 14 Impervious
 - 15 Born: Fr.
 - 16 Hungry child's whine
 - 18 Hurler's stat
 - 19 "Big" coastal area of California
 - 20 Port opening
 - 21 Otherwise
 - 23 Winner's taunt
 - 27 Bugs' meal
 - 29 Christmas carol
 - 30 Tinseltown's elite
 - 31 Passé
 - 35 Tennis call
 - 36 Complainer's plaint
 - 38 UN workers' agcy.
 - 39 Annie Oakleys
 - 42 Urchin
 - 44 Ashram activity
 - 45 Life jacket
 - 47 Fast-food ad gripe
 - 51 Fido's friend
 - 52 Dilbert intern
 - 53 Sass
 - 56 Avignon assent
 - 57 Long-running game show
 - 61 Defense advisory grp.
 - 62 Grammatically
 - 63 Takes a chance
 - 64 Understand
- DOWN**
- 1 Seating for the Masses
 - 2 Honolulu's here
 - 3 Cover up, as text
 - 4 Maternal type
 - 5 List (political-action group)
 - 6 Prenatal test, for short
 - 7 Tanning agent
 - 8 Tampa-to-Orlando dir.
 - 9 Mocked
 - 10 Without interruption
 - 11 Judean king
 - 12 Substantial
 - 14 That is
 - 17 "Go ahead!"
 - 22 FDR's pooch
 - 24 Day pts.
 - 25 Coined word?
 - 26 Mechanical repetition
 - 27 Manatee baby
 - 28 Tiger or Oriole
 - 31 Sounds of woe
 - 32 It happens when you're having fun
 - 33 Whiffenpoofs
 - 34 Disciplinarian's word
 - 36 Dressing-room array
 - 37 Calories measure it
 - 40 Rochester's love
 - 41 Breaker Morant subject
 - 42 Dweebish
 - 43 Shock's partner
 - 45 Two gentlemen, in short
 - 46 Manhattan Project product
 - 47 Off base
 - 48 Representative location
 - 49 Toss out
 - 50 Online profile category
 - 54 Not domestic: Abbr.
 - 55 Cancun coin
 - 58 Heart doc's concern
 - 59 St. crosser
 - 60 Type of corp. takeover

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