

News in Brief Cowgirl Hall of Fame inducts 5 new members

FORT WORTH (AP) — The National Cowgirl Hall of Fame has inducted five new members, including an animated character. Jessie, the yodeling cowgirl from the movie Toy Story 2, snagged the Hall of Fame's Entertainer of the Year award. Jessie and three others were honored Friday at the Cowgirl Hall of Fame induction luncheon at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel in Fort Worth. The event and inductions honored the organization's 25th anniversary. They join 149 others previously inducted. This year's other inductees are Bobby Brooks Kramer, an 86-year-old rancher in Billings, Mont.; the late Tillie Baldwin, a trick rider who performed in early 1900s rodeos; Rebecca Tyler Lockhart, founder of the Fort Worth-based American Paint Horse Association; and Pam Minick, marketing director for Billy Bob's Texas country music nightclub and a longtime rodeo competitor.

Houston industry says new air quality standards are too tough

HOUSTON (AP) — A coalition of Houston-area chemical, oil and utility companies says state environmental officials' proposed tougher air quality standards are too ambitious and could force many plants out of business. The Business Coalition for Clean Air, a collection of 120 Houston-Galveston-area industrial companies, will release an economic study this week estimating that retrofitting plants to cut nitrogen oxide emissions by 90 percent could climb to \$7 billion industrywide, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday. The smog mandate will require "a huge remodeling exercise," said Doug Deason, an Exxon Mobil official representing the business coalition. Many companies have little or no experience with the environmental technologies the plan would demand, Deason said. The group has said most plants will have to wait until 2007, when smog-reducing technology is widespread and cheaper.

That year is also when the Houston-area must comply with federal air quality standards. Collectively, the area's dozens of petrochemical, utility and other in-

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recommendations for the smog plan by Friday, remained unswayed. "Smart people in a competitive marketplace will find a way to do it cheaper," TNRCC Executive Director Jeff Saitas told the Houston Chronicle in Sunday's editions. "At this point, I haven't seen enough justification to say that 90 percent is not an appropriate requirement," Saitas said. "Ninety percent wasn't a made-up number. A lot of research went into it, and we established that we believe 90 percent is achievable." The plan, due to the federal Environmental Protection Agency before the end of the year, would bring Houston and its seven surrounding counties into compliance with federal air standards. The 19-point plan also includes unprecedented restrictions on highway speeds and limits on when construction crews could operate heavy equipment and when homeowners could use gas-powered lawn equipment.

Officials say Texas deserves more highway funding

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas officials say they are getting much less federal money than they should for maintaining roadways like Interstate 35, where free-trade-related truck traffic is blamed for burgeoning accident rates and severe crowding. Officials differ on whom to blame for Texas' unequal share of the highway funding: ineffective county and state officials or political favoritism benefiting Arkansas, California and New York. Three years ago, Congress acted to distribute federal highway dollars more fairly to states. But in the latest round of funding for the National Corridor Planning and Development and the Coordinated Border Infrastructure programs announced Nov. 3, Texas received 6.5 percent of the funds announced by the Federal Highway Administration last week. Almost half of the money was earmarked for studies on proposed Interstate 69, which is to run from the U.S.-Canadian border to Laredo and the Rio Grande Valley.

With federal money going elsewhere, state legislators say they are considering dipping into the state's surplus, using money earmarked for toll roads, returning appropriated money to the state's highway funds and issuing bonds to pay for future roads. "We will reinvent the way we fund highway projects," state Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, told the

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Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Sunday. "It is unacceptable that I-35 between Dallas and Austin is the most dangerous interstate in the nation." The lack of highway funds in the face of increased traffic from Mexico has been blamed for accelerated wear and tear on state highways, especially along I-35 which runs from Laredo, along the Texas-Mexico border, through Dallas and Fort Worth and then up to Duluth, Minn. I-35W in Fort Worth has more serious accidents than anywhere else in Tarrant County and I-35E in Dallas County averages one lane-closing accident every two days, transportation official said. "I've been driving into the area for seven years and it was bad then, but nothing like the gridlock now in Fort Worth and south of Fort Worth," said David Perry, a trucker who hauls produce from Missouri to Texas for Indiana Western Express. Officials in North Texas are particularly miffed over three rejected grants for improvements to I-35 in Dallas and Fort Worth.

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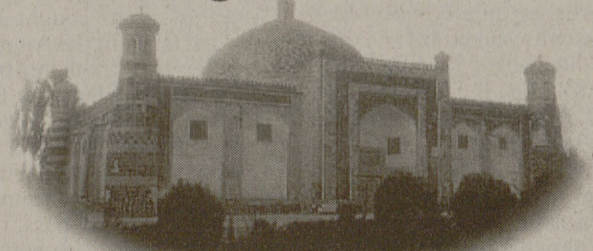
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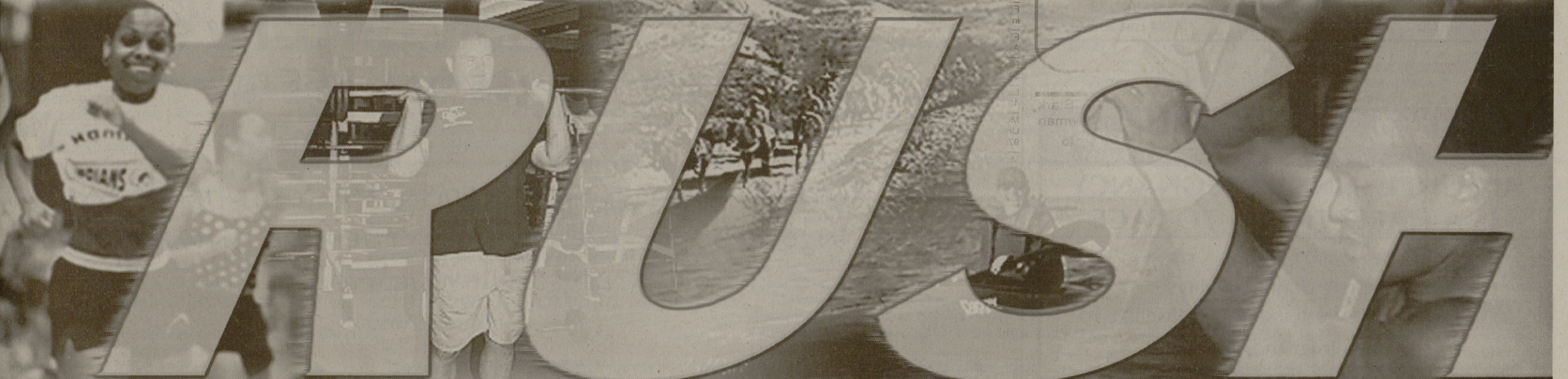
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