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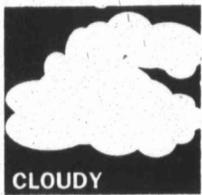
50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 WEEKEND

THURSDAY

October 7, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT TOMORROW
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BRIEFLY

Stenholm will be here Friday

U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm, D-Abilene, who currently represents the 17th Congressional District and is running for the 19th District seat, will be at the Heart of the City Park Friday from 5:15 p.m. until 6 p.m. to make a presentation to area voters.

Free hot dogs and drinks will be served.

Herman's is UW restaurant of week

Herman's Restaurant at 1601 Gregg the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's featured restaurant this week.

A portion of Friday's proceeds at Herman's Restaurant will be donated to United Way, which helps 15 area agencies with funding. For information about the local United Way or to make a donation, call 267-5201.

Taste of Home tickets on sale

Tickets for Taste of Home Cooking are available for \$7 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Herald, KBST, Heritage Museum, Uptown Salon, Parks Convenience Store and Nannie's Attic.

The event, which will feature door prizes from national sponsors and goodie bags, offers local businesses an opportunity to present their merchandise at booths. Taste of Home Cooking will be held in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Doors open at 6 p.m. Oct. 21.

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Shortage of vaccine prompts some to get their flu shots quickly

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

If Leonard's Downtown Pharmacy seemed busier than usual Wednesday afternoon, it's not your imagination.

The Big Spring pharmacy's office was swamped with customers eager to beat the flu vaccine rush this season — a rush that pharmacist Ed Corson said could leave a number of people without protection against the annual bug.

"There are two manufacturers that make inactivated flu vaccine for the United States," explained

Corson. "One of them is located in England, and the British government pulled their license. So, while we were expecting to be getting flu vaccine from that source throughout October, they're going to be unable to ship any vaccine during the 2004-2005 flu season."

According to information released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, the loss amounts to 46 million doses, which would translate into approximately 50 million flu shots.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

An announcement from the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention regarding a forecasted shortage of flu vaccine in the U.S. motivated these Big Spring residents to get their flu shots early. Carl Wyrick, right, Mary Womack, and Joe Whitten waited in line at Leonard's Downtown Pharmacy Wednesday to get their shots shortly after hearing the news of the shortage.

QUEEN FINALISTS



ADAMS

GAINEY

HIGGINS

ORTEGA

WATKINS

KING FINALISTS



DAVES

EMERSON

C. GREEN

J. GREEN

PARKS

King, queen finalists named for Big Spring

By KENDRA WISS
Staff Writer

And then there were 10. The Big Spring High School student body had a long list of nominees for homecoming queen and king. The list was narrowed down from 19 queen nominees and 12 king nominees to only five queen finalists and five king finalists Wednesday.

The students receiving the most votes will be announced and crowned during Friday's homecoming game, which begins at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

The 2004 homecoming queen finalists:

Kendal Adams is the girls' volleyball representative and the daughter of Ricky and Patti Adams.

Paige Gainey represents the BSHS band and the daughter of Ronnie and Brenda Gainey.

Shannon Higgins represents the National Honor Society and is the daughter of Howard and Sarah Higgins.

Niebes Ortega is the cheerleaders' representative and the daughter of Tim Ortega.

ACTIVITIES

Today

7:30 p.m., bonfire, compost facility

Friday

2:55 p.m., Pep rally, Steer Gym

4:30 p.m., Homecoming Parade along Main Street

7:30 p.m. Football Game at Memorial Stadium, Steers vs. San Angelo Lake View

Post Game — Reception for all exes at Howard College Student Union Building

10 p.m., Homecoming dance for students, high school cafeteria

Saturday

9:30 a.m., Coffee for the 20s, 30s, Heritage Museum.

All Day, Various activities. Contact your reunion chairperson.

Alexandria Watkins is the student council representative and

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Herald celebrating 100th anniversary

Open house will be held today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

One hundred years and still going strong.

Today the Big Spring Herald celebrates a milestone — observing the 100th anniversary of the newspaper's first edition published Oct. 7, 1904.

A part of that celebration will be a reunion of former employees and an open house for the paper's loyal readers and advertisers set for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today in the Herald's offices.

When those former employees gather today, it is certain that many stories will be swapped and a great deal of discussion will center on the changes which have taken place in the business over the years.

When T.E. Jordan and his brother-in-law W.G. Hayden began publishing the Big Springs Weekly Herald in 1904, it's reasonably certain nobody

could envision what the publication would look like a century later.

In fact, it's a pretty good bet Jordan and Hayden were more concerned about whether the future included continued competition from other weekly papers and two existing daily papers in the community.

Of course today we know the Herald is the sole survivor of seven earlier publications.

Jordan and Hayden continued their partnership for 21 years, but in 1925, Jordan bought out Hayden's interest.

According to a 1964 Herald special edition story written by longtime editor Joe Pickle, "Jordan was a life-time newspaper man. He was a printer of the old school — proud of this craft and rated as one of the fastest typesetters in this part of the country."

His son, Tommy Jordan, spent many years working at the Herald as a linotype operator.

The elder Jordan had broken in as a printer at Weatherford and had worked for the Dallas News. He moved to Big Spring

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Disabled American Vets to begin Forget-me-not Drive

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

Friday begins the fourth annual "Forget-me-not" drive to benefit the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) of Big Spring.

"The donations collected help us pay for the services that we provide to veterans," coordinator Ed Meiser said of the drive.

Among its many programs, the DAV provides transportation to medical appointments and helps fund the Homeless Veterans Initiative Program.

Members of the DAV will be stationed at donation points around town such as at the

intersection of South Gregg and FM 700.

"Last year the organization raised more than \$3,000 during its two-day drive. We are hoping to surpass that number this year," Meiser added.

The drive will begin on Friday and will continue through Saturday.

For more information or to make a donation, contact the DAV at 263-7361, ext. 4825.

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No WMDs found in Iraq, weapons hunter concludes

By JOHN J. LUMPKIN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction programs had deteriorated into only hopes and dreams by the time of the U.S.-led invasion last year, a decline wrought by the first Gulf War and years of international sanctions, the chief U.S. weapons hunter found.

And what ambitions Saddam harbored for such weapons were secondary to his goal of evading those sanctions, and he wanted them primarily not to attack the United States or to provide them to terrorists, but to oppose

his older enemies, Iran and Israel.

The report of weapons hunter Charles Duelfer was presented Wednesday to senators and the public in the midst of a fierce presidential election campaign in which Iraq and the war of terror have become the overriding issues.

The report chronicles the decay of Iraq's chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs after its defeat in the 1991 Gulf War. By the late 1990s, only its long-range missile efforts continued in defiance of the United Nations; even then, Iraq's ballistic and cruise missile designs had not proceeded far past the drawing board. Saddam's other

plans would have to wait until he was free of the sanctions and free of international attention.

President Bush's spokesman said the report justified the decision to go to war. Campaigning in Pennsylvania, Bush defended the decision to invade.

"There was a risk, a real risk, that Saddam Hussein would pass weapons or materials or information to terrorist networks," the president said in a speech in Wilkes Barre, Pa. "In the world after Sept. 11, that was a risk we could not afford to take."

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HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss

Forsan High School students enjoy their Homecoming bonfire Wednesday night at the Big Spring compost facility.

Forsan celebrating homecoming

By **KENDRA WISS**
Staff Writer

Forsan High School celebrates homecoming at 7:30 p.m. Friday with a football game against Bronte.

Homecoming activities began Monday with student dress-up days. Wednesday night, students gathered in Big Spring for the homecom-

ing bonfire.

"Friday will be black and white school spirit day," said High School Principal Keith Stone. Students are invited to show their school spirit by dressing in the school's colors.

During Friday's halftime, the homecoming queen will be crowned from one of the school's four contestants: Haley

Belew, Hillary Burks, Cynthia Vecerra and Stephanie Whetsel.

A homecoming dance for eighth through 12th grade students will follow in the high school cafeteria.

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District court jury acquits local man on charge of felony robbery

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was acquitted on a charge of felony robbery Tuesday in 118th District Court.

A Howard County jury found 25-year-old John Edwin Sanders not guilty of the April 23, 2003, robbery of a 16-year-old young man.

Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said the case was tough to prosecute due to the complicated nature of the charge.

"The court alleged that Mr. Sanders, along with another, unknown Hispanic male subject, physically assaulted the victim," said Wilkerson. "After the assault, according to testimony from the victim, Mr. Sanders took his driver's license and told him if he called the police, they would know where he and his family lived, thanks to the address on the driver's license."

While the theft of the

driver's license may seem small in comparison to the assault on the victim, who had to have surgery to repair a broken cheek bone and nose, Wilkerson said it's the manner in which the events took place that make the incident a robbery.

"By taking the driver's license and causing physical harm to the victim, the offense had to be tried either as assault, which is a misdemeanor, or as robbery, which is a second degree felony," said Wilkerson. "After looking at what the victim went through, I simply couldn't look at the case and call it a misdemeanor."

While the defense alleged the assault was committed by an unidentified Hispanic man who witnesses later testified was an illegal alien, Wilkerson said he believes the case came down to who the jury believed and the charge itself.

"I really feel like the jury believed the testimo-

ny of the victim," said Wilkerson. "There were so many inconsistencies in everyone's stories, especially concerning the identity of the so-called 'unidentified Hispanic male.' I think they had a problem looking at the details of the case and calling it a robbery."

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WEEKLY WEATHER DATA SUMMARY USDA - ARS, BIG SPRING FIELD STATION

MONTH October 2004							
DAY	08	09	10	11	12	13	14
TEMPERATURES							
Highest	101	95	94	95	97	95	93
Year	1979	1960	1921	1979	1979	1954	1962
Lowest	33	35	38	33	33	37	35
Year	1976	1970	1990	1977	1977	1977	1954
Average High	81	80	80	80	80	79	79
Average Low	53	53	54	54	54	54	53
Last Year's							
High	71	75	73	78	66	85	71
Low	65	65	66	60	58	51	49
PRECIPITATION							
Maximum	1.13	1.54	0.39	2.41	2.33	2.39	0.62
Year	1948	1925	1940	1931	1929	1974	1958
Last Year's	0.22	0.05	0.18	0.09	0.04	0.00	0.00
Average Daily Rainfall	0.05	0.07	0.02	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.05

Accumulated rainfall through October 7 - 27.04 inches.
Normal rainfall through October 7 - 15.55 inches.
Normal yearly rainfall - 18.52 inches.

FINALISTS

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the daughter of Rick and Susan Watkins.

The homecoming king finalists:

Billy Daves represents the BSHS band and is the son of Gary and Patricia Snowden.

Tony Emerson is the journalism department's representative and the son of Scott and Lisa Emerson.

Corey Green is the student council representative and the son of David and Tabitha Barbee.

Justin Green represents the Art Club and is the son of Tim and Cathy Green.

Wesley Parks is the

Spanish Club representative and the son of Bob and Angela Parks.

All 10 students are seniors.

During halftime, the finalists will be presented and each will be given a yellow rose by the student council.

The queen will be crowned by the 2003 king, Zack Watkins, and the 2004 homecoming king will be crowned by the 2003 queen, Andrea Torres.

Students have been celebrating homecoming all week with various "dress up" days and other events. The annual homecoming parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Main and Eighth and head north to the court-

house, then back south on Scurry Avenue.

A homecoming dance will be held in the high school cafeteria following the ballgame.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Joseph "Papa Joe" Kilpatrick, 74, died Tuesday. Graveside Services will be at 10:00 AM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Attention: BSHS Class of '79 25 Year Reunion

Agenda

Friday - October 8, 2004

Pep Rally

2:45, High School Gym

Homecoming Parade

4:15 p.m., 14th & Main

Football Game

Memorial Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Red Mesa Grill

After game social, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday - October 9, 2004

Food and Fun

Roy Worthy's house, 900 Mountain Park Dr.
11:00 a.m. - ?

Class Picture and Get Together
Big Spring Brew Pub

Old Brandin' Iron Inn - 6:45 p.m. - ?

Welcome to all Exes!!

Hope everyone has a fun and safe weekend!!

GO STEERS!!

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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Homecoming: A time to remember for years to come

There's a special feeling in the air — one of pageantry, tradition, pride, spirit. It's homecoming in Big Spring and that's a time to treasure. This weekend, memories will be rekindled and memories will be made.

Welcome exes! Whether you reside in Big Spring or have traveled "home" to be here, this is your special time. It's a time to greet old friends, classmates and teachers. A time to reminisce and think about those days when you were attending Big Spring High School.

It's also a special time for current students, especially you seniors. These are memories you will carry with you the rest of your lives.

A significant percentage of our lives is spent in classrooms getting an education. With it comes the camaraderie of being with other students, meeting in the library, making spirit signs, cheering the team on, spiking the volleyball or getting a base hit, scoring a touchdown, playing in the band, taking a role in a one-act play, serving on the student council, participating in a club, singing in the choir, cramming for a test late at night. Those are things you never forget. Some of you will remember with tears, some with laughter. But you will remember them. And as the years move on, they take on even more special significance.

Some of those memories will be made today with the bonfire that begins at 7:30 p.m. at the compost facility. Then there are Friday's activities: The 2:55 p.m. pep rally in Steer Gym, the 4:30 p.m. downtown parade and the 7:30 p.m. game with San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs at Memorial Stadium along with its traditional half-time homecoming pageantry.

On Saturday, there will be get-togethers by a number of classes.

Whether you are a BSHS alum or not, though, this is a fun week in Big Spring. So join us in kicking up your heels a little. Join us at Memorial Stadium on Friday night to cheer the Steers on to a win!

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- We reserve the right to limit publication to one letter per 30-day period per author.
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- Letters should be submitted to Editor, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721. They can also be e-mailed to editor@bigspringherald.com

Inside report: Kerry's myth making

John Kerry in a press conference repeated his accusation that Gen. Eric Shinseki was "forced out" as U.S. Army chief of staff because he wanted more troops for Iraq. The trouble is that the Democratic presidential nominee was spreading an urban myth. The bigger trouble is that it was no isolated incident.

Sen. Kerry also said the Bush administration may push reinstatement of the military draft, when in fact that idea comes only from anti-war Democrats. At the same time, he said retired Gen. Tommy Franks complained that Iraq was draining troops from Afghanistan, when the truth is he never did. Over a week earlier, Kerry blamed Bush for higher Medicare premiums when in fact they are mandated by law (one that Kerry voted for).

Exaggeration is a familiar political staple, but presidential candidates usually are held to a higher standard. Kerry's recent descent into myth making may reflect the campaign's anxiety in the final weeks.

Kerry is voicing inaccurate statements that have been repeated so often on the Internet, on radio talk shows and by campaign surrogates that they have come to be regarded as the truth — for example, the explanation for how Eric Shinseki's long and distinguished military career ended.

Kerry picked up the story April 13 during a campaign event in

Providence, R.I., declaring: "Gen. Shinseki said very clearly: We need 200,000 troops. And what happened to him? He was forced into early retirement." Kerry reiterated this at a Columbus, Ohio, press conference: "Gen. Shinseki told this country how many troops we'd need. The president retired him early for telling the truth."

That is not true, and even Bush critics in the Pentagon know it. The truth is that Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, demanding control of the Army, collided with Shinseki on issues unrelated to Iraq. In March 2002, Rumsfeld announced that Shinseki's term as chief of staff would end as scheduled in June 2003 without extension — an unprecedented action that made the general a lame duck. It was after that, not before it, on Feb. 25, 2003, that Shinseki told a Senate committee the U.S. would need "several hundred thousand" soldiers (not precisely 200,000) for Iraq occupation duty.

In his Philadelphia speech Sept. 24, Kerry declared: "All you have to do is ask Gen. Tommy Franks how surprised he was that those troops moved out of there (Afghanistan) when he was trying to do the job he was doing." As a former trial lawyer, Kerry should have known the answer to the question he was asking. He could have known by reading Franks' best-selling memoir ("American Solider"), in which the general denies that Bush starved Afghanistan for the sake of Iraq.

"President Bush had stressed his concern that we maintain momentum in Afghanistan," wrote Franks (who supports the president's re-election). Indeed, when

Kerry in a Sept. 21 press conference in Jacksonville, Fla., suggested that Bush had taken needed troops out of Afghanistan, Franks that very day said in an ABC radio interview with Sean Hannity: "That's absolutely incorrect."

One day after Kerry misrepresented the former Central Command commander in chief, the Associated Press reported that the candidate at West Palm Beach, Fla., "raised the possibility" of a reinstated draft. That is an old saw on the Internet even though there are no such plans at the Pentagon. The only advocates of renewed conscription are liberal Democrats, led by Rep. Charlie Rangel of New York, who believe it would discourage U.S. military intervention around the world.

Earlier, on Sept. 8 in Cincinnati, Kerry put the blame on Bush for higher Medicare premiums. In fact, health care experts told me, the premiums were mandated by a 1997 codification of the law on which Sen. Kerry cast a favorable vote.

On Jan. 8, 1976, I wrote a column detailing six major untruthful statements by Jimmy Carter — about himself, not his opponents — during two public appearances. He went on to the presidency without ever refuting what I wrote. It will be interesting to see whether John Kerry follows the Carter model during the weeks left for this campaign.

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How far down does the rabbit hole go?

Alice, we're in the Twilight Zone of Wonderland. Whee! John Kerry is disrespectful of our allies! Donald Rumsfeld thinks an election in three-fourths of Iraq is good enough. The No. 1 best seller in our nation is an untrue, vicious and ugly attack on a genuine, bona fide, certified war hero. Despite everything you have seen, read or heard about Iraq, all is tickety-boo over there, and anyone who says different is helping the terrorists.

More than a year after "Mission Accomplished," we have still not restored water or electricity in Iraq back to Saddam Hussein's pitiful standards. The electricity is out between four and 14 hours a day in Baghdad, there is no potable water because of pipe breaks and contamination, the garbage is uncollected, and sewage runs in the streets. A year after Congress voted to spend \$18.4 billion reconstructing Iraq, only \$1 billion has been spent, and most of that has gone to overhead, contractors' profits, security service, insurance and property losses. The jobs have gone largely either to Americans or other foreigners in Iraq, with little benefit to the Iraqis.

This information is not partisan — it comes from Sen. Dick Lugar, chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska and John McCain of Arizona, all respected Republicans. Military leaders on the ground all think we need more troops in there.

Now this is grim, but not necessarily fatal. What is fatal is ignoring the reality and doing nothing to stop the hemorrhaging. We can't win a war by pretending it's going well when it's not. To further suggest that pointing out that

it is not going well somehow endangers the troops or encourages the enemy is despicable. The troops and the enemy know how it's going. They're there.

Even more despicable is the suggestion from House Speaker Dennis Hastert, Vice President Cheney and Sen. Orrin Hatch that the terrorists favor Kerry. As Joe Conason has pointed out, George W. Bush is the best recruiting tool the terrorists have.

In Iraq, it is no longer a question of whether the glass is half-empty or half-full. The trends are consistent — bad and getting worse. Our troops were being attacked 40 to 50 times a day in Iraq before the "handover" to the Iraqis. Now they're being attacked 70 to 80 times a day. Some people think the attacks are being stepped up to make Bush look bad. That's exactly what the same people said before the "hand-off" in June, but the trends continued to get worse. The absurd claim that John Kerry is "dissing" our ally the "interim prime minister" Iyad Allawi is worthy of the Alice's White Queen herself. How did Allawi get to be interim prime minister? He started as an enforcer for Saddam Hussein's Baathist Party and was then sent abroad to keep Iraqi students in line. He later worked for the CIA, and was the chosen favorite of the American administration in Baghdad and appointed to his job over the objections of the United Nations and most Iraqis.

Now Bush says he would give the "mission accomplished" speech again. "Absolutely," he said. The only prominent person in the administration who seems to recognize reality is Colin Powell, who says the war is going badly and that it has increased anti-Americanism in the Muslim world.

On Monday, we bombed both Fallujah and the al Sadr section of Baghdad — dozens of civilians reported dead. The scariest statistic I have heard about Iraq is that

41 percent of its people are under 15. What is this teaching them about us?

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, the Republicans in Congress are stacking up a record of election-year folly so gross it staggers even veterans of legislative debacles. First, they let the assault weapons ban lapse, despite the fact that 70 percent of the American people want it kept in place. They had to pass a simple \$5 billion corporate-tax plan because we are in violation of tariff laws. This has bogged down in a \$150 billion pork-off, while American products are losing billions of dollars in retaliatory sanctions.

Even worse, Congress passed a \$145 billion extension of tax cuts. To cover the resulting debt, we are borrowing money from the Bank of China, to be paid off by our children. Showing a fine sense of fiscal restraint, the R's declined to extend minimal credits for millions of children in working-poor families. Instead, they gave another \$13 billion in tax cuts to the corporations. Remember when Bush told us cutting corporate taxes would result in a mighty flood of new jobs? But, hey, they're in favor of protecting marriage and against burning the flag, so your life should get dramatically better.

Nomination for worst political come-on of the year so far: The Republican National Committee sent a mailing to West Virginia Republicans that claims banning the Bible is part of the "liberal agenda." It features quite a striking picture of a Bible with the word "BANNED" across it. No, no, no, fellas. Liberals are the ones who oppose censorship and book burning.

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WASHINGTON President Bush John Kerry on an apostle of "r and tax-and-sper home. The adri "out of touch Democratic runn Edwards counte paign growing n the day.

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Bush hits Kerry on Iraq, taxes

Fate of terror-fighting bill rests with House after Senate approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush blistered Sen. John Kerry on Wednesday as an apostle of "retreat in Iraq" and tax-and-spend liberalism at home. The administration is "out of touch with reality" Democratic running mate John Edwards countered in a campaign growing more caustic by the day.

"Senator Kerry assures us that he's the one to win a war he calls a mistake, an error, and a diversion" Bush said in a speech designed to reclaim the campaign offensive midway through a series of four debates.

"But you can't win a war if you don't believe in fighting," he said of his challenger, five times a decorated Vietnam War veteran.

"... Iraq is no diversion. It is a place where civilization is taking a decisive stand against chaos and terror, we must not waver," Bush added.

The president unleashed his newly sharpened attack nearly

a week after a scowling, unsteady debate performance that led to a gain in the polls by the Democratic nominee and one day after the Iraq war dominated the only vice presidential encounter of the race.

The president also spoke as the administration's top arms inspector said he had found no evidence that Iraq produced any weapons of mass destruction after 1991. Charles Duelfer said Saddam Hussein's capabilities to develop such weapons had dimmed rather than grown in the years preceding his ouster, contrary to claims by administration officials in the run-up to the U.S.-led invasion.

In a campaign ritual, both sides hastened to claim victory in the debate between the vice president and Kerry's choice to replace him. The polls were divided on that score — a contrast to last week, when the surveys concurred that Kerry trumped Bush.

But even the post-debate debate exemplified the increas-

ingly bitter tone of the campaign.

Democrats produced a list of "Top Ten Lies" they said Cheney had uttered in 90-plus minutes on the debate stage. Leading off was a claim — erroneous, aides quickly conceded — that Edwards was so neglectful of his Senate duties that the two men had never met before shaking hands on Tuesday evening.

"Someone who lies about the little things will lie about the big things too," Democratic Party chairman Terry McAuliffe told reporters in a conference call.

The Kerry campaign released a new ad accusing Bush of "desperately attacking" in the wake of one debate in which Kerry shone and another in which Cheney did "not tell the truth" on Iraq and his ties to Halliburton, the oil services company he once headed. Officials declined to say how much air time the commercial would receive.

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Senate passage of a bill to enact the Sept. 11 commission's terror-fighting recommendations now puts the focus on the House, where getting Republicans and Democrats to agree on the legislation may be more difficult.

House GOP leaders say their proposal, which includes creation of a national intelligence director as well as additional anti-terrorism and illegal immigration powers, is the best bill. "It's real simple. The House bill — every single word of it — will make the American people safer," said House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

Minority Democrats, however, contend the law enforcement and immigration provisions were included to force Democrats into a difficult, election-year vote that could have political consequences. "House Republicans have turned this into a political exercise," complained Rep. Henry Waxman,

D-Calif.

The House plans to have something finished before leaving for the year, and that bill would have to be reconciled with the one that overwhelmingly passed the Senate on Wednesday.

On a 96-2 vote, senators also approved the creation of a national intelligence director who would coordinate most of the nation's nonmilitary intelligence agencies and a national counterterrorism center to help fight terrorist plots.

"Those two provisions are the key recommendations of the 9/11 commission," said GOP Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, who shepherded the bill with Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn. "We want to make sure that the new national intelligence director is able to marshal the funds, the people and the resources to counter the threat of terrorism and other emerging threats." Bush applauded the vote.

VACCINE

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Corson said the loss of the vaccine from the British-based Chiron Corp. means approximately half of the U.S. supply expected for the season is going to be a "no show."

"They were expected to supply about half of the total vaccine for the United States," Corson said. "The U.S. manufacturer of the vaccine has shipped a lot of vaccine early, and that's why we have quite a bit on hand right now, but the vaccine we were expecting to

get late in the season simply isn't going to show up."

Because of the inevitable shortfall of vaccine for U.S. residents, Corson said government agencies have issued new criteria for who will, and will not, get their flu shot this season.

"There are new recommendations out that prioritize who should get the vaccine," said Corson. "Children ages six years to 23 months are a high priority, as are people over the age of 65. People who fall in between those ages that have chronic diseases such as heart disease or diabetes are also encouraged to get the vaccination first."

"The Center for Disease Control, in combination with the academy that determines vaccination practices, have issued new guidelines, and those are the guidelines we will follow."

Despite urgings from the CDC for people not to panic, Corson said his office saw quite a rush Wednesday, shortly after the news of the shortage hit the streets.

"People read about it in the newspaper and heard about it on television, and they are coming to get their vaccinations early," said Corson. "That's why we're having such a rush all at one time."

Carl Wyrick, who braved the long lines for a vaccination Wednesday, said he decided to get his flu shot early at the urging of his doctor. However, he admitted the shortage certainly played a role in his decision.

"My doctor suggested that I get vaccinated, and when I called his office this morning they didn't have it," said Wyrick. "So they referred me to Leonard's. I read about the vaccine shortage last night in the paper and that's one of the reasons I decided to get it early."

Mary Womack, who also waited in line for her vaccination Wednesday, said the announcement motivated her as well.

"I found out about it on television yesterday," said Womack. "I usually come anyway, but after hearing about the shortage I decided to rush it up just a little bit."

Despite the tendency for those wanting vaccinations to rush out for them, Corson said the hard fact of the matter isn't going to change.

"There's not going to be enough vaccine for everyone that wants to be vaccinated," he said.

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HERALD

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from Stephenville where he established and published the *Stephenville Tribune*.

When he first started the *Weekly Herald*, it was printed in a basement under a downtown department store. Later it moved to a wooden structure on Second Street, and still later was moved to a building on First Street.

The *Herald* would later be sold to Harte-Hanks Newspapers in the 1930s, which maintained ownership until 1989 when the paper was sold to Garden State Newspapers Inc. Two years later,

Thompson Newspapers took ownership in 1991. American Publishing Co. bought the *Herald* in 1994. The *Herald* was purchased in September of 1998 by Community Newspaper Holdings, Inc. (cnhi) of Birmingham, Ala., and sold to Horizon Publications in 2003.

Five years after Harte-Hanks took ownership of the paper, the *Herald* moved to a location just east of the Settles Hotel, and then moved to 900 Main in 1940.

The paper moved to its current location, 710 Scurry, in 1956.

R.W. Jacobs was the first *Herald* publisher under Harte-Hanks ownership and the managing editor was Wendell

Bedeck. Jacobs was succeeded by Joe Galbraith as publisher and he was followed by Robert W. Whipkey, who joined the *Herald* staff as managing editor in 1935.

Whipkey remained the *Herald's* publisher until retiring at age 65.

Pickle replaced Whipkey as managing editor and held that position for more than 40 years.

In today's newspapering world, such management longevity is almost unheard of, especially in instances of rapid ownership changes such as those the *Herald* has seen since 1989.

Susanne Reed, who joined the *Herald* as general manager in the fall of

2003, currently serves as publisher of the paper. In February of this year she replaced Chuck Williams, who had served as interim publisher since Horizon's purchase of the paper.

Williams had previously been the *Herald's* publisher since 1994, having replaced Patrick J. Morgan. Williams left the *Herald* in 1999 and was replaced by former editor John H. Walker.

Ken Dulaney followed Walker as the *Herald's* publisher. Following Dulaney's untimely death in 2001, Hank Bond

served as publisher until May of 2003.

Changes of location, ownership and management are the norm, but today's *Herald* represents a relatively new concept in the news content it offers its readers.

For many years after becoming a daily publication, the *Herald's* front page was dominated by wire service reports from around the nation and the world. Most local stories were relegated to positions at the bottom of the front page or inside the paper.

Today, the *Herald* and many papers of its size

focus on "community newspapering." The majority of the top news stories and features found in the *herald* reflect news about Big Spring, Howard County and the surrounding area.

Reed noted that the *Herald's* longevity is characteristic of West Texas.

"Chuck Williams once noted that the people here in West Texas hold onto their papers, and Big Spring has done that with the *Herald*," she said. "Part of that is the fact that we give them Howard County and Big Spring news. After all, local news is our niche."

WMDs

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A spokesman for his opponent, Democrat John Kerry, said the report "underscores the incompetence of George Bush's Iraq policy."

"George Bush refuses to come clean about the ways he misled our country into war," Kerry spokesman David Wade added.

"In short, we invaded a country, thousands of people have died, and Iraq never posed a grave or growing danger," said Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va.

Duelfer's Iraq Survey Group drew on interviews with senior Iraqi officials, 40 million pages of documents and classified intelligence to conclude that Iraq destroyed its undeclared chemical and biological stockpiles under pressure of U.N.

sanctions by 1992 and never resumed production.

The U.S.-led invasion pushed one of Iraq's leaders into seeking chemical weapons to defend the country. But it doesn't appear that Saddam's son Odai located any.

Iraq ultimately abandoned its biological weapons programs in 1995, largely out of fear they would be discovered and tougher enforcement imposed.

"Indeed, from the mid-1990s, despite evidence of continuing interest in nuclear and chemical weapons, there appears to be a complete absence of discussion or even interest in BW at the presidential level," according to a summary of Duelfer's 1,000-page report.

And Iraq also abandoned its nuclear program after the war, and there was no evidence it tried to reconstitute it.

Saddam's intentions to restart his weapons programs were never formalized.

"The former regime had no formal written strategy or plan for the revival of WMD after sanctions," the summary says. "Neither was there an identifiable group of WMD policymakers or planners separate from Saddam. Instead his lieutenants understood WMD revival was his goal from their long association with Saddam and his infrequent, but firm, verbal comments and directions to them."

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Enter the Red Line series, Saturn's performance-tuned trim lines on select models — including the "right sized" VUE sport utility.

The 2004 VUE Red Line is an exceptionally well designed model.

Available in front-wheel or all-wheel drive configurations, the VUE Red Line comfortably seats five passengers with room to spare — and plenty of available cargo area.

Even with the rear seat folded flat, the VUE provides 30.8 cubic feet of cargo area. Even with

the rear seat in use, I had plenty of room to stow four baseball equipment bags in the back. There really is a lot of room inside.

While spacious and comfortable, what's most impressive is the performance. And I do mean performance.

ON THE ROAD



BY NEAL WHITE

The VUE Red Line is powered by a 3.5-liter V-6 engine (250 horsepower/242 lbs.-ft. torque) and is mated to a five-speed automatic transmission.

It uses a suspension system that provides a smooth ride, and has an EPA fuel economy rating of 19 mpg city, 25 mpg highway.

Capable of towing up to 3,500 pounds, it is extremely responsive and has plenty of pickup.

The Red Line's performance-tuned suspension is smooth as silk, and it



The 2004 Saturn VUE Red Line, also available in Onyx Black or Silver Nickel exterior colors in addition to the Electric Lime (pictured above).

delivers an outstanding ride on the highway. I have nothing but glowing remarks for its performance. To be honest, I have nothing but glowing remarks about the vehicle as a whole. For those in the market for a five-passenger SUV, I highly recommend the Saturn VUE Red Line be included on your list of test drive models.

Other features on the limited edition Red Line package include 18-inch alloy wheels, special ground effects, custom exhaust tip, monochromatic appearance and Red Line badging.

With a base price starting around \$26,000 for the VUE Red Line all-wheel drive model (pricing for base VUE models begins around \$18,000), Saturn includes a lot of bang for the buck.

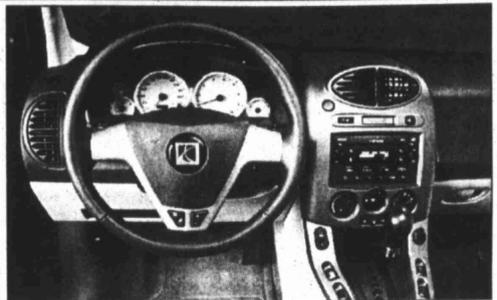
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include reclining rear split folding seats, cargo organizer with tie downs, air conditioning system with air filtration, stereo system with CD player, power locks, windows and mirrors, cruise control, map lights, rear window washer/wiper, integrated roof rails as well as front and rear 12 volt outlets.

Standard safety features include dual stage front airbags, anti-lock brakes, daytime running lamps, LATCH child seat restraints, child safety door locks, and theft deterrent system.

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* Denotes Red Line edition.

11 names misspelled on library mural

LIVERMORE, Calif. (AP) — Spelling counts — especially at a library.

A \$40,000 ceramic mural was unveiled outside the city's new library and everyone could see the misspelled names of Einstein, Shakespeare, Vincent Van Gogh, Michelangelo and seven other historical figures.

"Our library director is very frustrated that she has this lovely new library and it has all these misspellings in front," said city councilwoman Lorraine Dietrich, one of three council members who voted Monday to authorize paying another \$6,000, plus expenses, to fly artist Maria Alquilar up from Florida to fix the errors.

Reached at her Miami studio Wednesday by The Associated Press, Alquilar said she was willing to fix the work, which is 16 feet wide and made up of brightly colored ceramic pieces. But she offered no apologies for the 11 misspellings, including "Eistein," "Shakespeare" and "Michaelangelo," among the 175 names.

"The importance of this work is that it is supposed to unite people," Alquilar said. "They are denigrating my work and the purpose of this work."

Alquilar said it took her quite a bit of her own time and money to create the work, and that it sat idle for two years until the city — home of the

Lawrence Livermore nuclear lab — cleared the way for its installation. It was unveiled in June.

There were plenty of people around during the installation who could and should have seen the missing and misplaced letters, she said.

"Even though I was on my hands and knees laying the installation out, I

didn't see it," she said. "Anyway, she said, the mistakes wouldn't even register with a true artisan."

"The people that are into humanities, and are into Blake's concept of enlightenment, they are not looking at the words," she said. "In their mind, the words register correctly."

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By Jim Pedley Knight Ridder News
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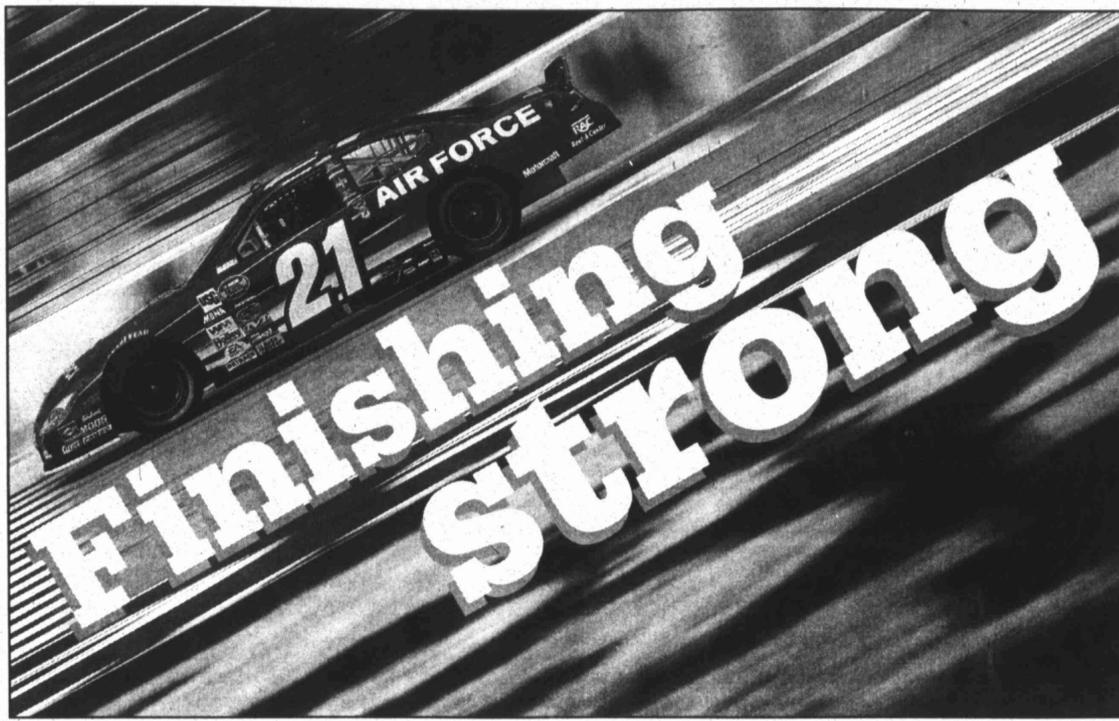
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Ricky Rudd uses final races to prepare for next year

By RANDY COVITZ
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Nextel Cup veteran Ricky Rudd knows what it's like for a baseball team to be out of the pennant race in September. An annual contender for the championship in NASCAR's premier series in previous years, Rudd failed to qualify as one of the 10 drivers competing for the new Chase for the Nextel Cup Championship and is dealing with the conflict of preparing for next year while still trying to finish the season strong.

"That's sort of where you are if you're not in the top 10," said Rudd, who is 26th in the standings, which would be his second-worst finish as a full-time Cup driver since 1977. "You might as well pull over and sit out and come back next year or go to work on your program and try to get it to where you come out of the box powerful for next season."

"Obviously, you don't have the option of sitting out. It wouldn't make a lot of sense. Our goals might be a little different from the rest of the group because we haven't been competitive on the racetrack like we've needed to be. So there might be a little more experimentation with us than maybe some of the other guys. "It really depends on how far off your program is ... use this time to get your ducks in a row for next year because one thing I've noticed, it's so competitive now that you can't really come out of the box and have a problem to try to overcome and still make it to the top 10 in points, where in years past, you've pretty much been able to do that."

Unfortunately, the Chase format might have been implemented too late for Rudd, who has finished in the top 10 of the Cup standings 19 times in the previous 25 years. Now, one of Rudd's worst fears about failing to make the top 10 has been realized. Will anyone notice those teams that did not make the Chase?

"I think everyone understands what the playing field is now," said Rudd, 48. "If you're not in that top 10, it's going to be pretty hard to get your sponsors' press at this time from the rest of the year out. It's going to be really hard."

"I notice the TV is very biased toward the top 10. They sort of forget about the rest of the crowd there, regardless of what you're doing on the racetrack. That's sort of unfortunate. Sponsors in this sport spend a lot of money to get recognized, that's the reason they're out there. The new format just doesn't lend itself to that."

"We pretty much knew this going in when the season started, I think everybody did. That's just the way it is."

Rudd, who enters the weekend with NASCAR's record for consecutive starts with 745, is willing to give the new format a chance.

"I'm open-minded," he said. "You have to be this day and time. You never know really where the sport — what's going to happen behind the scenes. Television nowadays dictates really what goes on, in my opinion, what's going to happen ... it's more about making sure they get the best TV ratings they can so they can sell some advertising time."

Rudd still hasn't lost his incentive to win his first race since 2002 at Sonoma, Calif., his 23rd career victory.

"The best thing we could possibly accomplish between here and the rest of the season is to run well, run top 10s, top fives. If you happen to get your act together really good, you can slip in there and win one of these things."

"I notice the TV is very biased toward the top 10. They sort of forget about the rest of the crowd there, regardless of what you're doing on the racetrack."



Ricky Rudd is concerned that the focus on the top 10 takes away from those not in the Chase.

THIS WEEK'S RACE

BANQUET 400

Where: Kansas Speedway, a 1.5-mile paved slightly banked tri-oval located in Kansas City, Kan.

When: Sunday at 2 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 4:10 p.m. Friday.

TV: NBC.
Radio: Motor Racing Network.

Purse: \$5,696,382.
Last year's winner: Ryan Newman.

Worth noting: There have been three different pole winners in Kansas Speedway's three Nextel Cup races. None of the three Cup races at Kansas have been won from the pole, but all three have been won from a starting position of 11th or better. Eighteen drivers have posted top-10 finishes at Kansas; 28 have posted "DNFs" there.



Newman

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Dale Earnhardt Jr. won his 14th Cup race on Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway. His father, a seven-time champion, won 76 times. When all is said and done, which Earnhardt will have racked up the most wins?

Cast your vote at: www.thatstracin.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Assume for a moment that Jeff Gordon or Dale Earnhardt Jr. would have won the points title under the old system, but someone else wins under the new system. Who would you consider the "true" champion?
Number of votes: 7,768

Response	No. of votes	Percent
Earnhardt Jr. or Gordon.	3,815	49%
Whoever wins the Chase.	3,358	43%
It doesn't matter to me.	595	8%

STOP 'N' GO

INSIDE KANSAS

Trends to be aware of as the Nextel Cup circuit heads to Kansas Speedway for the Banquet 400:

- SUCCESSSES**
- Jeff Gordon and Ryan Newman have top-five finishes in all three of their Kansas races: Tony Stewart and Rusty Wallace have top 10s in all three of theirs.
 - Dale Earnhardt Jr. is the only driver that has led in all three races at Kansas.
- STRUGGLES**
- Dale Jarrett has failed to finish all three of his Kansas races.
 - Kurt Busch has finished 40th and 31st in his last two races there.
 - Elliott Sadler has finished in the top 15 in three races at Kansas.

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Oct. 3:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. K. Busch (97)	5530	21. G. Biffle (16)	3037
2. D. Earnhardt Jr. (8)	5518	22. R. Gordon (31)	2992
3. J. Gordon (24)	5482	23. T. Labonte (5)	2947
4. M. Martin (6)	5432	24. J. Nemechek (01)	2939
5. M. Kenseth (17)	5393	25. B. Vickers (25)	2826
6. T. Stewart (20)	5391	26. R. Rudd (21)	2718
7. R. Newman (12)	5384	27. S. Wimmer (22)	2649
8. E. Sadler (38)	5377	28. W. Burton (0)	2555
9. J. Johnson (48)	5371	29. S. Riggs (10)	2544
10. J. Mayfield (19)	5263	30. B. Gaughan (77)	2462
11. K. McMurray (42)	3585	31. K. Schrader (49)	2422
12. J. Harvick (29)	3549	32. J. Green (43)	2407
13. D. Jarrett (88)	3507	33. K. Petty (45)	2370
14. K. Kahne (9)	3442	34. R. Craven (32)	2086
15. B. Labonte (18)	3425	35. J. Spencer (4)	1747
16. M. Waltrip (15)	3149	36. D. Blaney	1295
17. R. Wallace (2)	3110	37. J. Sauter	1217
18. C. Mears (41)	3081	38. D. Cope (50)	1058
19. S. Marlin (40)	3058	39. M. Shepherd (89)	851
20. J. Burton (30)	3057	40. T. Bodine (50)	780

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Sept. 25:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. M. Truex Jr.	4139	11. A. Lewis	2970
2. K. Busch	3987	12. C. Atwood	2930
3. J. Leffler	3661	13. D. Strømme	2927
4. G. Biffle	3557	14. B. Hamilton Jr.	2896
5. D. Green	3466	15. J. Sauter	2883
6. R. Hornaday	3382	16. M. Waltrip	2875
7. J. Keller	3346	17. T. Fedewa	2873
8. M. Bliss	3203	18. S. Compton	2849
9. K. Kahne	2990	19. R. Pressley	2818
10. K. Wallace	2971	20. M. Wallace	2781

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Mr. Goodcents 300, Kansas City, Kan.

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The top-10 drivers as of Oct. 2:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. B. Hamilton	2933	6. C. Chaffin	2625
2. D. Setzer	2877	7. T. Kvapil	2623
3. C. Edwards	2787	8. D. Starr	2561
4. T. Musgrave	2783	9. S. Park	2513
5. M. Crafton	2662	10. J. Sprague	2482

NEXT RACE: Oct. 16, Silverado 350K, Fort Worth, Texas

RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

- Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8):** If he can finish in the top 10 at Kansas, he'll take the inside track in the Chase title. Last week: 2.
- Kurt Busch (car No. 97):** Only guy left with the chance to string together 10 top-five finishes in the Chase. Last week: 3.
- Jeff Gordon (car No. 24):** Found himself hung out in the wrong place at the wrong time too often at Talladega. Last week: 1.
- Mark Martin (car No. 6):** Nobody's happier to have Talladega in his rearview mirror. The title is still within reach. Last week: 4.
- Tony Stewart (car No. 20):** He must get madder and madder every time he thinks about that New Hampshire wreck. Last week: 8.
- Ryan Newman (car No. 12):** He's the defending champion at Kansas. A repeat is what he needs to keep his title push alive. Last week: 6.
- Matt Kenseth (car No. 17):** He's going to need something other than consistency to fight his way back into contention. Last week: 7.
- Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48):** Pit road bump wipes out what could've been a good Talladega run.

It's the little things. Last week: 5.

9. Elliott Sadler (car No. 38): He had made up 10 to 12 spots with a late run before his final-lap flip at Talladega. Last week: 9.

10. Dale Jarrett (car No. 88): Back-to-back top-five finishes have him thinking he could win at Kansas this week. Last week: 12.

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

Q&A with championship contender Jimmie Johnson

By JIM PEDLEY
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Many in the media and elsewhere made Jimmie Johnson their preseason pick to win this year's Nextel Cup Championship.

Johnson will arrive at Kansas Speedway as one of the 10 drivers involved in the Chase for the Nextel Cup Championship. He spent eight weeks in the middle of the season first in points.

Do you think the Chase for the Nextel Cup Championship is creating the fan interest that NASCAR intended?

Johnson: "At the end of the season there is a lot of discussion and hype to crown our champion, and it's got a totally different twist to it, where it's a 36-race schedule and, toward the end of it as other sports come on, I think people have seen



Jimmie Johnson

their share of NASCAR. The points championship is usually a one-or-two-guy race and now it is definitely different. That was their goal, and they've accomplished that."

Is it good different or bad different?

Johnson: "It's hard to say. I've been critical of it from one point of view. But I guess the bottom line is if it grows our sport, it benefits everyone. I think we have to get through the year to see if sponsors that are

involved with the other race teams did get added exposure and they feel their value in NASCAR is more important now and if the television packages increase and if the media exposure increases. Once we're able to get through the year and can look back and evaluate everything, I think we'll all be able to determine if it was a good move or not."

Have you noticed any change in the on-track product — either in the races leading up to the Chase or the two Chase races that have been run so far?

Johnson: "No, I think it's been the same stuff. The points system — even though the overall scheme of things is different — still pays the same amount of points for a position and per event. So the mindset on the racetrack has been pretty much the same. Everybody wants to win. Everybody is trying to get the maximum number of points. I think some

of the other teams may have been doing it there in some of the closing races to find something new going into the final 10. But beyond that, I think it's been the same thing."

Have you thought what it must be like for the drivers who are not in the Chase?

Johnson: "Oh, it's a double-edged sword. If you look at the first 26 races, I led the points through a good portion of that and we didn't get much TV exposure. The focus was on the cutoff and the cars around that. So, in my eyes, the television exposure traveled further back into the pack than it typically would. All eyes would have been on Junior (Dale Earnhardt Jr.), Jeff (Gordon) and myself and maybe a couple of other guys. That's what needs to be evaluated at the end of the year (to see if) there was more exposure passed out throughout the entire field over this new system versus the old system."

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DISTRICT KICK-OFF

Bronte @Forsan

Forsan's football team will try to earn its first victory of the year Friday at home against district rival Bronte.

The Buffaloes have begun district play 0-2, while Bronte is currently 1-1.

The homecoming game will start at 7:30 p.m.

Anson @Stanton

The Stanton Buffaloes recorded their first win of the football season two weeks ago against Alpine and will try to keep the winning streak alive Friday at home against rival Anson.

The game is the District 4-2A opener for both teams.

Klondike @Sands

The Sands Mustangs football team has won two straight games heading into district play Friday against rival Klondike.

The Mustangs, who are coming off their open week, will play Klondike in Ackerly Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Steer football time changes

Big Spring's junior varsity game, which was scheduled against Lake View in San Angelo at 5:30 p.m. tonight, has been changed. The two JV teams will now play in San Angelo at 4:30 p.m.

The Big Spring freshmen team will play tonight at 6 p.m. at Blankenship Field. That is a change from the original 5:30 p.m. start.

Also, the Big Spring eighth-grade football team will only play one game this evening it will start at 4 p.m.

Big Spring looks for first win at Memorial

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

There are many activities that come with homecoming week in Big Spring and head football coach Dwight Butler just wants his team to take care of their responsibility Friday at Memorial Stadium against district rival Lake View.

"Our part in the whole homecoming process is to win the game Friday night," said Butler. "And we must approach it like that."

To take care of business, the Steers must stop an explosive Chiefs offense that features the district's biggest quarterback in Matt Phillips and the fastest running back and wide receiver in Robert Payne and Chris Perryman, respectively.

"Payne and Perryman are both track stars and Phillips is about 6'3" and 220 pounds," said Butler. They have great skill people and great team speed.

I would say they are as skilled as Permian, which is what makes them very scary offensively."

The Chiefs are a lot like

Big Spring in that they run a spread formation with a one-back set on offense.

That doesn't really matter to Butler, though, as he doesn't anticipate changes on defense.

"I don't know what we can do differently defensively," he added. "We just do what we do and we are planning on staying that way."

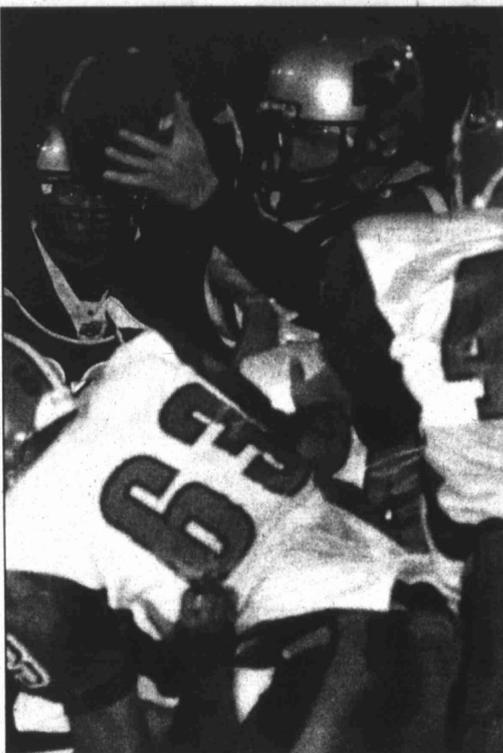
The Lake View defense has used several different personnel all season long, but looked much better coming off its bye week.

"It will be a great test for us," said Butler. "We need to keep the offense off the field somehow."

Butler also thinks homecoming can be a distraction, but doesn't see that becoming a factor this week.

"It is always a concern because of all the stuff that goes on," said Butler, "and at Big Spring homecoming is like a week-long carnival. It is always a packed house Friday and it is a very exciting time."

Big Spring enters the game at 2-3, but are 0-2 at home this year.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring junior quarterback Andy Lasater stretches the ball past the goal line Friday against San Angelo Central at Memorial Stadium. This week, the Steers take on rival San Angelo Lake View in the District 4-4A opener. It is also this year's homecoming contest.

Lake View is coming off a win against Snyder last Friday.

The Chiefs are 2-3 this

season, but they have won their last two games. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Rivalry game hits Bearkats early on

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Garden City football team moved up two spots in the latest public schools six-man poll after knocking off last week's private school No. 1 Midland Trinity by 45 points.

This week, the ninth-ranked Bearkats travel to rival Robert Lee for its District 8 six-man opener.

Robert Lee enters the game 1-4, while Garden

City is currently 4-1.

"They haven't had the season they would have liked record wise, but when these two teams meet you can pretty much throw the records out the door," said Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins.

Robert Lee uses a run-oriented offense, but doesn't do a lot of different things.

"They are not fancy," said Hoskins. "They use one set pretty much and try to run the ball at you,

but they will throw some.

"Our defense needs to put pressure up front and control the line of scrimmage. I think we will be successful if we try to make them do things they don't really want to do."

The Steers use a 5-1 look on defense. Hoskins will try to put pressure on the "one" deep on pass plays.

"The play action may work for us," said Hoskins. "We are not going to change anything though."

Robert Lee will be led Friday by running back Omar Saucedo and quarterback Brandon Soliz. They will also feature Josh Conner and Kevin Honse.

The Bearkats should be led offensively by quarterback Alex Halfmann and running back Trey Hillger.

"I know our fans will come out to support us," said Hoskins. "The guys notice that out there, too."

Grady travels to much improved Loop

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Grady football coach Joe Helms hopes to establish a running game offensively and stop the run defensively Friday when his Wildcats travel to Loop and open up district play against the rival

Longhorns, who are a lot better than they were last year.

"They are much improved," said Helms. "They are kind of limited to two players offensively. We need to stop the rushing attack and force them to throw more. And in turn, I want to run the ball at them."

Helms will be able to run the ball better this

week as senior running back Ben Hirth returns to full strength after a much needed open week. Hirth played in only 10 plays during the Wildcats' last game due to an injury.

"The off week helped us get healthy and allowed us to work on fundamentals," said Helms.

Loop, which did not win a game all of last year, came out of its non-dis-

trict schedule with a 4-1 record. The Longhorns' only loss came at the hands of Westbrook.

Grady enters the game at 1-4. The contest Friday will be played in Loop with a 7:30 p.m. start time.



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This Week

At Home:

Big Spring vs. San Angelo Lake View, 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming)
Forsan vs. Bronte, 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming)
Stanton vs. Anson, 7:30 p.m.
Sands vs. Klondike, 7:30 p.m.

On the Road:

Coahoma @ Colorado City, 7:30 p.m.
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Gaines County Golf Course sets scramble

The Gaines County Golf Course will host an 80 and over (combined age) two-man scramble Oct. 16-17.

The event will start with a shotgun each day at 2 p.m. The cost will be \$65 plus cart.

For more information, call the Gaines County Golf Course at 432-758-3808.

LULAC softball announces tourney

La Raza Unida hosted by LULAC chapter 4791 will host a softball tournament at Cotton Mize Field inside of Comanche Trail Park Oct. 15-16.

The entry fee will be \$110 and the deadline for entry is Oct. 13. The first place team will receive trophies, T-shirts and hats.

The second place team will get trophies and hats, while third place will take home a plaque and T-shirts.

For more information, contact Jennifer Patton (day time) at 432-263-6351 or Janey Tino (evenings) at 432-268-9155.

CGA announces monthly golf tourney

The Chicano Golf Association will be holding a golf tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course Sunday, Oct. 17, to benefit Ralph "Cuco" Nunez, who is a lifetime member of the CGA. All proceeds go toward cancer expenses.

The tournament will start at 9 a.m. and will follow a four-man scramble format.

The cost of the tournament is \$40 per man plus green fees. All teams must call-in for tee times (264-2366) before Friday, Oct. 15.

For more information, contact Billy Pineda at 264-7116 after 7 p.m. or Willie Mendoza at 267-7977.

Big Spring gets ready for big weekend

Big Spring ISD will have a big weekend in sports Friday and Saturday.

The football team hosts Lake View for homecoming Friday, while the volleyball (home), tennis (home), cross country (Odessa) and swimming (Lubbock) teams will all be in action Saturday.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Event	Time	Station
Tuesday		
Astros @ Braves	2:30 p.m.	1490
Friday		
Braves vs. Lake View	6:00 p.m.	1490/95.7
Comanche @ Odessa Cb	7:00 p.m.	64.3
Saturday		
Texas vs. Oklahoma @ Odessa	10:00 a.m.	94.3

The hunt for October is underway

Clemens leads 'Stros to win

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — Roger Clemens could have been taking his turn in the car pool, doing some yard work, relaxing in front of the television.

And miss this? No way.

The Rocket is a step closer to getting back to the World Series, and the Houston Astros are along for the ride.

"We're very happy when we see Roger Clemens on the mound," Jeff Bagwell said. "That's the main thing — Roger Clemens is pitching for us."

Picking up where they left off in the regular season, the wild-card Astros routed the Atlanta Braves 9-3 in Game 1 of the NL division playoffs Wednesday.

Houston is 0-for-7 in playoff series, losing three of its last four to the Braves. But there's a sense in the Astros' clubhouse that this could finally be their year.

It starts with Clemens, who retired after pitching for the New York Yankees in last year's World Series. About two months later, he changed his mind, jumping at the chance to play not far from suburban Houston home.

The 42-year-old pitcher can't do it alone, of course. The Astros have a lethal lineup that showed off its power in Atlanta, hitting four homers and setting a franchise record for runs in a postseason game.

"This team feels real good about itself," Bagwell said. "We came in on a roll."

The Astros carried over their momentum from the regular season, when they won 36 of the last 46 games to claim an improbable wild card.

Game 2 is Thursday at Turner Field, with Houston sending 20-game winner Roy Oswalt to the mound against Mike Hampton.

The NL East champion Braves can't afford to go down 0-2 in a best-of-five series heading to Minute Maid Park, where the Astros have an 18-game winning streak.

"We have to win three of the next four games," Marcus Giles said, "but we have done that plenty of times."

Brad Ausmus, Lance Berkman and Carlos

Beltran homered off Braves starter Jaret Wright, who didn't make it through the fifth.

Clemens showed the effects of a stomach virus that kept him from making his last start of the regular season. The Hall of Famer-to-be had two wild pitches and walked six — all in the first four innings and the most he's given up in a game since 1998.

Clemens also had trouble with his footing on the mound, but he displayed plenty of grit in winning a Game 1 start for the first time in his storied career. The Braves stranded nine runners in those first four innings, when the Rocket was his most vulnerable.

He wound up lasting seven innings, throwing 117 pitches, giving up six hits and two earned runs, while striking out seven.

"I had to will my way through that game," he said. "Sometimes, it takes more than talent or more than a 95-mph fastball. You have to will it."

In a nod to the guy who persuaded him to put off retirement, Clemens has been wearing a right-handed glove that was mistakenly sent to left-handed teammate Andy Pettitte, out for the season after elbow surgery.

The glove has Pettitte's name stitched into the side.

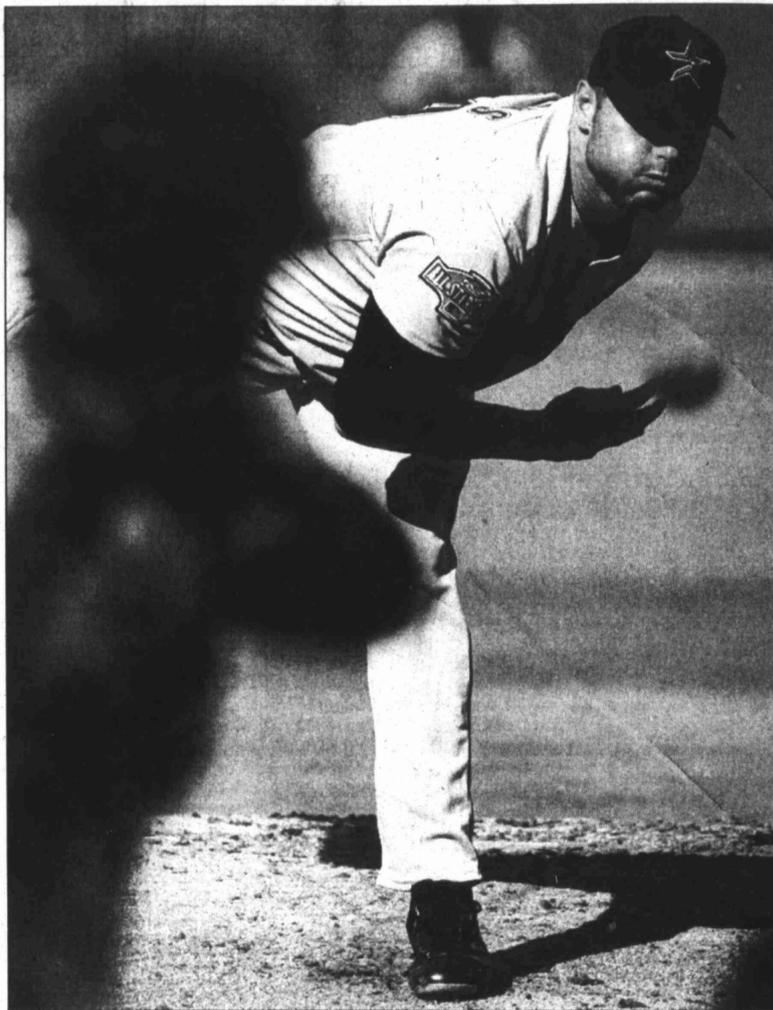
The Astros trailed 1-0 when Ausmus led off the third by homering into the left-field seats, sparking a four-run inning. Bagwell had an RBI double — the first extra-base hit of his postseason career — and Berkman hit a two-run shot into the Braves bullpen.

Beltran knocked out Wright in the fifth with another two-run homer.

The Braves, meanwhile, were squandering all sorts of chances. When Atlanta loaded the bases in the first on Berkman's error and two walks, Clemens limited the damage to Johnny Estrada's sacrifice fly.

When the Braves put runners at second and third in the second, Clemens struck out Rafael Furcal, who may have had other things on his mind.

The Braves shortstop was in the lineup just hours after being sentenced to three weeks in jail and four weeks in a treatment facility for his second drunken-driving



KRT photo/Rich Addicks, Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Astros' starting pitcher Roger Clemens throws against the Braves in game one of the National League Division Series at Turner Field Wednesday.

arrest. He doesn't have to report until after the season.

That could be sooner than he wants if the Braves don't start coming through with some clutch hits. Clemens walked the bases loaded in the third, but escaped by striking out rookie Charles Thomas.

The Braves put two more runners on in the fourth. Clemens took care of that by jamming J.D. Drew, whose shattered bat flew farther than his popup back to the mound.

"I thought we had a pretty good game plan," said Chipper Jones, who went 0-for-4 with two strikeouts. "We got him to throw a lot of pitches early, but we missed opportunities."

While Clemens was frustrating the Braves, Wright was watching the ball fly out of the park. After giving up just 11 homers in 32 regular-season starts, he equaled a career high by giving up three in his first postseason start since 1998.

Yankees tie series in 12th

By MIKE FITZPATRICK
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — No more questions about Alex Rodriguez under pressure.

A-Rod and Derek Jeter teamed up to save Mariano Rivera, sparking a championship-caliber rally that carried the New York Yankees past the Minnesota Twins 7-6 in 12 innings Wednesday night, tying their playoff series at a game apiece.

"I don't think I want to watch it again, it was certainly one of the memorable games," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Especially for Rodriguez, whose tying double in the 12th was the huge hit New York waited for all season. Jeter then dashed home on Hideki Matsui's sacrifice fly as the Yankees completed another improbable postseason comeback, overcoming a rare October failure by Rivera.

"Alex had a little trouble settling in here, but when you do this at Yankee Stadium in a postseason game, especially coming from behind, God only knows what it's going to do for him," Torre said. "You couldn't get a bigger hit."

After falling behind in the 12th on Torii Hunter's home run off Tanyon Sturtze, the Yankees refused to fold. No surprise, because New York set a major league record with 61 comeback wins during the regular season.

"We never doubted ourselves," Gary Sheffield said. "We've done this all season. There's no reason to think we couldn't do it again."

Still, Yankees owner George Steinbrenner hardly seemed impressed. "We've won nothing yet, gang. Nothing, yet. We've got work to do," Steinbrenner said. "It was

great to come back."

Corey Koskie keyed the Twins' eighth-inning rally with a tying double against Rivera, who blew a save in the postseason for only the third time in 33 chances.

Game 3 in the best-of-five AL series will be Friday night at the Metrodome, with Kevin Brown starting for the Yankees against Carlos Silva.

Jeter, Rodriguez and Sheffield homered earlier in this game, and it went to extra innings tied at 5. It stayed that way until Hunter connected.

But Twins closer Joe Nathan was running out of gas. He had made 43 straight appearances without going more than one inning, but manager Ron Gardenhire sent him out for a third inning for the first time since May 20, 2003, in hopes of finishing it.

"He was still throwing 94, 95, 96 mph," Gardenhire said. "It's a little disappointing. I probably left him out there too long. I didn't like our options."

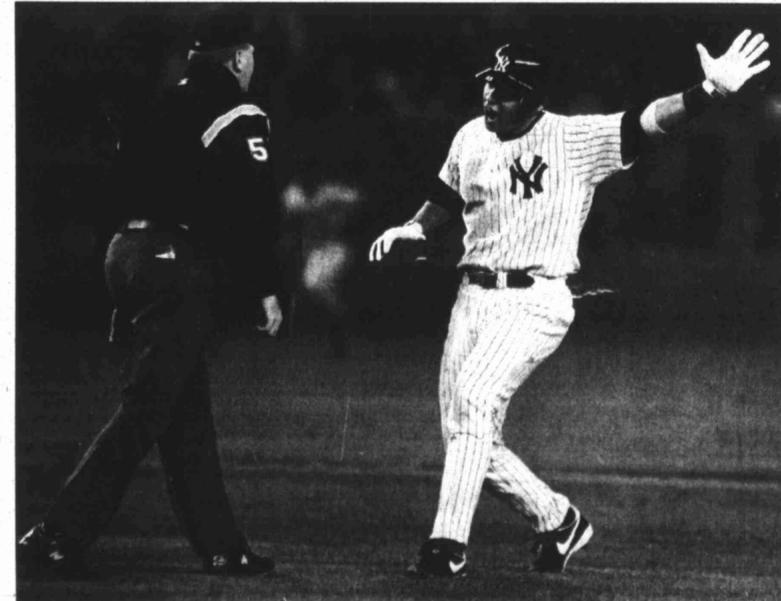
Nathan walked No. 9 hitter Miguel Cairo and Jeter with one out in the 12th, bringing up Rodriguez, who hit only .248 with runners in scoring position in his first season with the Yankees.

He's making up for all that in October. A-Rod hit a ground-rule double to left-center on Nathan's 49th pitch, tying the score at 6 with his fourth hit of the game. It gave him three RBIs, and made him 6-for-10 in the series.

"This team never gives up," Rodriguez said.

Sheffield was intentionally walked before J.C. Romero replaced Nathan.

With the outfield drawn in, Matsui hit a liner directly at right fielder Jacque Jones that appeared too shallow to score Jeter from third.



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The Yankee's Alex Rodriguez argues with umpire Mike Everitt after he was called out on a double play in the seventh inning of game two of the American League Division Series at Yankee Stadium Wednesday.

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Bids may be mailed to the Howard County Auditor, at P.O. Box 1949, Big Spring, Tx. 79721-1949 or delivered to the Auditor's Office, Room 202, County Courthouse.

Mark Sealed Envelope "Motorgrader Bid".

Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court on October 25, 2004 10:00 A.M. for their consideration.

The court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

#4340 October 7, & 15, 2004

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The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 A.M. on October 22, 2004 for Diesel and Gasoline.

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BY JOYCE JILLSON

The moon is void early in the day, so if you're not sure how you're feeling, don't worry about it.

The tendency is to doubt your plans, but resist the second-guessing game. Just do what's on your list, and count yourself among the productive people. The moon enters Leo in the afternoon, and you'll start to regain confidence in your direction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Sure, you've got a fabulous sense of humor, but do not always be joking. Sigmund Freud argued that there are no jokes. Consider the subtext of what you are saying to others and how your words might make them feel.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The past is no indicator of where you're going. Surprising turns are in store. Not even you could



JOYCE JILLSON

have predicted where you'll end up. Make the most of your opportunities by getting organized.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll hear from the old peanut gallery today. It seems certain people always have an opinion, but seldom is it one that helps you on your quest. That's why it's important not to show anyone your half-finished works.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Just when you'd like to stay in and be comfortably cocooned from the rest of the world, you should go out instead. Make yourself accessible, and make your talents known. This is no time to coddle yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is a mountain to move, and you're the one who's got to do it. Luckily, this mountain comes in the form of scraps of paper, two-minute tasks and "errands" that can be accomplished online or over the phone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes, you act on impulse, but more often, you act on second thought. In matters of romance, you benefit from doing the former, but in business, you're better off doing the latter. Tonight, deliver a sincere act of gratitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Try to lighten up. It's not as though the hopes and dreams of your entire

Tomorrow's Horoscope

family are riding on your shoulders. OK, so maybe they are a little bit. But that's their problem. Your responsibility is to follow your own bliss.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Nothing annoys you like people who feel entitled to a station they've done nothing to deserve. So remember that you, too, should get to your rightful place through the merit of your actions, not through presumption.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your mind is filled with "if onlys." If only I were thinner, richer or more successful, then I could be attractive to X. This is all teen fantasy stuff, but it gets you thinking about your goals again. Oh yeah, goals — remember those?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll notice that you're powerful — more powerful than you thought you were. Perhaps that's why friends and family tend to duck behind you for cover. Your strength is your willingness to confront what needs to be confronted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're focused, centered and ready for anything. That's why people come to you when they're wondering what to do next. Take time to prepare not only for your own activities but also a list of tasks you can possibly delegate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though diplomacy has gotten you this far, now it's time to overstep your boundaries. You are admired for your audacity. People around you were just waiting for someone to say what was on everyone's mind.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My husband is a 44-year-old Virgo, and I'm a 33-year-old Pisces. We've been dating since I was 25 but only married three years ago. I'm finding myself bored to tears. I'm finally getting in tune with my true self. I'm stronger than I thought, but the stronger I feel, the more critical my husband is. The usual topic of conversation is my looks, my lack of discipline, my recent weight gain or anything else he can find wrong with me. It's funny, though, because these hurtful things are making me stronger, and I seem to be attracting everything under the sun, even the wrong sign, like Gemini. Obviously, marrying a Virgo was a mistake. Any thoughts about what to do about this now? What sign would have been best for a Pisces woman?"

Oh, dear, will the Virgo bashing ever end? We must start taking responsibility for our own lives and stop blaming poor Virgo for our problems.

Pisces, if you're so bored, miserable and strong, then get a divorce! There's a Libra or Scorpio out there who would just love to be your sole distraction in life. Or you could go to marriage counseling and at least figure out what your real problem is.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Ashlee Simpson has become a media darling. This little-sister-turned-star-of-the-show could give her big sister Jessica a run for her money. Ashlee wisely marketed herself as a polar opposite of her next of kin — a rocker tomboy, rough-and-tumble brunette. Libras are very careful in their aesthetic choices and have an instinct about what will work for them. Ultimately, though, this sign is a team player.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Against the advice of friends, we gave our daughter and son-in-law the down payment on their home with no strings attached, remembering how hard it was when we bought our first home. Over the years, we loaned them thousands of dollars for what we thought were necessities, while noticing new furniture, appliances, a big-screen TV and computers appearing in their home. We finally said we could not afford to help them anymore.

Since then, my daughter and her family visit only the wealthy parents and grandparents on her husband's side. We've been told not to come over unless we call first, but when we call, we get their machine. Our messages are rarely returned.

We have three grandchildren we've barely seen since January, even though we live nearby. Our youngest grandchild does not recognize us. My daughter told us our grandson's birthday party was on Sunday, and when we stopped by on Saturday to drop off his gift, we discovered the party already in progress.

I believe they feel guilty about the money we gave them and have turned their guilt against us. I don't expect you to have an answer for this. We only want to warn other parents that sometimes their friends are right. — Nebraska Parents

Dear Nebraska: How sad for all of you, especially the children who will never know their grandparents and will believe money is the standard by which to judge people. Please do your best to maintain contact, no matter how limited. When those children grow up, they may choose to be closer to you. Be sure you're available.

Dear Annie: I'm planning a wedding for next year, but there's a problem. I have a dear friend whom my fiance can't stand. I would love to have her stand up in the wedding, but I'm afraid he will have a fit. If I exclude her, however, it could destroy our friend-



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ship. Should I sit him down and talk to him about this, or sit my friend down and let her know she can't be in the wedding? — Desperately in Need of Advice

Dear Desperate: Guess what? Your future husband does not get to decide who your attendants should be. (And you don't get to determine his groomsmen.) If he is unable or unwilling to control his dislike for the duration of the ceremony, it does not speak well for his character or his ability to compromise — so we're hoping he will understand how important this is to you and back off.

Dear Annie: You've printed letters about divorcing couples who use their children as pawns. I'd like to present the other side.

My parents divorced when my sister and I were young, but they always put us first. The custody arrangement said I went to my father's two weekends a month and two weeks every summer, but he also made sure I saw him every single day for lunch. I could go as I pleased between my parents' homes, and they never discussed things like alimony or child support in front of me.

Whenever there was a special occasion, like a school play, my parents would sit together. Holidays were set up to allow us to spend equal time with both sides of the family. My parents were always gracious toward each other's new partners.

I knew things weren't quite so smooth when we children were out of earshot, but I appreciated the veneer of peace between them. My parents were a model of how to separate while leaving your children unscarred, and I thank them every day for putting aside their differences for our sakes. — Grateful Daughter

Dear Daughter: Your parents did it right and can set an example for all separated couples everywhere. Thank you for letting us know.

Dear Annie: I am a 24-year-old woman who lives several hundred miles away from my parents. I have been living with my boyfriend, "Keith," for two years, and my parents are fully aware (and mostly supportive) of our situation. They have grown to love Keith and respect our relationship.

The problem is that Mom and Dad are coming to visit us soon. Keith and I have had a few discussions about sleeping arrangements, and we aren't sure how to proceed. We live in a large two-bedroom apartment, and there's no question that one of the bedrooms will be used by my parents. The question is, should Keith and I share the other room while my parents are here, or should he stay on the sofa?

My folks aren't stupid. They know Keith and I share a bedroom, although I believe they prefer not to think about it. It will make my folks uncomfortable, knowing their little girl is sleeping with her boyfriend in the next room. However, it's my apartment and I should be able to govern what happens, which includes sleeping in the same bed with my loving, committed boyfriend.

Keith has offered to sleep on the couch as a sign of respect to my parents. While I appreciate the gesture, I don't have anything to hide. Any suggestions? — Approval-Seeking Transplant

Dear Transplant: Give your parents some credit. They know you and Keith are living together and

what that entails. They apparently are comfortable enough to visit regardless. Stop speculating and ask them how they feel about the sleeping arrangements, although it isn't necessary to give up your bedroom unless you want to. And Keith gets a big hug from us for being so sensitive and considerate. He sounds like a keeper.

Dear Annie: You printed a letter from "Confused in Canada," who wanted to know if she should tell her cousin that she actually was her sister.

I am 60 years old and have a sister 12 years my senior. Eight years ago, my sister informed me that my twin brother and I were not sired by the person I always had thought was my father. I checked her story out, and it was verified.

I wish she hadn't told me. I feel as though I've been kicked in the teeth. My advice to "Confused" is to keep her trap shut and let the young girl continue to accept her aunt as her mother. To do otherwise now, at this late date, is to open up a can of worms garnished with anguish and anger.

Where Am I From? Dear Where: We can understand your bitterness at this revelation, although many people prefer to know the truth, no matter how much it hurts. You are grieving for a past that has been altered, and the news has upset your sense of self. Please try to work through this so you can be at peace with the information.

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DENNIS THE MENACE comic strip. Panel 1: Dennis is in a room with a television. Panel 2: Dennis is talking to a man. Caption: "THIS SHOW HAS PEOPLE THAT DO THE LAUGHING FOR US."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS comic strip. Panel 1: A man and a woman are talking. Panel 2: A man is writing. Caption: "PJ's gonna have it easy learning to write his name."

HAGAR comic strip. Panel 1: A man is talking to a woman. Panel 2: A man is talking to a woman. Panel 3: A man is talking to a woman. Panel 4: A man is talking to a woman.

BLONDIE comic strip. Panel 1: A man is talking to a woman. Panel 2: A man is talking to a woman. Panel 3: A man is talking to a woman.

WIZARD OF ID comic strip. Panel 1: A man is talking to a woman. Panel 2: A man is talking to a woman. Panel 3: A man is talking to a woman. Panel 4: A man is talking to a woman.

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THE OTHER COAST comic strip. Panel 1: A man is talking to a woman. Panel 2: A man is talking to a woman. Panel 3: A man is talking to a woman. Panel 4: A man is talking to a woman.

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Oct. 7, the 281st day of 2004. There are 85 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 7, 1765, the Stamp Act Congress convened in New York to draw up colonial grievances against England. On this date: In 1777, the second Battle of Saratoga began during the American Revolution. (British forces under General John Burgoyne surrendered 10 days later.) In 1849, author Edgar Allan Poe died in Baltimore at age 40. In 1940, Artie Shaw and his Orchestra recorded Hoagy Carmichael's "Stardust" for RCA Victor. In 1949, the Republic of East Germany was formed. In 1950, the U.N. General

Assembly approved an advance by U.N. forces north of the 38th Parallel in the Korean Conflict. In 1954, 50 years ago, Marian Anderson became the first black singer hired by the Metropolitan Opera Co. in New York. In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy and Republican opponent Richard M. Nixon held the second of their broadcast debates. In 1979, Pope John Paul II concluded his weeklong tour of the United States with a Mass on the Washington Mall. In 1985, Palestinian gunmen hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in the Mediterranean with more than 400 people aboard. In 1998, Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, was beaten and left tied to a wooden fencepost outside of Laramie, Wyoming; he died five days later. (Russell Henderson later pleaded guilty to murder; a second suspect, Aaron McKinney, was convicted of murder;

both were sentenced to life in prison.) Today's Birthdays: Singer Al Martino is 77. Retired South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu is 73. Former National Security Council aide Oliver North is 61. Rock musician Kevin Godley (10cc) is 59. Country singer Kieran Kane is 55. Singer John Mellencamp is 53. Rock musician Ricky Phillips is 53. Actress Christopher Norris is 51. Rock musician Tico Torres (Bon Jovi) is 51. Cellist Yo-Yo Ma is 49. Gospel singer Michael W. Smith is 47. Rock musician Charlie Marinkovich (Iron Butterfly) is 45.

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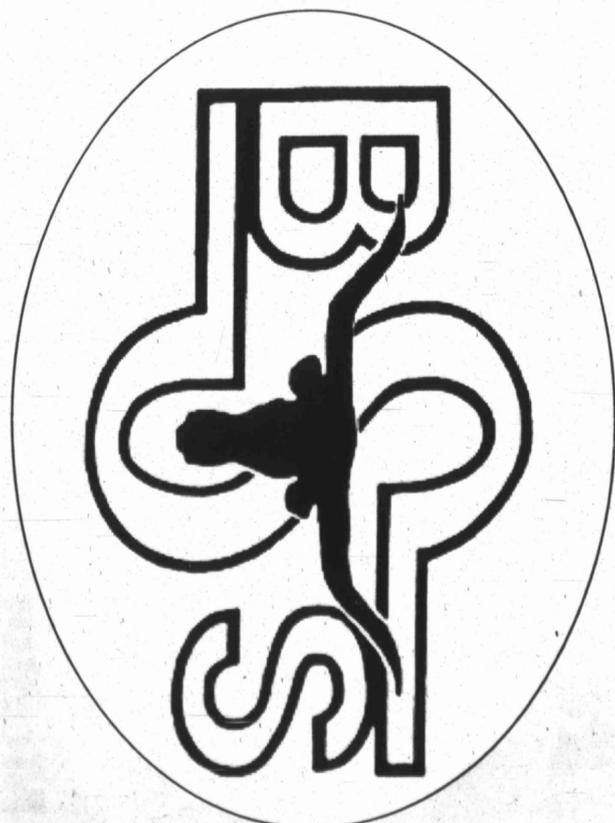
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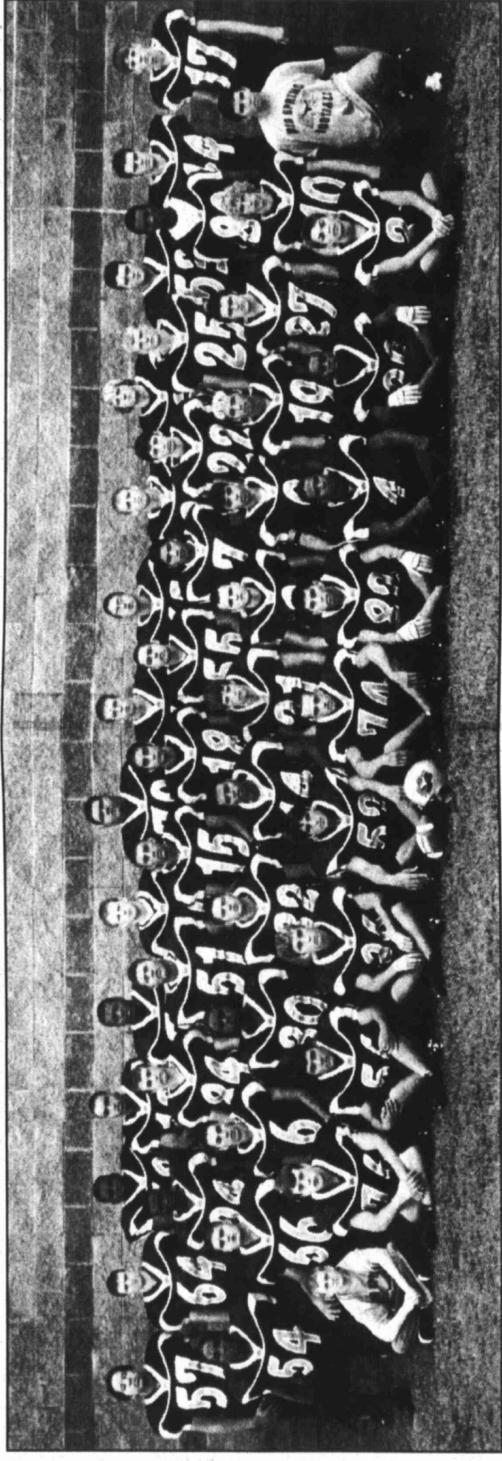


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