

August 19, 2004

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TONIGHT TOMORROW

Moss PTA slates 'Bash' Tuesday

The Moss Elementary School PTA will hold

its first meeting of the school year followed by

a "Welcome Back

Burger Bash" from 6

The meeting will

p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

include a singing per-

formance by students.

The 'Burger Bash' is

\$3 a plate. Tickets can

be purchased at the

school during lunch

267-4650 or 267-6009.

Silent auction

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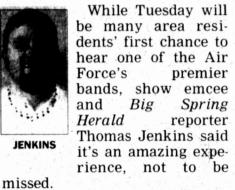
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Band of West shows different side of the military THURSDAY

HERALD Staff Report

Time is running out for area residents that haven't already picked up their tickets for Friday evening's performance by the United States Air Force Band of the West Concert Band. Set to perform at Municipal

Auditorium at 7 p.m., the San Antonio-based band is known for performing a plethora of styles, including Renaissance, Broadway musicals, Sousa marches and Top 40 hits.



"I had the chance to see the Band of the West perform while I was stationed at Lackland Air See BAND, Page 3A

While Tuesday will Force Base in 1993," said Jenkins. "They're simply amazing. They're able to perform so hear one of the Air many different styles and types. of music. So many bands and orchestras are really limited in what they can or will play, while the Band of the West excels in so many different areas.'

Jenkins, who will host Friday's performance, said the show is a chance for people to see a side of the military that is often forgot-

INFORMATION

What: United States Air Force Band of the West Concert Band.

Where: Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

When: 7 p.m. Friday.

Cost: Free but tickets are required and may be picked up at the Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry.

Iraq threatens military battle against al-Sadr

By ABDUL HUSSEIN AL-OBEIDI

Associated Press Writer

NAJAF, Iraq — An Iraqi Cabinet minister said today that Iraqi forces could begin an offensive against Muqtada al-Sadr within hours, despite the firebrand cleric's acceptance of a peace propos-

al. To prevent an imminent attack on his forces, who are holed up in the revered Imam Ali Shrine

in Najaf, al-Sadr must immediately disarm his Mahdi Army militia and hand over its weapons to

the authorities, Minister of State Qassim Dawoud said.

The cleric must also sign a statement saying he will refrain from future violence and release all civilians and Iraqi security forces his militants have kidnapped. In addition, al-Sadr must hold a news conference to announce he is disbanding the Mahdi Army.

MORE RAIN AL-SADR

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins An automobile sloshes through the intersection of Scurry and Eighth Street Wednesday as the rain poured

Items for Saturday's silent auction to benefit the Big Spring Symphony are being bid on now at Wells Fargo Bank. Those wishing to bid can also do so Saturday during the symphony's season

time or call the PTA at items up for bid

kick off event at the **Dora Roberts Community Center** Lake Room beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets to the kick off are \$15 per individual or \$25 per couple and include refreshments (snacks, soft drinks, beer and wine) and dancing to the West Texas Jazz Quartet.

'The Guys' set on stage Sept. 11

The Howard College **Theater Department** will be performing "The Guys" by Anne Nelson on Saturday, Sept. 11 to benefit the **Big Spring Fire** Department. The play will be in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring **Chamber of Commerce** office, 215 W. 3rd Street, for \$10.

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down on the Big Spring area. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, Howard County received 2.3 inches of rain Wednesday, bringing the monthly total to 3.84 inches, a stark contrast to the normal average for this date of 1.43 inches. Howard County has received 16.57 inches of the "wet stuff" this year, surpassing the normal rainfall for the year by almost 5 inches.

Big Spring faithful looking forward to Rock the Desert

By MARSHA STURDIVANT

Feature's Editor

More than 100 people from Big Spring will attend Rock the Desert in Midland, which begins Friday and concludes Sunday, and will feature 14 Christian bands, including P.O.D., Jars of Clay, Casting Crowns and Kutless.

"Rock the Desert is the best thing to hit West Texas in a very long time, music-wise, because of the exposure of Christ within the rock culture. The kids hear the same thing they're listening to on the radio, but this has the message of Christ," said Jack Nixson, a member of the volunteer stage crew.

Many of those who plan to be there have gone to Rock the Desert each year in its four-year history, including Nixson. He began volunteering with the stage crew two years ago.

"I really wanted to see Big Spring get involved with this. It's not just a Midland-Odessa thing, this is a West Texas



Kutless will be among the bands performing at Rock the Desert this weekend.

event," he said. groups will be attending the concert, which is expected to draw thousands.

"We're taking 36 teen-agers Several local church youth and about 12 adults," said Courtney Johnson, youth minis-

"The military action has become imminent," Dawoud told reporters. "If these conditions are not met, then the military solution will prevail."

After hearing Dawoud's threat, Sheik Abdul Hadi al-Daraji, a spokesman for al-Sadr in Baghdad, called for talks to quickly "stop the bloodbaths in the holy city of Najaf."

"What we want is for the parties to sit down and cooperate. To ask a side, or the Sadrist movement, to disarm. I think is not logical and not right. They should rather sit around a negotiating table and determine what's right and wrong," he told Al-Arabiya television.

Explosions and gunfire could be heard Thursday in the streets of Najaf, where al-Sadr's militants have been fighting a combined U.S.-Iraqi force for two weeks. Three U.S. tanks and two Humvees were parked about 400 yards from the shrine, about as close as U.S. forces have come to the holy site during the fighting.

Fighters from the Mahdi Army militia could be seen manning positions in narrow alleys of the Old City and outside the shrine compound. A clock on the compound's outer wall, reportedly hit by shrapnel, was smoldering.

Fearful of the violence, few civilians ventured out and most stores, some damaged during the fighting, were closed.

Late Wednesday, al-Sadr sent a letter to Iraq's national conference gathering saying he would accept

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See ROCK, Page 3A Chamber helping to find new location for Dunlap's

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

We're not giving up without a fight. That was the clear message from members

of the Big Spring Area Chamber of **Commerce Board of Directors Wednesday** afternoon, as they discussed the impending closure of Dunlap's Department Store.

Chamber President John Weeks made it clear to fellow board members the Chamber is doing everything it can to find a new location for the business, which will be closing its doors at the end of October.

Big Spring," said Weeks. "The problem that of town for some of the goods and services we

"The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is actively working with them to try to find a suitable building to put them in."

John Weeks, Chamber president

we have now isn't about the goods and services — it's to keep the people in Big Spring "We can't afford to lose another retailer in buying in Big Spring. We all have to go out

need, and that would be just one more reason to take the retail business away from Big Spring.

"We have to find some way to keep retail businesses, and if joining with Moore Board and helping them secure a place for Dunlap's helps other businesses see the hard work that we're doing, they will take a chance and come into Big Spring. We need more restaurants and we need more clothing stores - so people will be able to get things here and not have to go out of town."

Weeks said he's been in contact with Dunlap's management, and the decision to

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Obituaries

Louise Brown



Louise Brown, 98, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, at the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring with the Rev. Matt Miles, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. She was born Nov. 22, 1905, in

Cleburne and married Arthur B. Brown on June 5, 1929, in Cleburne. He preceded her in death Oct. 15, 1988.

Mrs. Brown was the daughter of Thomas Ross and Martha Eulalia Walker.

She graduated from Cleburne High School in 1922, and received her bachelor of arts degree in 1927, from West Texas State (now West Texas A&M). She was a member of The Lloyd Green Allen Scholarship Society.

Mrs. Brown taught school in Channing for two years and was assistant librarian at Howard College for many years.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring and was a member of the Elizabeth McDowell Sunday School Class. She also taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and was active in Women of the Church.

Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Merlene Brown of Big Spring; three granddaughters and five great grandchildren, Melissa Shaffer of Copperas Cove and son, Aaron Shaffer, of Big Spring, Kerre Seright, husband, John, and children, Sasha and Ryan, of Lubbock, and Jenna Roberts, husband, Mike, and children, Marty and Macy, of Denver City; three nieces; three nephews and caring friends, Luz Martinez, Gertrude Nettles, Cindy Munoz and Pete Perez.

She was preceded in death by her son, Melvin A. Brown, Nov. 30, 1999, her parents and three brothers.

The family suggests memorials to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 2222, Big Spring 79721 or the Presbyterian Children's Home.

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

Paid obituary

L.V. Welch II

L.V. Welch II, 30, of Tarzan died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, in a Fort Worth hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Leandro Gonzales, pastor of Lenorah Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

June Williams

June Williams, 68, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

James B. Reese

James B. Reese, 50, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Alta Jean Sneed

Alta Jean Sneed, 64, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died at 2:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at Trinity Haven in Midland following a long illness. Services are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Ruby Clanton

Ruby Clanton, 84, of Elbow died Thursday morning, Aug. 19, 2004, at her home. Services are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

• JOSE CARLOS ESCOBEDO, 25, of 1104 N. Bell Street, was arrested. Wednesday on charges of driving while license suspended - enhanced and no liability insurance - fourth offense.

• ERICK SHERROD FRANKS, 29, of 1217 18th Street, was arrested Wednesday on a local warrant and a charge of evading arrest.

 SANDRA LAVERN JACKSON, 38, of 900 N.W. Second Street, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.

ELEANORA DIANNE PIKE, 41, of 1106 Ridgeroad, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• DANIEL HEMBREE, 37, of 700 Driver Road, was arrested Wednesday and charged with possession of a controlled substance.

• REYES CASTENADA, 45, of 1512 Main Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

THEFT was reported:

- in the 900 block of Willia.

- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

 INDECENT EXPOSURE was reported in the 1300 block of Fourth Street.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1300 block of Mesquite.



Thursday, August 19, 2004

BIG SPRING HERALD

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email

editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

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

 Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels. American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.

• RSVP ice cream social is set for 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday in the Dora Roberts Community Center at Comanche Trail Park. All RSVP volunteers and their friends are invited. Please make your reservations by calling 264-2397.

 Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.

• Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

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

 Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• American Legion Post 506 fish fry from noon until 3 p.m. \$7 per plate. Delivery available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Carry out also available. 3203 W. Highway 80 or call 263-2084.

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at Goliad and First streets for a meal with a meeting to follow.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third. • Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

SUNDAY

 Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between 3 p.m. and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

MONDAY

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

 Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306, W. Third, for weigh in. The meeting begins out 5:301 **BIG SPRING H** Thursday, Au

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today at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 8, 1973, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of Tarzan. He was a graduate of Grady High School and was a member of Lenorah **Baptist Church**.

Survivors include his mother, Charlotte Welch of Tarzan; his father, Jerry Welch of Hobbs, N.M.; his sister, Terri Killinen, of Midland; his brother and sisterin-law, Scottie and Holli Welch, of Colorado City; his grandparents, Floyd and Francis Martin, of Tarzan and L.V. Welch of Midland; one niece; two nephews; one aunt; and two uncles.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Mary Francis Welch; two uncles, and his brother-in-law.

The family suggests memorials to the High Sky Children's Ranch, 8701 W. CR 60, Midland 79707 or to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste A-8. Midland 79701.

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

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

• RAUL RAMIREZ, 23, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor - third offense enhanced.

 PAT RICHARD RODRIGUEZ, 42, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft.

• CARLO SMART, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.

• DAVID RAY HENSON, 35, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

· GERONIMO RAY CALDERON, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana and a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Take note

□ A BENEFIT FOR THE WHITE HOUSE -VALERIE AND ALLEN WHITE - to assist with medical expenses for Valerie Stevens White, who has been diagnosed with cancer, is set in Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third, Saturday. Music, food, an auction and a 50/50 drawing are scheduled. Meal, which begins at 6 p.m. and dance are \$6, dance only is \$3, which begins at 8:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Eagles Lodge, the Bass Club and the Cossacks Motorcycle Club.

□ BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY-WIDE PEP RALLY begins at 8 p.m. Monday in the Ampitheater in Comanche Trail Park.

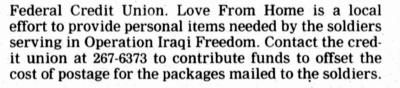
□ MOSS ELEMENTARY PTA MEETING AND BURGER BASH is set for 6-8 p.m. Aug. 24. Tickets are \$3 and are available during lunch time or call the PTA at 267-4650 or 267-6009.

RSVP ICE CREAM SOCIAL is set for 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday in the Dora Roberts Community Center at Comanche Trail Park. All RSVP volunteers and their friends are invited. Please make your reservations by calling 264-2397.

A FUND TO HELP DEFRAY the funeral costs and medical bills of Johnny Darden, a Howard County man who was recently attacked and killed by a swarm of bees, has been set up at State National Bank under account no. 2007126.

□ A FUND FOR CLAY "GOONIE" VICKERS to help with expenses for life-threatening surgery has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union, 264-2600. He is a 2003 graduate of Forsan High School and a Howard College theater student.

A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME has been established at Citizen's



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

□ MANNA RELIEF, a non-profit ministry that provides glyconutritional supplements to critically ill children, is accepting donations for the program. Call Gene or Robbie Froman at 263-0385.

THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1994 10-year reunion is set for October 8-9. For more information, or to update name or mailing address, please call Kendra Carey Willingham at 1-888-820-4911 pin No. 6414 e-mail or BigSpringReunion94@yahoo.com.

D BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989 15year reunion is set for Oct. 8-9. For information or to update your name or mailing address, contact Christy Alexander at 972-567-8037 or Shanette Johnson at 972-874-9308.

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p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758 us . strie • Big Spring High School Community, Wide Pep Rally begins at 8 p.m. in the Ampitheater in Comanche Trail Park.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-16-18-39-41 Bonus Ball: 30. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$24 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-13-18-21-30. 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: 7-3-8

Weather

Tonight - Some clouds. Low 72. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph.

Friday - A few isolated thunderstorms developing during the afternoon under partly cloudy skies. High 91. S winds shifting to N at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Friday night - Isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Clear skies overnight. Low 69. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Saturday - Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Sunday - More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Monday - A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.



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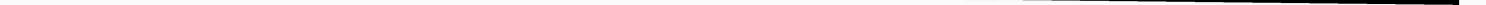
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close the local department store is a result of simple economics.

"Their lease is up on Oct. 31," said Weeks. "Wal-Mart owns the building and they want to basically triple their lease. Dunlap's can't afford that and they are going to have to move out. The decision to move out isn't necessarily to move out of Big Spring permanently - it's a decision to get out of that building.

"When the decision was made, they began shipping all of their inventory to other locations, so they will be closed beginning Oct. 31."

Weeks said the company is still very interested in maintaining a Big Spring presence it's simply a matter of finding a place for them to set up shop.

"They have expressed interest

in coming back to Big Spring," said Weeks. "They will close in October, and according to what we've been told, the earliest they can open again is going to be in March of 2005. The Big Spring Area Chamber of

Commerce is actively working with them to try to find a suitable building to put them in. Hopefully we can work with the Moore Board and get them something - whether it be the Big Spring Mall, somewhere downtown or somewhere on FM 700 - to find a building thatwill suit their needs.'

Board members speculated during the meeting on what Wal-Mart's intentions are for the building, but they didn't dwell on the subject long. Instead, the board concentrated on finding a new location for Dunlap's, possibly in downtown Big Spring.

"Downtown Main Street is working on getting a grant to fix the old Fisher building."

between Main Street and First and Second Streets. The other building we talked about was the old Hemphill Wells building, which is between Second and Third Streets, on the west side of Main Street. Many of years ago Dunlap's bought Hemphill Wells and were located in that building for a couple of years before they moved to where they are now.

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"These are just ideas in our heads, to fix those buildings up and make them available to Dunlap's if they would be willing to come back to downtown Big Spring."

Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said her office has been working with local economic developer Moore Development for Big Spring in hopes of solving Dunlap's problem and keeping the business open in Big Spring.

'We've been talking about it

explained Weeks. "It's located and he's (Kent Sharp, executive director of Moore Development) been looking," said ValVerde. "There's been a lot of communication back and forth, which is good. We've been e-mailing back and forth trying to find everyone understands. It's like some place for Dunlap's.'

The Chamber board also approved the addition of the newly adopted Big Spring slogan to the agency's logo during the meeting, making "Big Sky — Big Hearts — Big Spring" a permanent addition to the Chamber's logo.

Weeks said the decision is just part of the Chamber's desire to unify local agencies and entities in an effort to make Big Spring a better place to live.

"We want to stay up with the city and be aggressive with the city and let everyone know that Big Spring is aggressive," said Weeks. "We want businesses and we want to attract people to come live here. It's a great

place to live.

"We want to feel like we're part of this movement, and in order to do that we all need to join together and have one logo - one slogan - to make sure the old sales job. You hammer it enough times to people, and they will start believing in it."

"If we don't work together, then we're not a community,' said ValVerde. "All entities the whole community – needs to work together. A community has to do that to overcome adversity.

"When we say 'the city,' we're talking about the college, Howard County, the city, Moore Development and the chamber. That's what this whole thing is about – the entire community coming together."

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

48 hours. The authenticity of the tape could not be determined.

The video showed a man resembling missing journalist Micah Garen kneeling in front of five masked militants, who were armed with rifles and rocket-propelled grenade launchers. Garen's father and his fiancee were unavailable for comment.

According to witnesses. Garen and his Iraqi translator, Amir Doushi, were walking through a market in the southern city of Nasiriyah on Friday when they were seized by two armed men, police said.

> "The Band of the West performs so many different styles of music," said Reed. "I think everyone in the family will enjoy the show."

Tickets are free and must be presented for admittance to the show.

Tickets are limited to four per request and can be picked up at the

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its peace plan to put down his arms, withdraw from the shrine and turn to politics in exchange for amnesty for his fighters. However, he wanted an end to the fighting before he complied and he wanted to negotiate how the plan would be implemented, his aides said. The government today

demanded he comply without any conditions, and Dawoud said he had already toured Najaf's hospitals to ensure they

were properly supplied to handle the casualties expected from a final offensive. "We will take the military

action to ... end this abnormal phenomenon so that this phenomenon would be a lesson for all the outlaws" in Iraq, Dawoud told Al-Arabiya.

He also demanded al-Sadr disband several Mahdi Army courts he had set up to mete out punishments, including the death penalty and amputations. In Washington, the Bush administration said al-Sadr needed to match words with deeds. "We have seen many, many times al-Sadr assume or say he is going to accept certain terms and then it turns out not to be the case," said National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice.

The cease-fire agreement was announced at the National Conference in Baghdad, which had sent a delegation to negotiate with al-Sadr.

The four-day conference, a gathering of more than 1,000 prominent Iragis that was seen as an important milestone on the country's path to democra-CV.

It ended Wednesday with the selection of 81 members of a new National Council. The drawn from members of the former U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council who were left out of the interim government. The council, to sit next

remaining 19 members will be

month, is supposed to act as a watchdog over the interim government until January elections.

As clashes in Najaf continued, Arab television station Al-Jazeera aired a video Thursday showing a militant group that called itself the Martyrs Brigade vowing to kill a missing western journalist if U.S. forces do not leave Najaf within

> Bands in 1999. The Band of the West has entertained presidents, heads of state and dignitaries around the world.

The 45-musician ensemble is conducted by Maj. Dean L. Zarmbinski, originally of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Enlisting in the Air Force in 1984, he earned a master of music degree in instrumental conducting from the University of Texas at San Antonio in

his position with the Band of the West in January of 2001.

our great nation," said already, something as simple as a play or a musical performance things we take for granted as civilians — really mean a lot. It's tough to maintain the mentality of a musician or artist and still properly represent the armed forces, and these men and women do it well."

The event is sponsored by the Big Spring Herald, and publisher Susanne **Reed agrees it's an excel-** achievement, stemming lent opportunity for the all the way back to its crepublic to see a different side of the military. 'When we think of the military we usually think of what they do to protect

Reed. "We forget that they provide a training ground for musicians and artists as well. The men and women of the Air Force Concert Band are committed to protecting our country, and at the same time, they provide us with something so delicate and amazing.'

The Band of the West Concert Band has an amazing record of

with the birth of the U.S. Air Force in 1947, once again packed up, this time heading for the base they would call home to this very day – Lackland AFB in San Antonio.

The Band of the West travels more than 125,000 miles each year and provides more than 500 performances to military and audiences civilian throughout Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico

ing - even theater - isrepresented within the ranks, and they really don't get enough credit.

"For a soldier who has been through the wringer

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ter for the First United Methodist Church.

Johnson said she has been taking teens to the concert since it began four years ago. And while she was surprised by the \$10 charge for the concert this year, she understands the need.

"They are building buildings there and bringing in great bands, a lot of bands, and normally it would cost twice this to see just one of these bands," she said.

Johnson said her youth members look forward to Rock the Desert all summer.

"This is one of their favorite activities for summer and they talk about all year long,' Johnson said.

For Johnson, this will be a bittersweet event, because it will be the last time she serves as the youth pastor for First United Methodist Church. She has accepted a position with St. Luke's **United Methodist Church** and will be moving to Odessa soon.

"I'm moving home," she said.

Other youth groups attending the concert include Cornerstone **Church and First Baptist** Church of Big Spring.

First Baptist Church Student Minister Chris Tucker said the excitement of the 30 teen-agers he's taking to the event have added to his excitement.

"In particular, I'm excited to see Chris Tomlin, because his will be more

of a worship time than a concert. I'm excited to see Jars of Clay and Kutless, too," he said.

Tucker, who came to Big Spring nine months ago from First Baptist Church in Olton, said the members of his youth group have talked about Rock the Desert all summer.

"This is a good way to expose our kids to Christian music. It is important for them to know there is an alternative to secular music," he said. About six adults from First Baptist Church are also scheduled to attend.

While the First United Methodist Church group will be staying at the **United Methodist Church** in Odessa, Tucker said his group will drive back and forth for the concert.

"We felt with the time scheduled, we could receive better rest if we came home," he said.

And Delana and Josh Eilenberger from Cornerstone Church, along with youth pastors Jennifer and Ken Noble, will be taking at least 10 teens with them for the event.

Their group plans to make use of the camping facilities at the Rock the Desert Ministries site, inclement although weather may send the group to the Midcities Church in Midland, a sischurch of ter Cornerstone.

"We are really looking forward to this and so is our youth group," Delana Eilenberger said.

Robby Davis, a volunteer for Rock the Desert and member at a

ation in October of 1941 at Field Moffett in California. The group was moved to Enid Army Airfield soon after, and

Cornerstone, will work on the stage crew as a drum technician this year.

Davis has attended the event for the past four years as well, and he said he feels blessed to be a part of an event that attracts thousands of teen-agers to a Christian event.

The people who created Rock the Desert are just awesome to be around and it is awesome to be able to serve with these people and to be able to pray with these people for all the kids that come to this thing.

"This is a real, viable way for us to reach the youth with the message of Jesus, and this is an opportunity for the youth who come to this to have

and Louisiana.

said.

The USAF Band of the West has earned numerous awards, including the Col. George S. Howard Citation of Musical **Excellence** for Military

an experience that will speaking. change their lives," he

Parking is available onsight for \$20 for the weekend, or those attending may choose to park offsite and walk to the p.m. grounds, or purchase a The

round-trip shuttle for \$1. Friday, Chris Tomlin, Building 429 and Karen Fisher are scheduled to perform and David Nasser will be the speaker. Saturday, P.O.D, Jars of Clay, Casting Crowns, Kutless, PAX 217, Nate Sallie, Warren Barfield and Plumb are set to take

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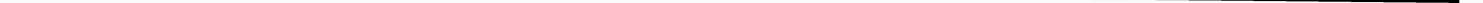
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By THEOLA LA

next to O'Neill. He hammered home the point that nobody who ever had been in the same boat with Kerry has criticized his war service. O'Neill reiterated his contention in the book that Lt. William Schachte (later a rear admiral) was aboard the small whaler as Kerry's training officer and "witnessed Kerry, with an M-79 (grenade launcher), fire and wound himself." Davis interrupted, shouting, "That was a false statement." At Davis' suggestion, I telephoned the two of Kerry's crew members who said they were on the whaler that night: Patrick Runyon and William Zaldonis. Each said they did not know whether there was enemy fire and did not know how Kerry was wounded. But each said he was certain that they alone were in the boat with Kerry, and did not even know Schachte. When I called O'Neill, he told me Schachte was

sure he was aboard the whaler and would speak out later. Lanny Davis is a clever lawyer trying to reduce multiple charges against his client to one simple issue where, so far, he has the witnesses and his adversaries do not. Davis is also a decent human being who told me he thought he went over the line shouting at O'Neill and that "there is a difference here of conceptions." That's better than simply crying liar in a fight John Kerry brought on himself.

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Well, NO, IM NOT REALLY AN AUTHORITY ON STEM-CELL RESEARCH-BUT I DID STAY AT A HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS LAST NIGHT.

Kerry: A question of credibility his emphasis. Davis was appearcandidate's swift boat comrades. he passionate debate over At Yale long ago, he admired feling for the first time on television

John Kerry's war record has become a question of credibility. Who is accurately portraying what the Democratic presidential candidate did in Vietnam 35

years ago? Kerry designated advocate Lanny Davis has posed a simple test of who was aboard a small boat with the future senator during his baptism of fire. On Dec. 2, 1968, Lt. (j.g.) Kerry saw his first action aboard a

small boat called a skimmer or Boston whaler, resulting in

the first of three Purple Hearts. Two crewmen, among the veterans who stood with Kerry on the podium in Boston, say only three men were aboard. John O'Neill, Kerry's fellow officer, critic and co-author of the newly published "Unfit for Command," contends a future admiral who is critical of Kerry also was on the boat.

How many men squeezed into the whaler may seem irrelevant to the dispute over Kerry's war record. But Washington superlawyer Davis contends nobody in a boat with Kerry when he was wounded has joined veterans opposing him. He poses this as a test of whether O'Neill's book is a tissue of lies intended to destroy a présidential candidate.

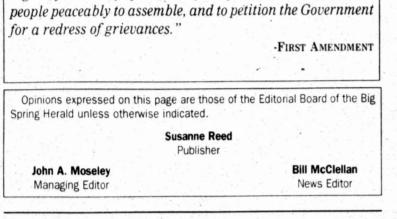
When television producers ask Kerry headquarters to discuss this controversy, they have been sending out Davis rather one of the

low undergrad Kerry from afar as 'an orator and future leader. Now, outraged by the attack on Kerry's war record. Davis volunteered to help.

The campaign accepted, and he jumped in- too early. Bill Clinton's calm advocate became a shouter for Kerry who accused critics of being liars. Davis was not ready last Monday when the Kerry campaign placed him on Fox's "Hannity and Colmes" program. He had not yet read O'Neill's book, and mixed up an attack on one target: Louis Letson, a former Navy doctor who is quoted in the book as saying the wound was trivial and probably self-inflicted from a ricocheting grenade shell.

On that program, Davis bought into the statement that Kerry was treated by "another doctor, J.C. Carreon." "This Letson guy never signed a single sheet of paper,' Davis said. Actually, the now deceased Carreon was a medic who, according to Letson, bandaged Kerry's wound and routinely signed routine medical reports such as Kerry's. I contacted Letson, a retired family doctor, at his home in Scottsboro, Ala. He told me he remembered taking care of Kerry's wound, which was "only a scratch," and also recalled the enlisted men, with some amusement, describing Kerry as promising he would "come out of the war as the next JFK."

By the time Davis appeared on CNN's "Crossfire" on Thursday, he had read the book and changed



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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Everyday. Lord, is another chance for a good life with you. Amen

emember what it was like just before the war? Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction-Colin Powell told us to the pound how many tons of this, that and the other-Saddam had a reconstituted nuclear program, he had numerous ties to

Al Qaeda, and he was an imminent threat. As the president put it, we couldn't afford to wait until the smoking gun was a mushroom cloud. "To think of the future and wait was merely another way of saying one was a

coward; any idea of

moderation was just another attempt to disguise one's unmanly character; ability to understand the question from all sides meant that one was totally unfitted for action: fanatical enthusiasm was the mark of a real man. Anyone who held violent opinions could always be trusted. and anyone who objected to them became a suspect."

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The quote is from Thucydides. the Father of History, writing about the day in 415 B.C. when Athens sent its glorious fleet off to destruction in Sicily. I have not been re-reading Thucydides, but found the quote in a footnote in a splendid little book called "Gag Rule: On the Suppression of Dissent and the Stifling of Democracy" by Lewis Lapham, in my opinion the most incisive essayist in America.

I bring this up only because it doesn't look as if anyone else is gonna. John Kerry is running such a cautious campaign that George W. Bush can get away with falsely claiming that Kerry would have supported the war even if he had known then what he knows today. This does, of course, raise the awkward question of whether George W. Bushhad he known then there were no weapons of mass destruction, no nuclear program, no ties to All Qaeda and no imminent threat would have gone to war himself. The one legitimate excuse they always had- that Saddam Hussein was a miserable s.o.b.was the one they specifically rejected before the war.

Lessons to be Learned Program

It is so painful to read about what is happening in Iraq today (can we put the old dog about how the news media are ignoring "the good news" to rest now?), it is not clear whether we should barf or go blind. With the best will in the world, one cannot pull a positive outlook out of this tragedy. I never advocate despair, but ignoring reality is just as destructive. What. A. Mess.

Still trying for something useful, I'm on the Lessons to Be Learned program. It took the Bush administration months and months and months of false claims to persuade a majority of the American people that declaring war on a country that had done nothing to us was a necessary thing to do. Almost to the day the fighting started, polls showed most Americans had grave doubts about the enterprise. Then most of us went along because. hell, if our people are over there fighting, then we're behind them.

What we need to figure out is why so many of us then became so invested in this awful enterprise. As the president says, fool me once, shame on, uh, somebody or other. John Kerry isn't going to remind any of us we were wrong- that would be rude. (Sooner or later, someone is going to ask Kerry the question he so

famously asked about Vietnam: "How do you ask someone to be the last man to die for a mistake?" He'd better have an answer ready.) The reason Kerry won't "blame America first," as the Rush Limbaughs would put it, is not just because none of us likes to have our nose rubbed in our mistakes, it's a political calculation. In case you hadn't noticed, John Kerry is winning this presidential race— that's why he's running such a cautious campaign. The patriotic bullying that went

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on in this country over Iraq should not be forgotten. It is brilliantly described and dissected in **Chris Hedges' important little** book, "War Is a Force That Gives Life Meaning." In one of the great ironies of the Iraq War, Hedges himself became the victim of the very group-think he had analyzed after starting a speech with the observation, "War in the end is always about betrayal; betrayal of the young by the old, soldiers by politicians, and idealists by cynics." He was booed off the stage.

Wretched excess always accompanies war fever- in World War I, "patriots" used to go around kicking dachshunds on the grounds that they were "German dogs." As I have noted elsewhere, people like that do not go around kicking German shepherds.

Some of that bullying, swaggering tone remains with us, in our politics. To treat with contempt any effort at "nuance" or "sensitivity"- in one of the most fraught and sensitive situations we've ever been in- is just ugly know-nothingism. As Republicans used to say to Democrats abut the election debacle in Florida last time, "Get over it."

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BIG SPRING HERALD Thursday, August 19, 2004

Missteps Cited in Death of Disabled Student Woman Imprisoned for 16

By THEOLA LABBE

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON D.C. -Cindy Alvarado, a 13year-old girl with cerebral palsy, had been lethargic and breathing more rapidly than normal that day at school. Her teacher was concerned and called for the nurse.

But at the end of the day, Cindy was placed on a D.C. school bus with the nurse's urgent note tucked away.

After an hour-long bus ride to her foster home in Fort Washington, Md., Cindy, who used a wheelchair and was unable to speak, had stopped breathing and was turning blue.

Soon she was pronounced dead at a hospital. Hours later, her foster mother found the nurse's note at the bottom of Cindy's backpack. It read: "Please evaluate re:

emergency room ASAP." The details of Cindy's Sept. 26 death are in a newly released report by

University Legal Services, a federally mandated watchdog group for the mentally retarded and disabled.

An autopsy found that Cindy died from volvulus, an abnormal twisting of a segment of bowel that can be fatal if untreated, the report states.

"It defies all nursing standards and common sense to place a child that needs emergent care on an hour-long bus ride with buried instructions for the parent to seek emergency medical treatment," concluded nurse Andrea investigator Procaccino, the Legal Services consultant who wrote the report.

Based on the report's D.C. findings, the Department of Health plans to ask its Board of We compared what

regrets Cindy's death. She said members of not uncommon for Cindy to cry in pain from her ailments, which included gastrointestinal reflux and a seizure disorder.

The school's only nurse, identified by Legal Services as Vandalia Joyner-Taylor, did not return several telephone calls.

"The school nurse goes above and beyond to help sick students," Lewis said.

The Legal Services report is critical of Joyner-Taylor, who wrote the note found in Cindy's backpack. Investigators said there was "no indication that the nurse assessed or responded appropriately to (Cindy's) abnormal vital signs."

still Joyner-Taylor works at the school and is employed by National Nurses Service Inc., a company with three room ASAP.' offices in the Washington region that provides nurses to private and public After school, at 3 p.m., institutions. The president of National Nurses did not respond Tuesday to telephone messages left at his office.

Joyner-Taylor is in a school nurse program run by Children's School Services, a subsidiary of National Children's Medical Center. In an Oct. 21 memo sent to the D.C. Health Department, Children's School Services concluded that Joyner-Taylor's actions surrounding Cindy's case did not violate nursing standards, said Ray Sczudlo, president and chief legal officer for the medical center.

He said Joyner-Taylor has been a nurse for more than 20 years and has worked at Sharpe for

crying and sleeping more than usual and that her her staff told her it was eyes looked weak. About noon, the teacher contacted the nurse.

The report said the nurse recorded Cindy's temperature as 99.6 and her blood pressure as "alarmingly low" and found that Cindy was taking 28 breaths per minute and was whining.

According to the report, the nurse did not record a pulse. The school records indicate that the nurse she called said Carmichael about 1 p.m. and left a message.

But Carmichael told investigators that she never received a call. At the end of her shift at 2:30 p.m., the nurse wrote a note to the foster mother about Cindy's condition: "Appears very uncomfortable - crying at intervals - also seems lethargic, respirations rapid. Please evaluate re: emergency

Someone placed the note in Cindy's backpack. Cindy was placed on the bus. Her eyes didn't look right, the driver told the school aide. But the aide reassured the driver that Cindy always looked that way and that she was fine.

The driver kept an eye on Cindy during the ride to Fort Washington, where the girl had lived with Carmichael for nearly seven months. When the driver approached Cindy to help her off the bus, the girl was not breathing and was blue.

Cindy was rushed to the hospital, where she was pronounced dead. School transportation administrator David I. Gilmore, appointed by a federal judge to take over the special education bus system, said the bus driver is still troubled by the

years to go free at age 75

By SEAN GARDINER

The Washington Post New York - When Martha Weatherspoon walks out of prison Wednesday for the first time in 15 years, she'll need a cane to lean on.

At 75 years of age, Weatherspoon, a grandmother of 35 and great grandmother to more than 50, is believed to be the oldest woman incarcerated in New York state's prison system.

Her age notwithstanding, opponents of the state's Rockefeller drug laws say the septuagenarian is the poster-child for doing away with those laws.

Born into an Alabama family. farming Weatherspoon made her way north and eventually settled in Syracuse. By the 1980s, the mother of five was eking out a living picking vegetables and fruit on nearby farms when she fell off a ladder and broke both her legs. Daughter Alice

Weatherspoon said her mother turned to the "easy, fast money" available through the drug trade, which at the time was' running rampant, in their apartment complex. On Dec. 12, 1988, Weatherspoon, then 60, was arrested after buying eight ounces of cocaine from an undercover cop. She turned down a plea

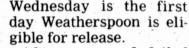
deal that would have Wednesday is the first meant three to six years in prison, according to Randy Credico, of the William Moses Kunstler Fund for Radical Justice, an anti-Rockefeller-law group that has champi-Weatherspoon's oned cause.

In 1989, Weatherspoon was convicted at trial. Under the Rockefeller drug laws, enacted in 1973, the punishment for buying two or more ounces of narcotics was made more severe than sentences for some murder and rape convictions. Weatherspoon was sentenced to 20 years to life.

"The woman's been in there for almost 16 years," Credico said. "She's not Ma Barker here. She did as much time as Joel Steinberg, more time than Robert Chambers, and they were convicted of killing people. She did more time than (Nazi war criminal) Albert Speer."

Weatherspoon's attempts to be granted clemency had fallen on deaf ears, despite the fact she's had a knee replaced and a pacemaker inserted. Three years ago, the state's Clemency Bureau, which advises the governor, denied her bid, saying clemency is granted "only in the most compelling circumstances." With time she has

earned for good behavior,



After years of failed attempts to secure their matriarch's release from Bedford the Hills Correctional Facility, the family has decided to put aside any bitterness. Weatherspoon has yet to meet many of her grandchildren and great grandchildren, so family members plan to drive to Syracuse Wednesday for a family reunion, her daughters said.

"We were bitter," Alice Weatherspoon, 53, said. "But we can't change that, and we can't stay in the past. If you dwell on the past, you can't concentrate on the future. We're going to enjoy the time we have left with her here on this earth."

Martha Weatherspoon has told her family she already has plans for her second day out of prison.

"The thing she really wants to do is go fishing,' Alice Weatherspoon said. "She loves fishing, farming and gardening. That was her life before.' Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service





Nursing to review the case.

"We are very concerned about protecting the health of these medically fragile children," said Walter Faggett, the department's interim chief medical officer.

Legal Services learned of Cindy's death in April and launched an investigation, which included a review of records from C. Melvin Sharpe Health School in Northwest, where Cindy was a special education student, and interviews with the school's transportation staff.

D.C. school officials received a copy of the report Friday. Four attempts to reach Interim Superintendent Robert C. Rice were unsuccessful.

Veleter M. B. Mazyck, the school system's attorney, said officials have been cooperating with an investigation by the D.C. **Child Fatality Review** Committee, an independent group.

Schools spokeswoman Lucy Young said, "We categorically deny any wrongdoing of any kind."

LaGrande Lewis, principal of Sharpe, a special education school that serves 203 students with severe physical and emotional needs, said she

was done to an appropriate standard of care, and we did not feel she breached the appropriate standard of care," Sczudlo

to take action" against her. The medical center and the health department would not release the memo. The Legal Services report provides a glimpse of the last day of Cindy's

life. Before she left home that morning, her foster mother, Nora Carmichael, noted that Cindy had vomited a small amount of clear liquid. As a precaution, she checked the child's feeding tube, and everything was fine.

At 9:20 a.m., after Cindy had reached school. Carmichael called the school, told an administrative assistant about the vomiting and said she wanted the school nurse to check on Cindy.

School records indicate that the assistant wrote down the message, but "there is nothing in the record to indicate that this information was relayed to the nurse or that the nurse went to assess" Cindy until hours later, according to Legal Services.

Cindy's teacher had noticed that Cindy was Post

death.

"I think this child was put on the bus in not very good shape, and I wish we had been in a better posisaid. "There was no cause tion to recognize that," he said.

Carmichael still grapples with the death of the girl, whom she regarded as her daughter. She said she is haunted every time she sees a yellow school bus.

"It's something that you never really get over," Carmichael said. "This was my child, who I loved and care about.... It is difficult to lose a child, especially in the manner that this all occurred."

Cindy had her medical limitations, but she communicated her feelings, Carmichael said. "She would kick her feet when she felt joy, even just when a person touched her," Carmichael said.

"She could smile, and you knew she appreciated what you did She was just a magnificent little kid."

LA Times/Washington Post Staff writers Henri E. Cauvin, Sewell Chan and Jamie Stockwell and researcher Bobbye Pratt contributed to this report.

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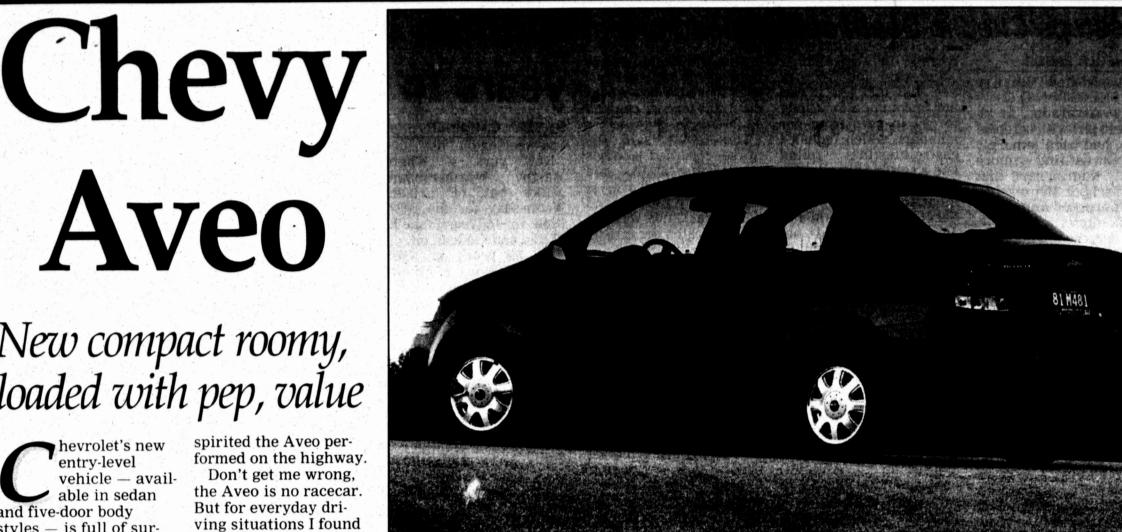
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New compact roomy, loaded with pep, value

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hevrolet's new entry-level vehicle — available in sedan and five-door body styles - is full of surprises.

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With a base price starting below \$10,000, the new Aveo is loaded with interior room rare for a subcompact car.

It not only has a back seat, but there is actual-

ly ample leg, head and shoulder room to comfortably seat passengers. Designed

in Italy and manufactured in South Korea, the Aveo packs a lot of

value into a very stylish package.

Perhaps more importantly, I found it a lot of fun to drive during my one-week review period.

Powered by a 1.6-liter I-4 engine (105 horsespirited the Aveo performed on the highway. Don't get me wrong, the Aveo is no racecar. But for everyday driving situations I found it to be quick and responsive, with plenty of power to merge onto busy freeways or pass a slow moving vehicle on

a country road. Comparing to vehicles in the subcompact class,

I found the Aveo

power-**ON THE ROAD** plant to be extremely smooth, with no lag time. Sure, you can wind it out but only if vou're trying to

be Jeff Gordan, and even then, you'll be surprised at how quickly the Aveo exceeds the posted speed limit.

BY NEAL WHITE

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The 2004 Chevrolet Aveo sedan.

It has an EPA fuel. economy rating of 28 mpg city/34 mpg highway.

able.

Standard features include AM/FM stereo, tinted glass, fully functional floor console with storage compartment, intermittent wipers, rear window defogger, remote fuel door and trunk releases, day/night rearview mirror, front visor vanity mirrors and dual front

cupholders. Available in two trim lines - base and LS the LS models (starting at \$12,045) add CD player and MP3 playback sound system, air conditioning, power door locks, power windows, remote keyless entry,* power outside passen-

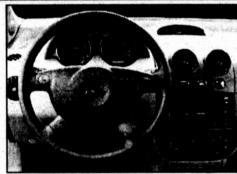
rearview mirrors and fabric door trim. Standard safety fea-

tures include dual front airbags and an impactabsorbing frame designed to form a protective safety cage around the cabin, distributing energy along multiple load paths and away from from the passenger compartment. Anti-lock brakes are available.

I was impressed with the Aveo, and after spending a week behind the wheel, feel that it is one of the best entrylevel vehicles on the market. Its primary competitors are the Hyundai Accent, Kia **Rio and Toyota Echo.**

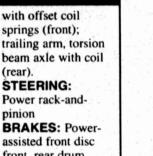


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MODEL: **2004** Chevrolet Aveo Front-wheel drive 5-passenger seating Subcompact sedan/5-door PRICE RANGE: \$10,000 - \$14,000 ENGINE: 1.6-L I-4 (105 hp/107 torque) TRANSMISSION: 5-speed manual 4-speed automatic EPA: 28 mpg city/34 mpg highway SUSPENSION: MacPherson struts

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New cancer test speeds feedback on results of therapy

HOUSTON (AP) - Doctors using new technology can get fast feedback on whether treatments are working for breast cancer victims, a new study shows.

The test that counts cancer cells in bloodstreams of patients with advanced breast cancer speeds the determination of effectiveness of a therapy to weeks instead of months, according to the study led by the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and published in Thursday's edition of The New England Journal of Medicine.

Dr. Massimo Cristofanilli, an associate professor in M.D. Anderson's department of breast medical oncology and the study's lead author, said it confirmed that tumors circulating in the blood are a sign of a more dangerous form of the disease. That's expected to lead to more tailored treatments, he said.

"Utilizing this test, we may one day definitively tell (some) women they have a worse prognosis and that chemotherapy is the right approach," Cristofanilli told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions. "Or for those with few or no circulating cells, it is safe to go ahead with a less aggressive treatment."

State lawmaker fights ex-maid for custody of infant

HOUSTON (AP) - A white state lawmaker and his wife have asked a family court judge to allow the 20-month-old black son of their former maid to remain in their custody, claiming the child's parents are unfit.

State Rep. Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, and his wife, Janice, pleaded their case Wednesday to state District Judge Linda Motheral, saying it was in the best interests of Fidel Odimara Jr. to remain with them.

They accused the boys' parents, Mariam Katamba and Fidel Odimara, of not caring for their son or providing him with adequate medical attention.

Four who claim sexual abuse demonstrate at nuns meeting FORT WORTH (AP) - Four adults who claim they were sexually abused by nuns demonstrated Wednesday outside a convention center where a national organization of nuns will meet

this weekend. The alleged victims, organized by the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, known as SNAP, said they hoped to call attention to molestations by Catholic sisters and persuade the nuns to let them speak at their national meeting.

They carried posters with messages such as "Help us heal," "No more suicides" and "We ask for bread and were given a stone."

Barbara Blaine of Chicago, SNAP's national president, joined the demonstrators. She said the victims group has no exact numbers on the extent of abuse by nuns, but has heard from more than 100 alleged victims in recent months.

Oil charges to new high above \$47 a barrel; analysts see hope

WASHINGTON (AP) - The price of oil charged to a new high above \$47 a barrel Wednesday amid nagging concerns about instability in Iraq, the uncertain fate of Russian petroleum giant Yukos and the world's limited supply cushion.

Still, analysts pointed to recent developments in Iraq, Russia and Venezuela that could help temper the overriding fears that have fueled a 27 percent runup in oil prices in just six weeks.





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The Big Spring Youth Football League and the Dallas Cowboys will be

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Crossroads football gets ready to kick off season

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor The Crossroads Football Association needs your help!

Despite several new improvements and changes to the football field this year, the league's number of participants is down with the final day of sign-ups taking place this Friday and Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

"This league has been around for a long time and I would hate to see legacies die," said Stacie Campbell, who is one of many involved in the program. "This is where the kids start their wonderful football careers and maybe someday these kids can bring a championship to the Crossroads area.'

The league has made several improvements to the playing field this off-

season. There will be a new scoreboard and concession stand this year as well as a new chain linked fence, newly painted goal posts, new sod for the field and new painted metal bleachers, which replaced last year's old wooden ones.

Right now, every age division has openings for new players that wish to play.

The sign-up sessions will take place at the Big Spring Mall Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information. contact Campbell -Stacie or Robert - at 432-263-9634.

The league's kick-off the season pool party will take place from 7-9 p.m. Friday, August 27, at the **Comanche Trail Pool and** the party is free for all signed up players.

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From left: Dale Coates, Colby Williams and Tony Gamble assemble a chain-linked fence before Wednesday night's hard rain hit. The fence will be placed around a football field that will be used by the Crossroads Football Association this season. Besides the new fence, the field will also feature a new concession stand, a new scoreboard, newly painted goal posts and new sod. The old wood bleachers were also replaced in favor of newly painted metal bleachers. The field is located at Howard College next to the baseball field.

Astros' Pettitte hits DL for good

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and girls 8-15. For more info, contact. George Lopez at 264-7313 or by e-mail at BSYFL@msn.com.

Howard College sets cheer camp dates

College's Howard cheer camp for first through sixth graders will be held Aug. 28 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Registration for the event will begin at 8 a.m. and the Dance and Cheer class starts at 9 a.m. The cost is \$25. For more information, contact Linda Berry at 264-5024.

Coahoma sets "mee the Bulldogs night'

The Coahoma Athletic **Booster Club would like** to invite fans to have ice cream and meet the Bulldogs football and cross country teams, as well as the cheerleaders and Big Red Band for the 2004-2005 season. The event will take place Monday at 7 p.m. the high scho

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soccer sign up date

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will have a sign-up sess from 1-5 p.m. Satur t the Big S



KRT photo/David Eulitt, Kansas City Star

Members of the U.S. 4x200 freestyle relay team, from left, Natalie Coughlin, Carly Piper, Dana Vollmer and Kaitlin Sandeno, celebrate winning gold at the 2004 Olympic Games Wednesday.

Cowboys' Witten is new Parcells, Testaverde guy

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer OXNARD, Calif. When he broke his jaw last season, Jason Witten missed just one game for the Dallas Cowboys. Vinny Testaverde quickly noticed the tight end when he joined the team this summer.

Then during Dallas' preseason opener, Witten was in about 40 plays, more than anybody else. He played offense, including third-down situations and single-back sets using two tight ends, and special teams.

"He's one of my most versatile players. He allows us to do a number of things," coach Bill Parcells said Wednesday. "He's also intelligent, so you can do a lot of things with his versatility as well because he has the mental capacity to do it.

"I'll take a six-pack of those."

Witten is the type of versatile and tough player Parcells likes, especially at tight end. A guy in the mold of players like Mark **Bavaro and Ben Coates** the coach has had in the

past. Dan Campbell remains the primary tight end starter, but Parcells expects the 6-foot-5, 257pound Witten to "be a very significant contributor to our team, very significant" in his second season. He will also get some more starts with Campbell in two-tight end sets.

"That's what I expect of myself, to have a bigger role," Witten said. "As the season went on last year, I saw my role getting more and more involved. I came into camp and it started getting more involved this year. So it's a little pressure added to it, but that's what you want."

Parcells has always considered tight end one of the most important positions on offense, a key to the running and passing games.

In the coach's first draft with the Cowboys in 2003, Witten was taken out of Tennessee in the third round. Boston College tight end Sean Ryan was a fifth-round pick this vear.

tions for 347 yards and a touchdown last season, the most for a rookie tight end. Only three other rookies at any position had more catches.

"I think the way I came on last year gave (Parcells) a lot of confidence in what I can do this year," Witten said. That means blocking

and catching.

"Getting in there to block more, that's the thing he's been trying to get me to do," he said. "Work on that and be a complete player."

Jay Novacek, the Cowboys' tight end from 1990-96, worked with Witten during the offseason.

Testaverde reunited with Parcells in June, just in time to take part in the team's minicamp. Witten quickly stood out to the 40-year-old quarterback who has played 17 NFL seasons.

"Vinny thinks a lot of him. He noticed him early on in minicamp ... That Witten can catch it, can't he?,' " Parcells said.

Witten said he's starting

Witten had 35 recepto get a good feel for Testaverde, who became the starter after the unexpected release two weeks ago of Quincy Carter.

In Saturday night's preseason game at Houston, Witten had a team-high three catches, all on short-yard plays. The first was a 5-yarder from Testaverde.

Parcells is constantly taking lighthearted jabs at Witten. When the tight end was knocked on his rear by linebacker Bradie James during a drill early in camp, the coach gave him the nickname "Pretty Boy.'

A few days later, Witten knocked Parcells down, crashing into the coach after trying to catch an overthrown pass. Parcells got up smiling.

"I'm a lot more relaxed out there, and you know what to expect from the coaching staff, and you know how Parcells is going to be," he said. "He's going to get on you, but he's just doing that so you can become a better player, especially being a young player he's got high expectations of."

PHILADELPHIA (AP) Andy Pettitte's lost season came to an end Wednesday when the Houston Astros announced the pitcher would have surgery on his troublesome left elbow next week.

Pettitte was put on the 15-day disabled list for the third time this season. Dr. James Andrews will do the surgery next Tuesday to repair a torn flexor tendon.

Pettitte, 32, will start rehabilitation the day after

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He will resume throwing 12-to-16 weeks after the procedure.

The former All-Star joined the hometown Astros in December, leaving the New York Yankees as a free agent to sign a \$31.5 million, three-year contract.

But Pettitte tore a tendon in his elbow in his Houston debut – while batting, of all things – and has not been right all season.

Pettitte was 6-4 with a 3.90 ERA in 15 starts for the Astros, who have had a disappointing season after coming in with high expectations.

Even with Roger Clemens joining the rotation in the winter and the midseason acquisition of Carlos Beltran, the Astros fell out of the NL Central race and faded in the wild-card chase.

The Astros plan to right-hander recall Brandon Backe from **Triple-A New Orleans. He** will join the team Friday in Houston.

Backe, 26, will make his first major league start Saturday against the Chicago Cubs.

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. 1259

APPLICATION Glasscock County Co-op, has applied to the Texas on Environmental Commission Quality (TCEQ) for the renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 1259 which would authorize continued operation of the Cotton Gin located at 300 County Road Co-op, Garden Glasscock County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: unburned hydrocarbons, particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and carbon monoxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on July 16, 2004. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office. and the Glasscock County 117 East Currie, Gar-

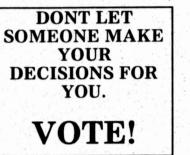
Vehicles

1998 HONDA Goldwing GL1500 SE, 9,400 miles, excellent condition. Loaded, helmets, headphones. Sealed bids only, \$9,500 minimum. See at Halfmann's Store in Garden City Aug. 15 to Aug. 22. Call (432)354-2221 or 354-2366.

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ance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a ontested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) you name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any: (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "(I/we) request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facili (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

BY JOYCE JILLSON The Libra moon could have you searching for your other half. Whether your focus is love or business, you get the feeing that the right partner could take you all the way with your endeavors. This is partially true, but be sure you're doing all you can on your own - it's the only way to attract the support you need. Your aesthetic sense is important.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). As the sign of all things fresh and new, you'll once again be representing the cutting edge. Expect a mixed reaction. Physically, you're at a high. It's the perfect day to try supplements or exercise techniques.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're not a beast of burden, but when friends and family lay their heaviness on you, you could mistakenly take it on as your own. The day's lessons include learning to be empathetic without needing to "save" anyone. **GEMINI** (May 21-June

21). You'd rather wing it than plan a single event today, but do give a thought to where you'll be five years from now (how boring! how impossible! what for?). No matter how you protest, the future is based on actions taken today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're anxious to find a way around tedious work. Do brainteasers and crossword puzzles (or whatever your mental exercise of choice may be). The experiences around the corner require

you to be in fine intellectual shape.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're going through a growth spurt in your personal life. Small wins help you get back in touch with that sense of exhilaration you felt as a child when you accomplished something that surprised you — "Hey, Mom, look at me!"

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Social graces help you plot a course to popularity. It's not that you care about being liked, but it's easier to find your way when friends in all ports are pointing you in the right direction. Plus, you prefer operating in a refined world.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Loved ones depend on you for almost everything, a phenomenon that has you feeling a little put out. Consider that by allowing others to let you do all the thinking, you're making them weak. Let dear ones fend for themselves. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). The stars act together to double your pleasure (your pain, your money and your inconvenience). Whatever you think will happen happens times two. Planning for unexpected costs is the surest way not to get caught off guard.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're a skilled risk taker, and your fortune multiplies when you make educated financial leaps. Moral dilemmas arise. You don't have to sell out to achieve what you want — in fact, not selling out is exactly the point.

Annie's Mailbox -: Advice for those in need

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Dear Annie: I have been married to "Roger" for 15 years. We have three young children, one of whom has a learning disability. I used to work 60 hours a week, but I thought my son would do better in school if I were available to help with homework, so last year, I cut back my hours to parttime. I also keep house, cook all the meals, do all the laundry, etc. I'm a regular Susie Homemaker. Roger is not happy with the major cuts we have had to make to our budget. I understand, but I don't want to go back to work full time just so we can have extras. When we both worked, Roger cooked dinner, but that was it. Meanwhile, I put in more hours at the office than he did, and still had to come home and do everything else. I can't take the strain. I am angry that Roger wants to have his cake and eat it, too. What can I say to make him back off? and Wife Mom in Virginia Dear Wife: In many households, both parents must work in order to afford the basic necessities. Since that does not seem to be the case here, Roger must realize that the less he contributes around the house, the more you must do which means you have less time to devote to work outside the home. If the two of you cannot reach a reasonable compromise, the next step is marriage counseling. Good luck.

Jan. 19). The lighter you are - physically, mentally and spiritually — the more gracefully you'll be able to navigate through the tricky turns this day brings. Leave the old baggage behind. All you really need would fit into a

Tomorrow's Horoscope

tiny pouch. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When the situation calls for seeing the best in people, you're the one for the job. Others will rise to your opinion of them. You're greeted by smiling faces everywhere you go - because you yourself are wearing a friendly grin.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're tempted to let your problems consume you. Don't give them that kind of power! In three days, you'll realize you were making mountains out of molehills. You must take time to nourish your spirit.

ASTROLOGICAL QUES-TIONS: "I was born March 20, 1969, at 10:03 p.m. Am I a Pisces or an Aries?"

You are a Pisces, with an Aries moon - so it makes sense that you would relate to the energies of both signs. Mercury, the planet of communication, was also in Pisces at the time of your birth, and I'd be willing to bet that you are quite psychic. You can probably look back on your life thus far and see times when you acted intuitively and wound up lucky. If you ever decide to develop these skills, you'll have an easier time of it than most people. ATORS Venus was stationed at INC. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- the time of your birth for

a retrograde cycle in Aries. There are probably long periods in which you have been a single person, feeling mat your love life is going nowhere, but you've always filled your time with ambitious career goals. Financially, you've done quite well for yourself, though you've spent quite a lot on travels and on making your life comfortable and exciting. You are an attractive person with interesting insights about the world and would be a wonderful travel writer if you'd like to earn a little to help fund your trips!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Chanteuse Vanessa Carlton has been wrapping up work on "Harmonium," a followup to her "Be Not Nobody" record. The busy, busy life of a pop star suits her, as Leo people love sharing their talents. They enjoy having a long list of projects — if there is still plenty of time to sit in the sun and relax with good friends. This year also features an important style moment for this Leo.

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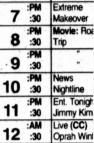


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City, Glasscock County, The facility's compliance Texas. file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material. or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise. traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who mitted public comments or who on the mailing list for this applion, unless the application is diy referred to a contested case a1.19

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CON-TESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compli

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

INFORMATION Written public comments and requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087. Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the per mitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Glasscock County Co-op, 300 County Road Co-op. Garden City, Texas 79739-2737 or by calling Mr. Kelley Green, P.E., Director of Technical Services Texas Cotton Ginners' Association at (512)476-8388.

Issuance Date: July 27, 2004 #4304 August 19, 2004

Dear, Annie: Students are heading back to school this time of year, but many of them are unaware that they may be at risk for meningitis infection.

August is Meningitis Awareness and Month. Prevention Meningitis is a serious. sometimes fatal infection causing inflammation of the membranes that protect the brain and spinal The symptoms cord.



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develop rapidly and are similar to the flu. Meningitis is difficult to diagnose, which is why vaccination against this disease is the best protection.

I know because I contracted meningococcal meningitis my freshman year of college, which resulted in a loss of nine of my toes, and part of the septum in my nose and palate in the roof of my mouth. I didn't know what meningitis was or that there are preventative methods available, and I found out the hard way.

Although meningitis can affect people of any age, young children are most susceptible. That is why they should receive the vaccine to protect them against invasive pneumococcal disease, the most common cause of meningitis in infants and young children. Young adults, especially those in college, the military or other large group settings, should be immunized with the meningococcal vaccine.

To find out more about meningitis, your readers can call us at 1-800-668-1129 or visit our Web site at www.musa.org. Please make your readers aware that there are preventative measures that can be taken to protect themselves and their families from this terrible disease. Sincerely — Ryan Pike, Development Director, **Meningitis Foundation of** America, Indianapolis,

any of your family mem- pension checks each bers are going to be spending the coming year in a group setting, talk to your doctor about appropriate vaccinations for meningitis.

you for this timely warn- purse.

Dear Annie: My husband and I were married two years ago in a very thrown-together wedding, three weeks before moving overseas. As a result, we could not invite many people. We will be returning to the States next year and have told our families that we will hold a wedding reception. At that time, we will have been married for three years. Is it improper to register for gifts? — Jennifer

Dear Jennifer: It is fine to register, and those guests who did not send you a gift when you first married will no doubt wish to do so now. Congratulations.

Dear Annie: Tonight, my always grumpy, sometimes hateful and often mean husband of almost 15 years shot my pet poodle to death. "Edgar" had flown into a rage because of something he blamed me for, and he took out his anger on my sweet dog. He emptied the gun into her poor little body. When my daughter grabbed his arm and tried to stop him, he threw her to the floor.

She and I were hysterical and are devastated. Edgar was arrested for animal cruelty, which I believe is a felony in my state. He might actually serve time. Under no circumstances will he be returning to this home or to our marriage. It's over. I am currently having a very bad time with rheumatoid arthritis and was forced to apply for Social Security disability. I was turned down and am appealing. I can hardly see through the tears. What in the world do I do now? I have a child to take care of and am near-

month. Can I ask for child support or spousal support? Can I access his money while he is in jail? - Grieving Out West

Dear Grieving: Edgar is a brute, and you are well rid of him. You are entitled to child support if your daughter is under age 18, and you may be able to get spousal support as well. You can access Edgar's money if your accounts are held jointly.

There are attorneys who will help you for free or on a sliding scale. Check with your local women's associations and law schools, or contact the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (www.nlada.org), 1140 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Suite 900, Washington, D.C. 20036. We'll be thinking of you.

Dear Annie: There is a phrase that bugs me. It's, "How may I help you?" Wouldn't it be better to ask, "May I help you?" and leave off the "how"? I know this won't keep anyone awake at night, but can you answer my question? - Greensboro, N.C. Dear Greensboro: "May I help you?" actually gets the point across nicely

and implies "in what way may I be of assistance?" Adding the word "how" is a little redundant, to be sure, but harmless.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox. and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators .com.

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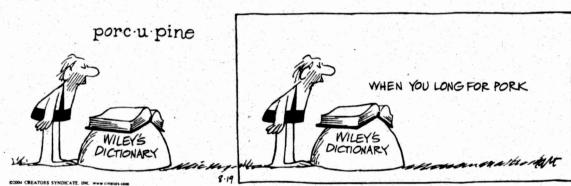
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 19, the 232nd day of 2004. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

onstitution defeated the British frigate Guerriere east of Nova Scotia during the War of 1812.

On this date: In 1848, the New York Herald reported the discovery of gold in California.

In 1929, the comedy program "Amos and Andy," diers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering about 50 percent casualties. In 1955, severe flooding in the Northeast claimed some 200 lives.

In 1960, a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers of espionage. In 1974, U.S. Ambassador Rodger P. Davies was fatally wounded by a bullet that penetrated the American embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus, during a protest by Greek Cypriots. In 1976, President Ford

won the Republican presidential nomination at the convention in party's Kansas City.

comedian Groucho Marx died in Los Angeles at age 86.

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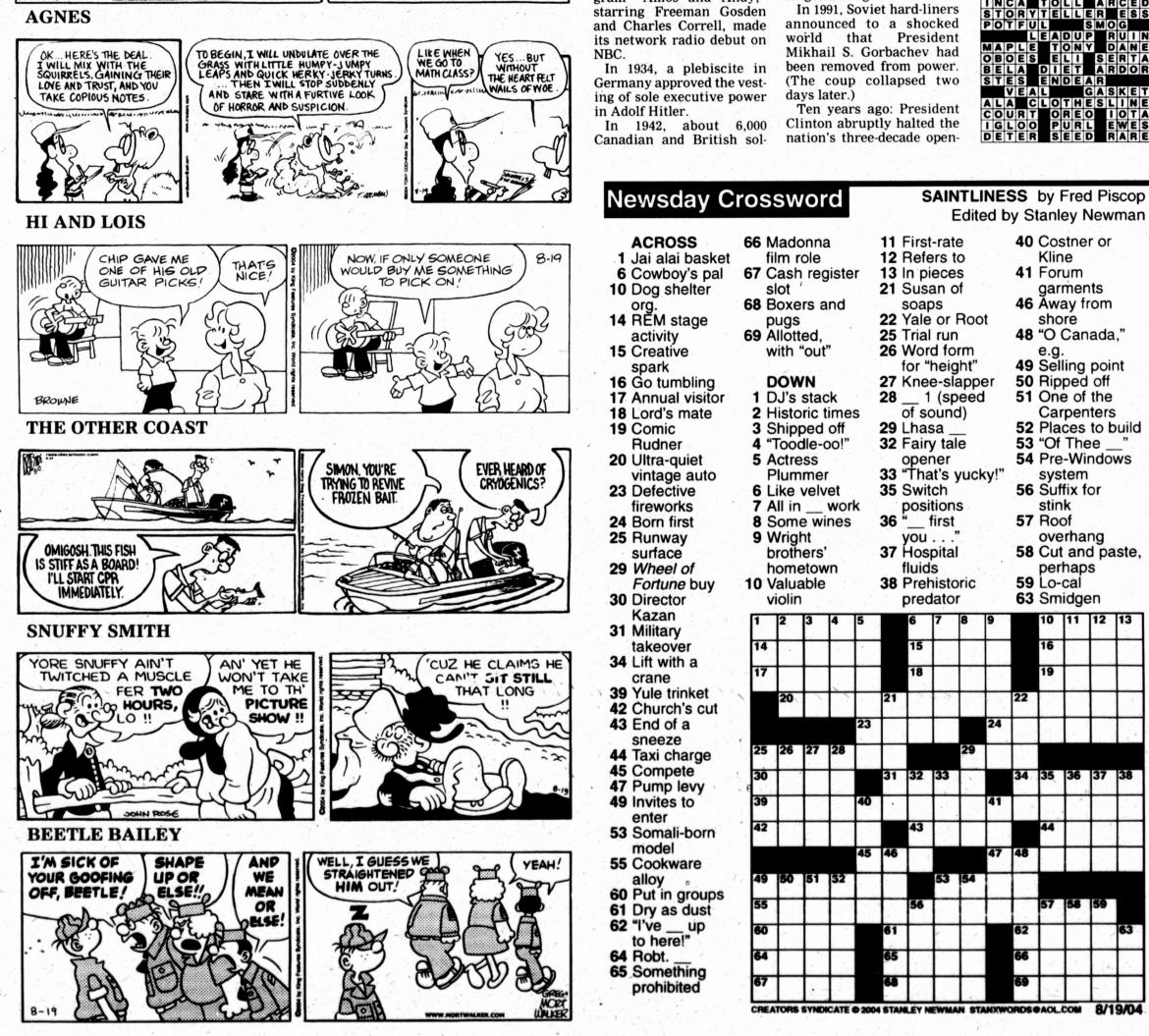
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MY PAROL HAS BEEN REVOKED

Today's Birthdays: Actor L.Q. Jones is 77. Actress Debra Paget is 71. Tennis coach Renee Richards is 70. Actress Diana Muldaur is 66. Rock musician Ginger Baker (Cream, Blind Faith) is 65. Singer Johnny Nash is 64. Actress Jill St. John is 64. Actor and former U.S. senator Fred Thompson is 62. Singer Billy J. Kramer is 61. Country singer-songwriter Eddy Raven is 60. Rock singer Ian Gillan (Deep Purple) is 59. Former President Clinton is 58. Tipper Gore, wife of former Vice President Al Gore, is 56.

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MAN ON A MISSION

Kasey Kahne sets his sights on winning the Nextel Cup championship

BY DAVID NEWTON Knight Ridder Newspapers

asey Kahne had just gone through a rather serious explanation of why he was excited about gaining a new sponsor for several upcoming Nextel Cup events.

Then it was Ward Burton's turn. "I'm excited about finding out where Kasey gets his great haircuts," he said.

Kahne smiled.

It is not often that this shy 24-year-old, who is one of People's "50 Hottest Bachelors," smiles. He typically looks as though he's about to testify in front of a government panel.

"I look serious a lot because I am, but really I'm having a lot of fun, especially inside," said Kahne, who is sponsored by Great Clips.

He should be.

If a rookie is to win the inaugural Chase for the Championship, Kahne is the guy. He is 11th in the points race, 24 behind teammate Jeremy Mayfield for the coveted

10th position after last Sunday's race at Watkins Glen (N.Y.) International. "There's a good bit of

pressure on us now to get there," Kahne said. "At the same time, it's our rookie season and that takes a little bit of the pressure off.

"At the

time, we want to finish in the top 10, and we want to finish better than that if we can.'

Kahne is getting hot at the right time. He has three top-10 finishes in his last four races after three finishes in a row of 25th or worse.

"That's something we had to do, get top 10s and get consistent and finish all the races, Kahne said. "We were trying to do that earlier, but we kept having little problems."

One of the problems was Tony Stewart, who wrecked him earlier this year at

Darlington (S.C.) Raceway and last month at

Chicagoland Speedway. Kahne had

a top-five car at Darlington and was in the lead at the time of the wreck at Chicagoland.

Although typically quiet, Kahne became quite vocal at Chicagoland, as did crew chief

Tommy Baldwin who was fined \$10,000 for inciting a confrontation with Stewart's crew. They were upset because the 36th place finish kept Kahne from being in the top 10 now.

Only recently did the two make up. "Tony is a good guy who has helped me out a lot over the years with getting to where I am now," Kahne said.

Kahne has followed the career path of Stewart, Newman and Jeff Gordon, winning the United States Auto Club openwheel series before jumping to NASCAR.

> It wasn't by accident. As a 7-year-old in high school, Kahne devised a five-year plan in which he reached NASCAR. He was right on schedule, making it to the Busch Series in 2002. Matt Kenseth, the 2003 points champion, saw Kahne's potential during the Busch Series. "I thought if he could get in the right stuff he could do good," he said. Kahne got in the right stuff, taking over the Bill Elliott car that finished strong last season. After a 41st-place showing in the opener at Daytona, he went second, second and third. After a second-place finish at Texas, where he led a race-best 148 laps, he had three seconds in seven starts.



"That was probably the most impressive so far this season with what we've done," Kahne said.

Kahne added a fourth second-place finish at Michigan to move within one of the five second-place finishes Newman had during his rookie season of 2002.

But finishing second isn't Kahne's goal. In 1996 the Enumclaw, Wash., native visited Victory Lane 11 times to win the Hannigan

Speedway championship and Northwest mini-sprint car championship. In 1998, he won 12 times DODGE in his first season in full-size sprint cars.

"We'd love to win a race," Kahne said. "We just want to keep our momentum rolling and keep our team excited."

Kahne admits his quick rise in popularity came as a surprise. But he doesn't let it go to his head, and he stays so busy that he doesn't have time for a girlfriend.

"I had one for about five months not too long ago, but it got complicated," he recently told a reporter during a trip to Seattle, where he threw out the first pitch at a Mariners baseball game.

Such focus is a big reason Kahne is in this position. Seldom does he panic, as was the case two weeks ago when he got into the wall early and lost a lap at the Brickyard 400.

"All we've got to do is get out in front of Gordon, and we'll be fine," Kahne said over his radio, knowing he eventually could get back on the lead lap with the "Lucky Dog" rule.

Kahne ultimately lost two laps before rallying for the fourth place. Kahne gives much of the credit for his success to Baldwin and Elliott, although he has talked to Elliott less as the season has progressed.



GFS MARKETPLACE 400

Where: Michigan International Speedway, a paved slightly banked 2-mile oval located in Brooklyn, Mich.

When: Sunday at 2 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 3:10 p.m. Friday.

TV: TNT. Radio: Motor Racing Network. Purse: \$4,926,541.



Last year's winner: Ryan Newman. Worth mentioning: Rusty

Wallace leads all active drivers with five victories at Michigan. Dale Jarrett and Mark Martin each have four. Wallace also leads all active drivers with 15 top-five finishes at the track. Martin leads all active drivers with 24 top-10 finishes at Michigan.

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Given the tension of the Chase for the Championship competition, how heated do you expect the racing to be in the next few weeks?

Cast your vote at:

www.thatsracin.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

What track poses the greatest threat to shake up the top 10 going into the Chase for the Championship?

Number of votes: 9,860

Driver	No. of votes	Percent
Bristol Motor Speedway	6,975	71%
Watkins Glen International	2,180	22%
Richmond International Racewa	ay 383	4%
Michigan International Speedway	179	2%
California Speedway	143	1%

STOP 'N' GO

RANDOM THOUGHTS

A list who's hot and who's not in the NASCAR Nextel Cup circuit: WHO'S HOT

Tony Stewart has finished fifth or better in five of his past six races, including two wins.

Kasey Kahne COURTESY OF NASCAR

week: 6.

"He says a lot of things that keep me calm, and I'll race as hard as I can until it's over," he said of Baldwin.

Kahne's ultimate goal is winning a championship, which is why he's considering putting his Busch ride aside next season to focus totally on the Cup.

Winning the rookie of the year honor would be a good place to start. Since 1979, Dale Earnhardt (1979), Rusty Wallace (1984), Alan Kulwicki (1986), Jeff Gordon (1993), Tony Sewart (1999) and Matt Kenseth (2000) won rookie of the year honors and went on to win a Nextel Cup Championship.

Kahne hasn't ruled out winning both honors in the same year.

"I would hope by the end of the season if we're in the chase we're ready to win," Kahne said. "This team is not a rookie team. A lot of it is Bill Elliott's from last year.

"They've got a rookie driver, but other than that they've definitely got a team that can win the championship or run in the top 10 or five pretty easily."

week: 9.

Jeremy Mayfield has finished 11th or better for five consecutive races.

Mark Martin has moved from 43rd to 13th in the points standings since the season opener at Daytona.

■ Jeff Gordon leads all drivers with 16 top-five finishes.

WHO'S NOT

Bobby Labonte has finished 11th or

worse for five consecutive races. ■ Jamie McMurray has dropped from 11th

to 15th in points over the past seven races. Jimmie Johnson has finished 36th or

worse for two consecutive races. - Jim Utter





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The top-40 drive	rs as of Aug. 15:
Rank/Driver Points	Rank/Driver Points
1. J. Johnson (48) . 3143	21. T. Labonte (5) 2254
2. J. Gordon (24) 3103	22. B. Vickers (25) 2244
3. D. Earnhardt Jr. (8)	23. J. Burton (99) 2237
3015	24. G. Biffle (16) 2232
4. T. Stewart (20) 2951	25. J. Nemechek (01)2195
5. M. Kenseth (17) 2876	26. S. Wimmer (22) 2112
6. E. Sadler (38) 2792	27. R. Rudd (21) 2066
7. K. Busch (97) 2754	28. W. Burton (0) 1981
8. K. Harvick (29) 2717	29. B. Gaughan (77). 1881
9. B. Labonte (18) . 2714	30. S. Riggs (10) 1839
10. J. Mayfield (19). 2656	31. K. Petty (45) 1835
11. K. Kahne (9) 2632	32. K. Schrader (49) 1818
12. R. Newman (12) 2627	33. J. Green (43) 1815
13. M. Martin (6) 2584	34. R. Craven (32) 1782
14. D. Jarrett (88) 2569	35. D. Blaney (30) 1295
15. J. McMurray (42)2557	36. J. Spencer (4) 1284
16. C. Mears (41) 2452	37. J. Sauter 1217
17. M. Waltrip (15) . 2371	38, D. Cope (50) 889
18. R. Wallace (2) 2362	39. M. Shepherd (89) 646
19. R. Gordon (31) . 2289	40. K. Lepage (51) 582
20. S. Marlin (40) 2278	철도 만큼 아직하는 것 같아요.

rankings, go online and visit unbeatable. It still has time to get 10 spots. What that means is this team should do well in the run-up to www.thatsracin.com. back to that form. Last week: 1. team's worth watching. Last week: 4. the series' decisive 26th race. Last **Thoughts on Stewart's** resurgence, road racing

or months now, I've been saying that people need to watch out for Tony Stewart once the Chase for the Nextel Cup gets going.

RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP

PICKS

1. Tony Stewart (car No. 20):

Cranking up the momentum at just

the right time, which has been this

Two weeks ago this team looked

team's annual pattern. Last week: 3.

2. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48):

His pattern during his Cup career has been to start slowly, with tension building to the boiling point at some point during the summer. Then, he wins a race or two and all of a sudden it seems like he's finishing in the top five every week.

So I looked it up, and the numbers aren't as dramatic as I thought they would be. This is his sixth

season, and Sunday's win at Watkins Glen was the 19th of his career. It was the 11th to come in the second half of a season.

In the first halves of his first six seasons, Stewart has 34 top-five and 58 top-10 finishes. Sunday was his

41st top-five finish in a second-half race, and he's already got 59 top 10s in the second half with 14 more chances this year to add to that total.

GOOD

3. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24):

Withstood the mechanical flu that hit

4. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8):

other Hendrick cars for a while, but

Last-lap flat at Indianapolis notwith-

5. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17):

Consistency will be key in the final

standing, the last two weeks have

been encouraging. Last week: 5.

succumbed to it eventually. Last

week: 2.

The fact that Stewart won Sunday after fighting his way through stomach cramps early in the race showed how tough he is.

But based on what I saw watching the telecast, I'd be willing to bet that if Stewart's team could have found Scott Pruett at the track there would have been a driver switch made.

"The only person we could find was Boris (Said), and he's obviously a little taller than Tony," crew chief Greg Zipadelli said. Actually, Said is significantly taller than Stewart, whereas Pruett's height is much more comparable.

Zipadelli sent Said back to the team's transporter and had him climb into the team's backup car to test out the fit.

6. Elliott Sadler (car No. 38): The

good at Michigan - a top-five finish

7. Kurt Busch (car No. 97): A

deck, would be a step toward locking

up a place in the top 10. Last week: 7.

8. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29):

Fifth-place run at the Glen helps. This

good Michigan run, with Bristol on

Glen was a huge hurdle. Usually

would lock up a Chase spot. Last

"We wanted to see if he could get in it first and see if the belts would work for him," Zipadelli said. "The only thing bothering him was that the steering wheel was going to hit his legs. We went back to green before we could get everything all together." If Pruett had been there and ready to go, as bad as Stewart was feeling

at that point, it's likely the decision to change would have been made. What would have happened after that? As good as Stewart's No. 20

Chevrolet was, Pruett may very well have won the race anyway. Pruett finished second in a Chip Ganassiowned car at Watkins Glen last year and knows what he's doing on a road course. Given a car that good, he would have been hard to beat. Speaking of being hard to beat,

how badly would Ron Fellows have whipped the field Sunday if he'd been driving the No. 20 Chevrolet?

9. Bobby Labonte (car No. 18):

Chase to Nextel Cup cutoff can't

come soon enough as this team tries

to hold on to its spot. Last week: 10.

Give this team credit for clawing into

the top 10. Now the trick is clinging

to that perch. Last week: 13.

10. Jeremy Mayfield (car No. 19):

For the rest of the top-40

I mean no disrespect to Dale Earnhardt Inc., which fielded the No. 1 car for Fellows in the race. The car was still good enough for him to come from 43rd to finish second.

But put Fellows in what was clearly the best car in the field, and give him a top-flight, Cup-level crew to do his pit stops, and he might have won by half a lap.

Some fans think I hate road-course racing. I don't, as long as road-course racers are doing it with road-course cars.

What I don't care for is roadcourse races on the Nextel Cup circuit. To me, what happened Sunday is as different from what happens in 34 of the season's 36 races as figure skating is from ice hockey. It's not two versions of the same thing, it's two different kinds of racing.

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Aug. 7:

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Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. M. Truex Jr		11. K. Wallace	2438
2. K. Busch .	3201	12. S. Comptor	2415
3. J. Leffler	2944	13. T. Fedewa	2400
4. G. Biffle	2910	14. M. Waltrip.	2378
5. D. Green .	2871	15. C. Atwood	
6. R. Homada	y 2843	16. D. Stremme	2335
7. B. Hamilton	Jr. 2820	17. R. Pressley	2304
8. J. Keller	2819	18. J. Sauter	2297
9. M. Bliss	2595	19, K. Kahne .	2286
10. A. Lewis	2464	20. M. Wallace	2116

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Cabela's 250, Brooklyn, Mich

TRUCK SERIES P	OINTS LEADERS
The top-10 drive	rs as of Aug. 14;
Rank/Driver Points	Rank/Driver Points
1. B. Hamilton 2288	6. T. Musgrave 2043
2. D. Setzer 2204	7. T. Kvapil 2038
3. C. Chaffin 2092	8. R. Crawford 1903
4. C. Edwards 2084	9. M. Skinner 1886
5. M. Crafton 2075	10. D. Starr 1885

NEXT RACE: Aug. 25, O'Reilly 200, Bristol, Tenn.

