

## Reliever route to receive small percentage of highway funds

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Ports to Plains will receive approximately \$109 million in direct funding from the federal government, part of a \$286 billion highway bill making its way through Capitol Hill, but it appears funds for the Big Spring reliever route are still far from projected costs.

The Big Spring route, which would alleviate the congestion anticipated as a result of the Ports to Plains effort by taking truck traffic around Big Spring and away from Gregg Street, received \$7,320,000 from federal funding, accounting for approximately 10 percent of

the route's \$70 million cost.

How that money will be spent on the Big Spring portion of the Ports to Plains Trade Corridor is still up in the air according to Bill Crooker, who has been a key part of the local Ports to Plains effort.

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Transportation

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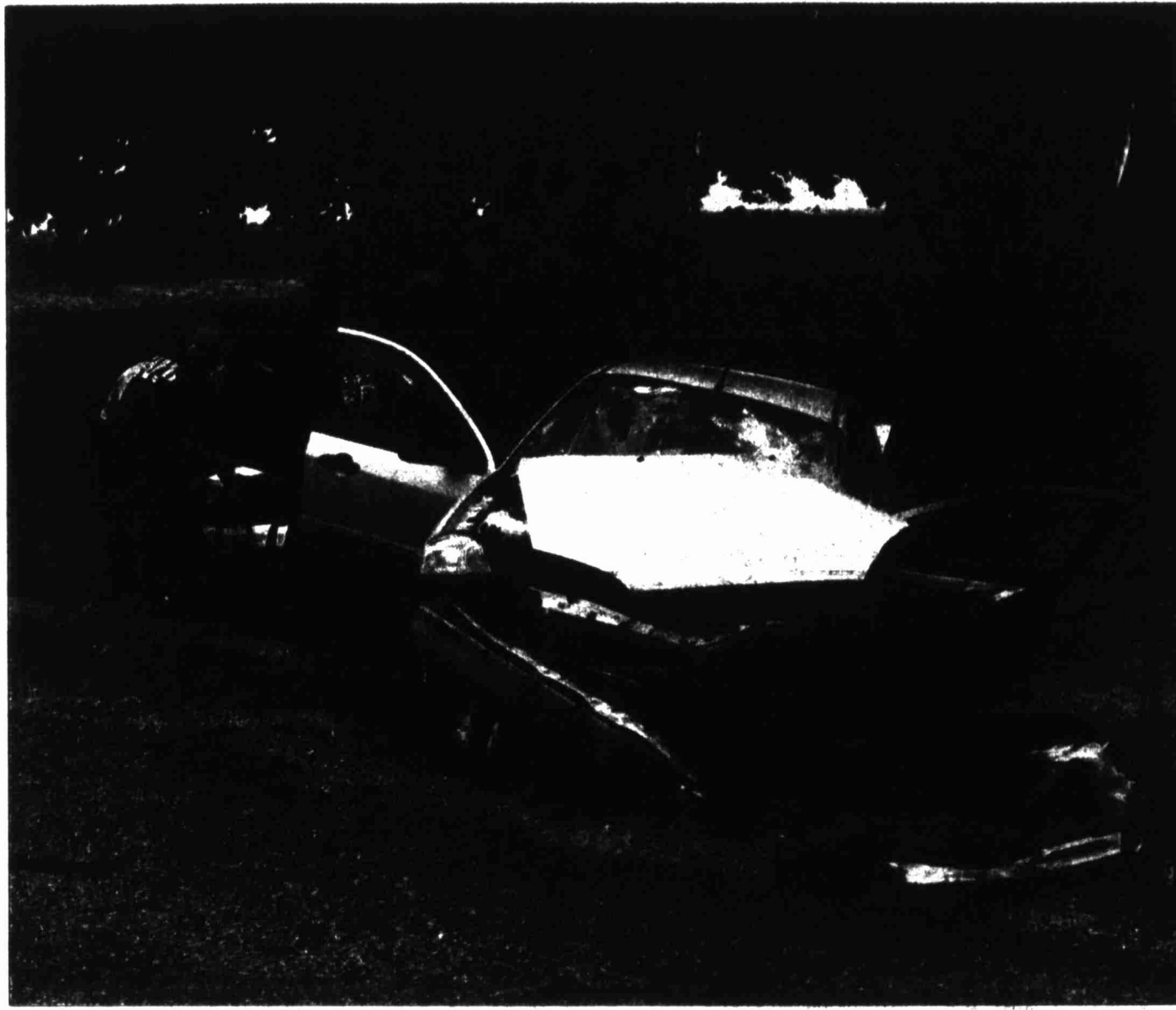
### TO TAX, OR NOT TO TAX?

Below is a selected list of items and their exemption status during the tax holiday:

EXEMPT	TAXED
Baby clothes	Accessories (generally) - barrettes, elastic ponytail holders, wallets, watches
Belts with attached buckles	Backpacks
Boots - cowboy, hiking	Baseball cleats and pants
Caps/hats - baseball, fishing, golf, knitted	Belt buckles (without belt)
Coats and wraps	Boots - climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders
Diapers - adult and baby	Buttons and zippers
Dresses	Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics
Gloves (generally)	Dry cleaning services
Gym suits and uniforms	Football pants
Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts	Golf gloves
Hosiery	Handbags and purses
Jackets	
Jeans	

Source: Texas Comptroller's Office

## U.S. HIGHWAY 87 ACCIDENT



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
The driver of this Ford narrowly escaped with her life following an accident Wednesday afternoon 10 miles north of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87. According to officials at the scene, the car was leaving a home on the highway when it pulled out in front of an 18-wheeler. The driver sustained minor injuries.

## Tax free

Annual 'holiday' runs  
Friday through Sunday

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Everybody loves a sale — and now the State of Texas is getting in on the act.

For the seventh straight year, Texas shoppers will be treated to a de facto sale when the state holds its Sales Tax Holiday Friday through Sunday.

Most clothing and footwear priced less than \$100 will be exempted from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend, according to information from the state comptroller's office.

Customers will receive the break on individual items, regardless of the total amount they buy. For example, sales tax is not due if a customer buys six shirts priced at \$99.99, but full tax is due on a shirt priced at \$100 or above — the first \$99.99

is not exempted, the information stated.

Clothing and footwear items not exempted from taxes include those used for athletic activities or protective wear, such as golf cleats or football pads. But athletic wear that is also used in non-athletic activities — tennis shoes, baseball caps and jogging wear, for example — are exempt.

Accessories, such as jewelry, watches, items that are carried rather than worn, clothing rentals and repairs and alterations will still be taxed.

For a detailed list of items excluded from tax during the holiday, call 1-800-252-5555 or visit the comptroller's Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us>.

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## School drive operating on faith

But Salvation Army could definitely use a little more help

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

As the first day of school looms on the horizon, the local Salvation Army Back-To-School Supply Drive is beginning to pick up speed, but is still a long way from its goal.

According to Capt. Russ Keeney, the local Salvation Army assists between 350 and 400 area students with their back-to-school needs. Donations thus far have

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Keeney

pushed the local group to approximately 25 percent of their goal.

"The donations have picked up a little bit," said Keeney. "We're not worried, however. We don't operate on money.

We operate on faith."

Keeney said his staff plans to begin bagging up the items next week, and although he's more than just optimistic, there's still a lot of ground to cover between now and

the week of Aug. 9 through 12, when applications will be taken and the materials will be distributed to area students.

"We've collected about a quarter of the total supplies we'll need," said Keeney. "We'll spend between \$5,000 and \$6,000 on supplies this year. That's how much we're hoping to cover with the drive."

The annual supply drive is an effort to make sure

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## FCI Big Spring reports altercation, lockdown

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Officials at the Federal Correctional Institution Big Spring are currently investigating an altercation that injured three inmates and sent the facility into lock-down over the weekend.

According to a press release issued Wednesday afternoon, the "altercation" between a group of inmates began Friday at approximately 6 p.m. near the institution's

housing unit.

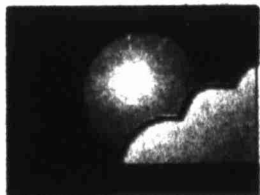
"Three inmates received injuries requiring outside medical attention," said FCI Public Information Officer John Ybarra in the release.

"No staff members were injured. Immediately following the incident, all inmates were recalled to their housing units and secured in their cells in lock-down status or limited activity."

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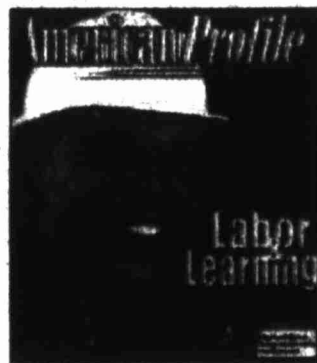
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### BLAKE BACK IN NEWS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The first wife of actor Robert Blake claims the actor tried to have her killed after the couple separated. Sondra Kerr Blake gave her deposition in May in a Los Angeles attorney's office as part of a wrongful-death lawsuit brought against the actor in the shooting death of his second wife. He was acquitted in March of Bonnie Lee Bakley's slaying.

The woman, who was married to Blake more than 20 years, testified that several people told her in the mid-1970s the actor took out a "contract" to kill her and her boyfriend.

### COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Learning and earning are inseparable at the College of the Ozarks — also known as Hard Work U — where full-time students work 15 hours a week to pay their tuition to the liberal arts school in Point Lookout, Mo.

### CHEVY'S NEW HHR

Comparisons between Chrysler's PT Cruiser and Chevrolet's new HHR are inevitable.

Both, after all, are similarly shaped (four-door hatchbacks), similarly sized (small trucks based on small cars), and similarly priced (starting in the midteens) vehicles. Both share retro-inspired styling.

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## Obituaries

## Boyce Hale

Boyce Hale, 85, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005, in an Odessa hospice facility. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005, in the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.



The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

He was born July 1, 1920, in Thurber and married Virginia Farmer Aug. 1, 1952, in Harrison, Ark. She preceded him in death Jan. 6, 2004.

Boyce had worked for T.H. Russell Company in oilfield plant construction for 34 years, retiring in 1985. Since retiring, he worked 20 years for Circle K Ranch and for Big Game Outfitters for about three months each year during the hunting season.

He had taught hunter's education for 30 years. From 1987 to 1988, he wrote an outdoor column for the *Big Spring Herald*. At the time of his death, he was serving as a constable for Howard County.

Boyce was in the first graduating class of Forsan High School in 1938 and was responsible for starting the Forsan High School reunions. He was a big supporter of the Forsan High School library and gave many books through the years.

In 1948, he played on the league championship team in the Western Missouri Baseball League.

He had served in the United States Navy during World War II and was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was also a benefactor of the National Rifle Association, a lifetime member of the Texas Rifle Association, a lifetime member of the North American Hunting Club, and a life member of the Southwest Basketball Officials Association.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Kenneth Burkhardt of Big Spring and Donna and David Crandall of McKinney; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Bill and Lisa Hale of San Angelo, Bobby and Diane Hale of Moulton, Ala., and Harold Hale of Big Spring; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Patsy and Donnie Chapman of Baytown and Barbara Blissard of Stanton; one brother and sister-in-law, Charlie and Cindy Hale of Mathis; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Forsan Scholarship Fund, P.O. Drawer A, Forsan 79733 or to the Home Hospice House of Odessa, 516 N. Texas, Odessa 79761.

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

Paid obituary

## Roberta Shafer Wiley

Roberta Shafer Wiley, 85, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005, in a local hospital. Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5, 2005, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Jim Purcell and Harold Bentley officiating.



Gerald Lee Harris, Clay Ross Harris and Sam Harris, who were special children to Roberta, will sing.

She was born to H.B. and Lola Shafer in Roscoe Jan. 25, 1920. She graduated from Roscoe High School in 1937 and from Texas Woman's University in June 1941.

She married Grover L. Wiley in February 1943 and moved to Big Spring while he was stationed at the Big Spring Bombardier School.

Roberta taught school for 30 years, most of that time at Runnels Junior High School. She was a homemaking and life science teacher, retiring in August of 1979. She was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ, where she taught Bible classes.

She was a member of the Texas State Retired Teachers Association and the Howard County Retired Teachers Association, where she served as vice president for three years.

Survivors include one daughter, Patsy Lee Wiley of Washington, D.C.; one sister, Wanda Fox of Bryan; and a nephew, Bill Cardwell and his wife, Doris of Atlanta, Ga.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite children's home of their choice.

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

Paid obituary

## Charles Flynn King

Services for Charles Flynn King, 79, of Lamesa will be held at 2 p.m. today, Aug. 4, 2005, at Branon Funeral Home Chapel in Lamesa with the Rev. Bob Powell officiating. Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mr. King died Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005, in Lamesa. He was born Jan. 17, 1926, in Tahoka to Bennie Commie King and Winnie Frances King. He married Mary Frances Pinkerton June 16, 1949, in Lamesa.

He served in World War II and the Korean War as a supply sergeant. He was mayor of Lamesa, active in the Lion's Club, where he was a lifetime member of Lions International and served as past district governor of District 2T-2. He served as chairman of the board of Girlstown USA, where he was also a lifetime member.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, a sister, his daughter, Cindy Kay King in 1959 and his wife, Mary Frances in 2000.

He is survived by a son, Charlie D. King; a daughter, Judy Ann Holder and her husband, Michael, all of Lamesa; four grandchildren, Kim and Wes Hughes of Knott and Kale and Veronia King of Lamesa, Tana and Jody Howard of Ackerly and Cody and Lara Sandlin of Lubbock; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Lions Crippled Children's Camp and New Mexico Children's Home or a charity of choice.

Arrangements were under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

## Police blotter

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

- PAUL MORENO JR., 23, 538 Westover, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.
- BENJAMIN ISAAC MUNOZ, 24, 538 Westover, was arrested on a local warrant.
- LATASHA ANDERSON, 30, Midland, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- GERALD WHITFIELD, 19, Midland, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- CHAKALIA JACKSON, 26, Midland, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on the 100 block of Third Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported on the 4200 block of Muir.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued on the 1600 block of Fourth Street.
- THEFT was reported on the 1300 block of College and the 1700 block of FM 700.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

- VICTOR FLORES JR., 23, was arrested on a charge of violation of a protective order.
- HENRY FRANKLIN EDWARDS, 48, was arrested on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- JAMES RANDLE GONZALEZ, 20, was arrested on a charge of theft by check.
- RANDY ALAN CYPERT, 26, was arrested on a charge of violating promise to appear.
- DARREL SCOTT SHULTZ, 22, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- JOSE MICHAEL ROSALES, 17, was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported on the 100 block of Jonesboro Road.

## Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department/Emergency Medical Service reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

- MEDICAL was reported on the 500 block of Ave. G in Forsan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported 10 miles north of Big Spring on Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported on the 600 block of N. Ave. B in Forsan. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported on the 1700 block of Donley. Service was refused.
- TRAUMA was reported on the 4400 block of Elder. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 300 block of E. 24th. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported on the 800 block of FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Support groups

## THURSDAY

• Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m.

## FRIDAY

• Alzheimers Support Group meets at noon the fourth Friday of each month at Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Lunch is provided. RSVP to Cindy Lopez at 213-4976.

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

• West Texas Gluten-Free Awareness Support Group meets from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Memorial Hospital west campus in Midland. Call Barbara at 432-520-2119 for more information.\*

## SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

## Take note

• THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY GUILD meets the second Monday of each month. The August meeting is Monday in Gale's Sweet Shoppe on East Fourth Street 11:45 a.m. The Guild serves as a support organization for the Big Spring Symphony. The public is invited.

• EMPLOYER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST AND TOUR OF THE WORKFORCE NETWORK OF BIG SPRING is set for 7:30 a.m. until 9 a.m. Aug. 17. RSVP by Aug. 10 to 263-7641.

• WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES is sponsoring an Outreach Seminar from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Aug. 12 at 4005 E. I-20, the former Cosden Credit Union, to provide information and accept applications for utility and weatherization needs. Call 267-9536 for more information.

## Bulletin board

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

## TODAY

- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

## FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

## SATURDAY

- Big Spring Cruisers cruise Gregg Street and at the Sonic Drive-In beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
- Big Spring Squares. Call 263-6305 for more information.

## MONDAY

- Symphony Guild meets at 11:45 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- 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.

## Weather

Tonight—Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. The chance of rain is 30 percent.

Friday—Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. East winds around 10 mph.

Friday night—Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Saturday—Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Saturday night—Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Sunday—Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Monday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Monday night—Partly cloudy. Lows around 70.

Tuesday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-2-3-34-36.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$35,287.

Winning tickets sold in: San Benito.

Matching four of five: 108. Prize: \$147.

Matching three of five: 3,274. Prize: \$11.

Matching two of five: 31,724. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

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Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 18-19-36-38-39. Bonus Ball: 5.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: none.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 15.

Prize: \$1,439.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 371.

Prize: \$110.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 4,792.

Prize: \$5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 23,088. Prize: \$3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$34 million.

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

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# WHEELIN' FOR A CAUSE



Ashton Voight gives his little sister Bree Ann a push during the Rainbow Christian Pre-School Trike-a-Thon late last month. Children at the school pedaled bicycles, tricycles and carts to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

# State employee sale ongoing at Chalet

Special to the Herald

State employees looking for back-to-school bargains or secondhand items for departing college students' dorm rooms and apartments can find many half-price bargains at The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Resale Shop through the end of this week.

The Chalet is offering 50 percent off of all shoes, clothing, belts and purses to state employees. A form of identification must be presented at time of purchase to receive the discount.

The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., has been selling used goods from its new location in the former Wheat Furniture building for about nine months, expanding its square footage and offering special features and featured items.

The "State Employee Half-Price Sale" will run through Saturday. Store hours are Monday through Friday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We'll offer other special community discounts throughout the year," Volunteer Ruth Nanny said.

New merchandise enters the store every day as community members continually bring in items they don't want to sell or have left over from garage sales, Chalet co-chair JoBeth Corwin said.

"If you've never stopped by The Chalet, you don't know what you may be missing," she said. "The merchandise changes daily. If you're a former customer, you'll love the new location and the added merchandise. It's like the best of all garage sales."

"We get donations from the community from people who choose not to have a garage sale. They bring their merchandise to the volunteers and they sort it and display it just like you do in a department store. We get the best of the best, and boy does it ever go out the front door fast."

While new co-chairs Tommy and JoBeth Corwin stay busy keeping

the business in tip-top shape, co-partner and longtime volunteer Murlene Williams spends Wednesdays restocking and waiting on her special customers.

"We all have our own 'regulars' who come in to shop with us," Williams said.

One of the new things causing much excitement is the boutique corner, volunteer Gay Smith said. The area, located prominently at the front of the store boasts brand-name quality items.

For more information call The Chalet at 263-0528 or the Community Relations Office at 268-7535.

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Alfonso "Leo" Escovedo, 65, died Monday. Funeral Mass will be at 2:00 PM Thursday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

## FUNDING

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Transportation, and he said there have been some changes and updates made to the reliever route," said Crooker. "They are expected to call a meeting — not necessarily a hearing — to explain those changes. I would expect the meeting to be held in the next month or so."

As for the specific changes suggested by the consulting company responsible for designing the reliever route, Crooker said he's still waiting for the details. "I've been told the changes will effect the schematic and alignment, meaning the path the route will take," said Crooker.

Dill, who is the local TxDOT engineer, said the changes involve the realignment of the route, along with a few additions.

"We went back to the

consultants after they submitted the schematic to us and made some changes," said Dill. "We made a realignment of the route itself and added an overpass to the schematic. We also changed some of the interchange locations."

"Once the consultants get done making the revisions we'll have another meeting to discuss the route. I expect that to happen within the next month or so."

Other notable allocations include:

— Extension of SH 349 to US 87 Relief Route in Dawson County, \$2 million.

— Widening SH 349 in Dawson and Martin County, \$1.6 million.

— San Angelo Ports to Plains Route Loop 306 at F.M. 388, \$1.2 million.

— New construction for the SH 349 Reliever Route beginning at SH 191 in Midland, \$2 million.

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## DRIVE

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area children have the necessary materials — notebook paper, pencils and pens — to start the school year, which begins Aug. 15 in Coahoma and Forsan and Aug. 22 in Big Spring.

Keeney said he hopes the Salvation Army can raise enough money and supplies through donations to pick up the tab for the drive.

"If they qualify, they will be able to take the supplies home with them that same day," said Keeney. "That's instead of having them come back two weeks later. It helps cut down on the time it takes them and us to do this. It worked real-

ly well last year."

Keeney said area residents can help out by purchasing and dropping off materials at the Salvation Army office, located at 811 W. Fifth Street, or making a monetary donation.

"It's going to be really good for those in need," said Keeney. "We need everyone in the community who can to pitch in and help us."

The Salvation Army office will take applications from 9 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. during the four-day application period. For more information, call 267-8239.

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## FCI

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Ybarra said the incident posed no threat to community and the lockdown was initiated in the interest of public safety and to ensure the safety

of the staff and inmates. Ybarra was not available for comment at press time.

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## 24<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GUN SHOW

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OUR VIEWS

Take advantage, tax free holiday begins on Friday

Shopping is seldom a ho-hum experience. We either love it or hate it. But this time of year, when children are getting ready to go back to school, there's little choice.

So, we go shopping. Whether it's an enjoyable experience for you or not, saving some money ought to at least bring a smile to your face. This weekend is the seventh Texas Sales Tax Holiday.

Most clothes and shoes will be tax-free at stores across the state Friday through Sunday. The event is designed to help families purchase clothing for school before children head back to the classroom. However, apparel items for adults and infants are also tax-free.

As with everything, there are some restrictions. Each item must be priced under \$100 and items such as clothing accessories, jewelry, watches, handbags, wallets and briefcases are not tax exempt.

Nor are most school supplies or items to make clothing, such as cloth, buttons, sewing needles, scissors and sewing machines. We still scratch our heads over why some items — school supplies in particular — are not included. Sports items — boots, helmets, skates, pads, golf shoes — are taxed, but you can purchase gym suits, caps, bathing suits, jerseys, sweatshirts and tennis shoes. It's not a perfect program, but we'll enjoy any savings that we can get.

What's more, you can take eligible items out of layaway this weekend and get them tax free, or you can place tax-free items in layaway to pick up later at the lower price.

Also, you'll notice that many businesses in Big Spring are taking this time to offer sales on various merchandise. You can save big by choosing wisely.

The state calculates that shoppers will save more than \$40 million in state and city sales tax during the sales tax holiday.

So, while some of us don't enjoy shopping, but have to — at least occasionally — it's nice to know we'll be getting a little discount from the state in the process.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

As many of you my already know the Big Spring High School Band has been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City. This is a big honor, not only for our band students and their directors, but also for the entire community of Big Spring.

We started paving the road to Carnegie as soon as we heard about our invitation. We would like to thank all those who supported our band students during our summer fundraisers. There are too many to list but we do want to mention our appreciation to the Forsan community as well as the communities around us, as our band students continue their fund raising efforts in order to make this dream come true.

However, there has been some miscommunication regarding our recent invitation. We would like to share the following: the trip is for all current Big Spring High School Band

students. Seniors do not get the money first. Freshmen get to go. Sponsors will pay their own expenses. Students have individual accounts where money raised is deposited and money donated will go into the general fund to be disbursed equally.

In order to avoid such miscommunication and to receive the latest band news, we invite you to attend the band booster meetings held the second Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the BSHS Band Hall.

If you'd like to make a donation, you may contact Rocky Harris at 264-3651, ext. 170.

And just in case someone didn't know, our Big Spring band was selected as a 2005 State Honor Band finalist and has won sweepstakes awards two years in a row. It is truly the Pride Drive of Big Spring High.

PATSY SANCHEZ  
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BSHS BAND BOOSTERS

Is peace at hand in Northern Ireland?

It was a brisk March day when I climbed into a white Chevy van with Gerry Adams and headed to the British Embassy here.

Adams is the head of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, and he had never been invited to the British Embassy before.

It had been unthinkable. The prevailing view of the British government was that if Adams was not a terrorist himself, he was at the very least a front man for terrorists.

But now, in March 1998, Adams was invited to lunch by the British ambassador and then to his first Oval Office meeting with President Clinton.

As the van drove along Massachusetts Avenue in one of Washington's loveliest neighborhoods, Adams gazed at the elegant buildings.

"Shall we take over the embassy and hold it until Ireland is free?" he said to me with a wicked grin. "And are you with us?"

This was the humorous side of Adams, a man of considerable charm and wit. The unfunny side,

his opponents said, was his refusal to promise an end to the violence that had already claimed more than 3,000 lives in Northern Ireland.

When I asked Adams what the role of armed struggle in Northern Ireland should be, he grew careful in his speech and measured in his words.

"It is a prickly issue," he said. "The task of political leadership is to build alternatives to armed struggle. We need healing. It has been painful. You end up negotiating with your own side. You negotiate with the enemy, and then, you go back and negotiate with your own side and try to bring your base along with you."

Now, more than seven years later, Adams has finally brought his base along. The IRA has finally renounced armed struggle and, in a blunt statement issued Thursday, said, "All IRA units have been ordered to dump arms."

It was more than just Adams who accomplished this, of course. More than anything it was the weariness of the Irish people with the violence, the criminal activity and the pervasive hopelessness that violence brings.

It was also public revulsion with terrorism. "It's a terrible thing to say, but Al Qaeda is really good for Northern Ireland," Richard English, the author of "Armed

Struggle — A History of the IRA," told the London Times recently. "It reminds people of how horrific terrorist violence is and puts moral pressure on anyone who wants to be a serious politician to distance themselves from bombing."

The IRA has renounced violence before, and this newest statement is being viewed largely with a wait-and-see attitude in Northern Ireland. But British Prime Minister Tony Blair said, "This is a step of unparalleled magnitude in the recent history of Northern Ireland."

Back in 1998, as we pulled into the British Embassy grounds, I asked Adams if he could really foresee a day when there was peace in Northern Ireland, with no more resistance fighters and no more armed struggle.

"After World War II, the French resistance went home," he said. "People went back to being doctors and being housewives. The same will happen in Ireland."

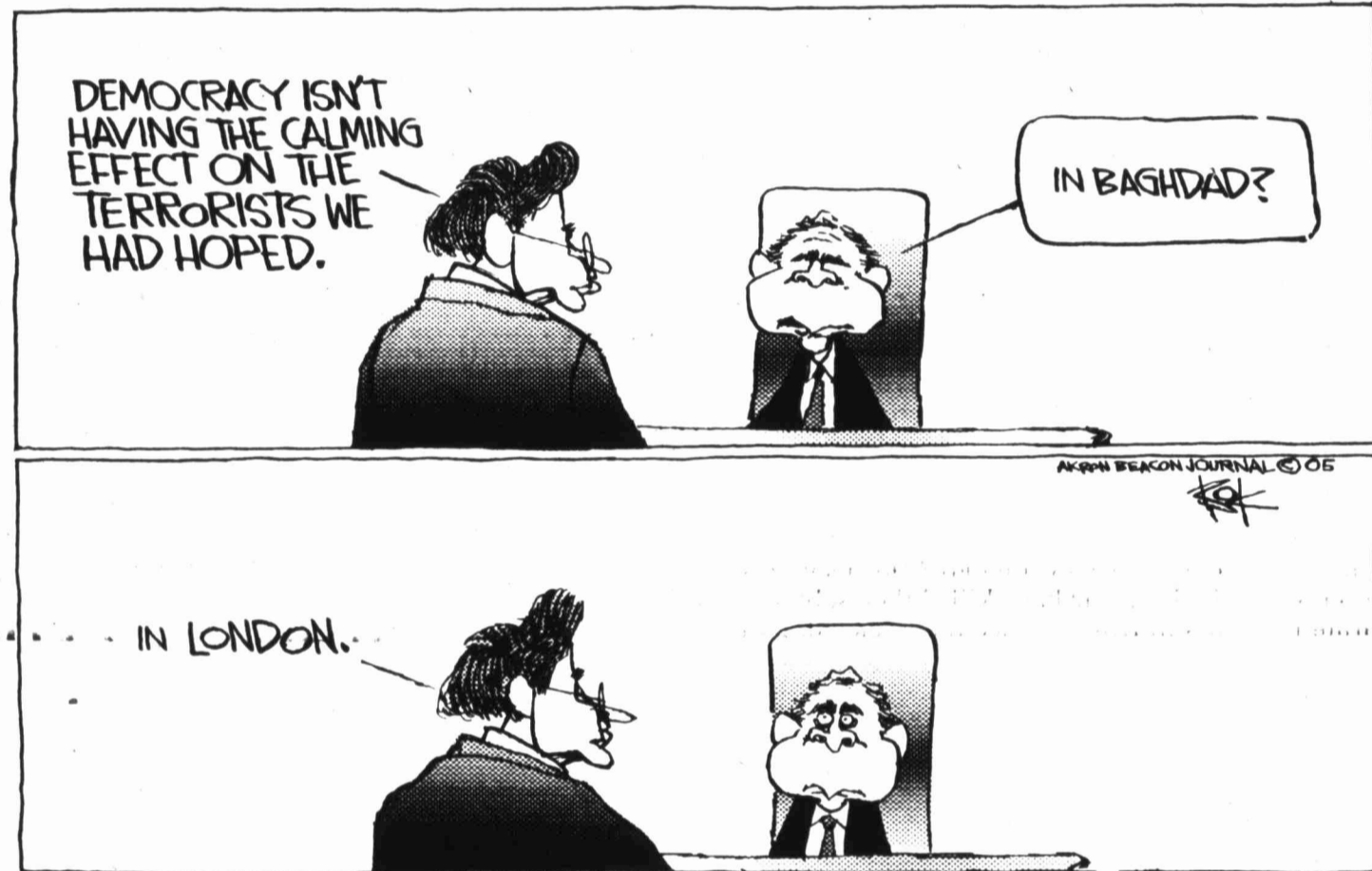
Hopefully, that day is now closer at hand.

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ROGER SIMON



Profiling is feeding Muslim alienation

At the Wichita, Kansas, airport last week, I didn't even have to show my license to get my boarding pass. "Love seeing you on Fox News," the TSA agent said to me pleasantly, as he waved me through the metal detector.

I had spoken to the Lindsborg Conference of Kansas Women Attorneys the night before. My picture was in the morning newspaper. "I love it when you give it to Hannity," the woman agent said, as the metal detector beeped on the underwire of my bra. She and I both laughed as she was forced to follow up with a pat-down. Another woman agent pleasantly helped me with a stubborn zipper. It took a while, but everyone couldn't have been nicer. No complaints from me.

The first time this happened to me, last year, en route to a vice presidential debate in Cleveland, I wasn't happy. I almost missed my plane. I couldn't figure out why people who clearly knew exactly who I was, and were 100 percent certain that I wasn't a terrorist, were bothering to put me through a time-consuming and much more intrusive search.

The British certainly wouldn't look at me twice. They have announced that they will "not waste time searching old white ladies." Or even middle-age ones. They think they know better. I don't.

There are at least three good reasons to search "old white ladies" like me.

The first, and by far the most important, is because the South Asian man behind me in line will

also be searched, but at least he will see that he isn't the only one.

If I'm not complaining, why should he? If I'm willing to put up with it, why shouldn't he?

The injury of racial profiling, particularly at this point in time, is that it alienates the very people whose cooperation is most desperately needed if terrorism is to be stopped. The Muslim community in Britain has denounced terrorism — its religious and political leaders have met with government and security officials. But you can't ask a community to cooperate with the government and then turn around and single them out for a special burden and expect that cooperation to be unaffected.

It may be true that 100 percent of the terrorists are Muslims who look a certain way, but it is also true that 99.9 percent of all Muslims who look that way are not terrorists and deserve to be treated with the same respect as "white ladies" like me. To fail to recognize that is to invite the very alienation that is feeding the violence.

If you want people to help in the effort to stop terrorism, you don't start by putting them in a separate line that isolates them as different, as the enemy, as part of a group that can't be trusted as much as the rest of us are. You don't fight alienation by feeding it.

The second reason is the obvious one. Terrorists aren't stupid. If you are only searching Muslim men, they'll find a woman. If you are only searching young people, they'll find an old person. Everyone was searching airports, so they hit subways. Search public buses, and they can hit private tour buses. Announce who you are going to search, and you're also announcing who you are NOT going to search.

The third reason is the "checks

and balances" that are provided when you search the powerful, as well as the powerless. The search I was subject to at Wichita was, frankly, less intrusive than the one last year at Newark because people like me did complain. The young Muslim woman standing behind me in line is probably not a syndicated columnist who can talk to the head of security about just how far you need to go once you realize that a woman is wearing an underwire bra.

When the no-fly list turned up Ted Kennedy time and again, the procedure for making that list got changed. What good luck. If it were limited to Muslim names, there would never be a member of Congress on it. Better that it include a Kennedy.

Let's be honest: If there were a draft in America, those kids sent to Iraq would have had better protective equipment from the get-go, because there would have been powerful parents insisting on it. The only way checks and balances work is if everyone is treated the same way. It sounds simple, but obviously, it isn't.

The British were reportedly shocked to discover that the terrorists who have attacked their country are homegrown young Muslims. How could they be so alienated, they are asking themselves. Yet in meetings with the Muslim community to secure their assistance, they are discovering that racial profiling is feeding that alienation. What a surprise.

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## Authorities say Boy Scouts struck by lightning were in safe place

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The six Boy Scouts had just gotten into their sleeping bags, bedding down in a corner of a log shelter against a violent thunderstorm, when a bolt of lightning struck like a stick of dynamite.

One of the Scouts was killed and three others were injured in the strike Tuesday night. A trauma surgeon who was staying at the campsite with another troop tried in vain to revive 15-year-old Paul Ostler, who had no heartbeat and wasn't breathing.

"I just sat on the bed and cried. I couldn't go to sleep. I was just sitting there thinking 'This poor guy,'" said Dr. Stephen Morris, director of the Trauma Center at the University of Utah Hospital, in an interview with KUTV in Salt Lake City.

Authorities said the heavy, elevated structure, open on one side, was the safest place the Scouts could have been during the storm.

"From what we can tell, it appears the lightning hit a tree next to us, came down and came out of the tree and just into some nails that were driven into the cabin to hold the logs together," said troop leader Doug Edwards, father of one of the injured boys, who likened the strike to a stick of dynamite exploding.

Two of the injured boys were flown to a hospital and were expected to be released Thursday, officials said. Edwards' 13-year-old son was treated for minor burns Wednesday and released, he said.

## Man is struck by stolen rental car, killed

UNION, Mo. (AP) — An eastern Missouri man was killed Wednesday when his car collided with a stolen rental car being chased by a state trooper, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said.

Police identified the victim as Leewald C. Grus, 69, of Stanton, Mo.

The patrol gave this account:

Enterprise Rent-A-Car delivered a rental car to a hotel in the St. Louis County town of Eureka. A 29-year-old suspected drug dealer from Texas argued with the rental car agent, then stole the car around 8:30 a.m., authorities said.

A trooper spotted the car and tried to get the driver to pull over, but he sped off. After a chase on Interstate 44 and then onto U.S. 50, the rental car was driven into oncoming traffic and collided head-on with the victim's car. The crash happened near Union in Franklin County.

The suspect had to be extricated from the car and continued to resist arrest even as he was pulled from the wreckage, the patrol said. His name has not been released.

## Two Iraq veterans commit suicide near Fort Hood

FORT HOOD (AP) — Two young Fort Hood soldiers who served in the Iraq war have killed themselves in separate incidents in Killeen since the weekend, post officials said Wednesday.

Sgt. Robert Decouteaux, 24, of Rosedale, N.Y., died Saturday from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He had been airlifted from his home to a Temple hospital for emergency surgery, but he died while doctors tried to save his life.

And on Monday morning, Spc. Robert Hunt, 22, of Houston, was found dead in his apartment by Killeen police, who were alerted after members of his unit tried to contact him when he failed to report to work.

Carol Smith, a Killeen police spokeswoman, said Wednesday that Hunt's cause of death was listed as asphyxiation.

Decouteaux, a soldier for five years, was an M-1 tank mechanic assigned to the 4th Infantry Division.

## Man sentenced to 12 1/2 years in police officer's death

FORT WORTH (AP) — Jurors sentenced a man to 12 1/2 years in prison Wednesday for the death of a Grapevine police officer who died after being struck while standing alongside a car he had pulled over last summer.

Roy Alvin Adams Jr., 29, of Bedford, will have to serve six years and three months before becoming eligible for parole, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in its online edition Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the jury convicted Adams of intoxication manslaughter in the death of Darren Medlin, 34.

The jury deliberated Adams' sentence for about four hours over two days.

Testifying in his own defense late last week, Adams told Medlin's relatives he was "deeply remorseful" but insisted he wasn't drunk or asleep at the time of the crash. Adams and his attorney contended he "blacked out," and they focused on a seizure problem they said he had.

Adams' blood-alcohol level an hour after the accident was 0.11, officials testified during the trial. Texas' legal limit is 0.08.

## Bystander pulls passengers to safety, checks burning Air France jet for survivors

TORONTO (AP) — As terrified passengers fled the burning Air France jet, Guy Ledez stood atop a muddy ravine, pulling survivors from the wreckage.

He then ran on board the burning wreckage of Flight 358 to make sure no one was left behind. The 37-year-old airport rental car manager says he didn't have time to stop and think of danger when he witnessed the crash during a routine Tuesday afternoon.

By Wednesday, his story had been widely circulated across Canada, and he was hailed as a hero who risked his life to save stunned passengers, all of whom survived the doomed flight from Paris.

It began around 4 p.m. when he was driving along the airport road, parallel to the descending aircraft in

a heavy storm that had prompted a "red alert" at Pearson International Airport on the outskirts of Toronto.

He believes lightning might have struck the aircraft. The flight data and voice recorders — the so-called "black boxes" — that investigators recovered Wednesday could offer clues into the cause of the accident.

"There was all this lightning right on it, and then there was smoke, and then the plane just disappeared" down a ravine, said Ledez.

Though other cars on the airport road quickly turned to get away from the crash, he drove his toward the top of the gully that was slick with rain.

## Cloned dog latest milestone for South Korea's stem cell pioneer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The "Pride of Korea" has struck again.

Pioneer South Korean stem cell researcher Hwang Woo-suk and his research colleagues have succeeded in cloning a dog, a global first that extends the remarkable string of laboratory successes by the Seoul National University professor.

Last year, Hwang's team created the world's first cloned human embryos. They followed that in May by creating the first embryonic stem cells that genetically match injured or sick patients.

Now, they've come up with Snuppy, an Afghan

hound, now 14 weeks old, that Hwang's research colleague, Gerald Schatten of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, called "a frisky, healthy, normal, rambunctious puppy."

The goal of Hwang and his team, who reported their achievement Wednesday in the journal Nature, isn't to reproduce lovable pooches but to find ways to eventually help treat human diseases by creating a reliable research model.

## Thousands of police patrol London four weeks after deadly attacks

LONDON (AP) — Thousands of police officers patrolled London's streets and sprawling subway system Thursday, four weeks after four bombs killed 56 people. The first man charged in connection with the series of attacks was scheduled to appear in court.

The massive security operation involving 6,000 officers was intended to reassure the public following the July 7 attacks on three subway trains and a bus, and the failed July 21 attacks.

Ismael Abdurahman, 23, from southeast London, was to appear at Bow Street Magistrates' Court in central London to face charges of withholding information about those who carried out the failed attacks.

Officials stressed there was no specific intelligence of a third attack, but undercover police were mingling with passengers, and officers were armed with machine guns and pistols.

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# Really new

## Chevy's HHR built for battle with popular, established competition from PT Cruiser

By MATT NAUMAN

Knight Ridder Newspapers  
Comparisons between Chrysler's PT Cruiser and Chevrolet's new HHR are inevitable.

Both, after all, are similarly shaped (four-door hatchbacks), similarly sized (small trucks based on small cars), and similarly priced (starting in the midteens) vehicles. Both share retro-inspired styling.

Big differences exist, however. The PT Cruiser is a certified hit, reaching 144,000 sales in 2001, and topping 100,000 every year since. The jury's out on the HHR.

Another difference is that the PT Cruiser is getting old. It went on sale in 2000 as a 2001 model. That makes it the last big success of the old Chrysler, before the takeover that created DaimlerChrysler. Its once-trendy silhouette has become very familiar.

The HHR, on the other hand, is new. It's a 2006 model that goes on sale in August, although a few units might reach dealerships before the end of July.

There's another connection, too. Bryan Nesbitt, who designed the PT Cruiser's exterior, was hired by General Motors in 2001 as Chevy's design director. He has since moved up the ranks, responsible for the Chevy SS concept and Pontiac G6 and Solstice, and now heads the company's European design studio.

GM executives seem resigned to those PT

Cruiser comparisons, although Vice Chairman Bob Lutz, who was at Chrysler when the PT Cruiser arrived, seems agitated at times when asked about the two models. He was quoted in Automotive News earlier this year as saying connecting the two vehicles was "the height of stupidity."

In a recent media introduction in San Francisco, though, Chevy's head of marketing acknowledged that this whole PT Cruiser/HHR business won't go away.

"We're fine with the comparison," said Jim Campbell. "The only thing we want from them is sales."

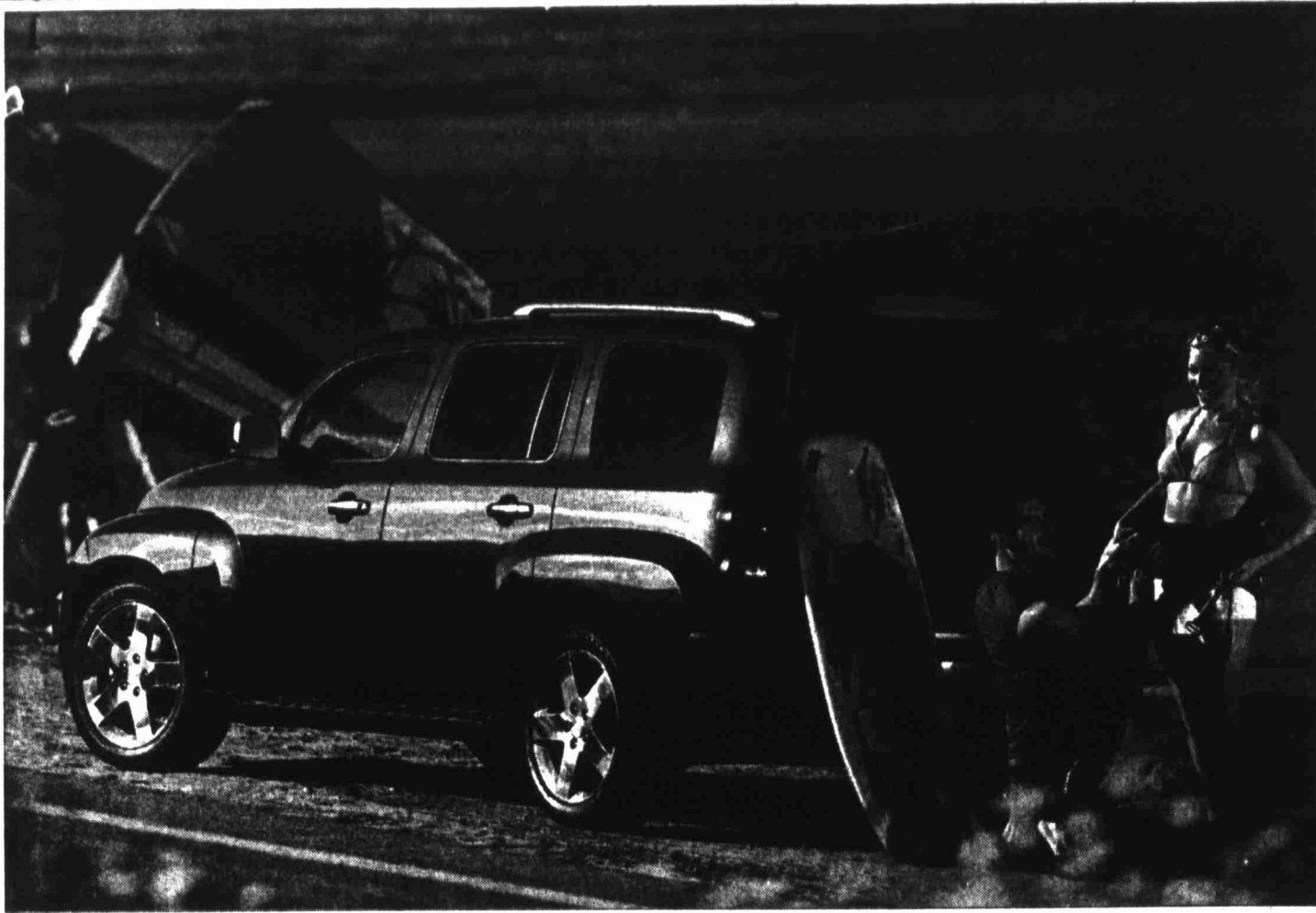
GM takes great pains to point out that the look of the HHR derives from two of its own vehicles, the 1949 Chevy Suburban utility and the much more recent Chevy SSR pickup/roadster.

"Look at those styling references. There's a direct correlation," Campbell said. "We've reached into our history and our heritage."

In fact, the first "H" in HHR stands for heritage. The "HR" is for high roof, integral in giving this small vehicle a spacious interior feel.

What GM wouldn't mind is having a hit like what Chrysler had with the PT Cruiser.

Campbell wouldn't divulge a sales goal for the HHR, but Automotive News said GM plans to sell 80,000 to 100,000 HHRs a year.



The 2006 Chevrolet HHR

The PT Cruiser was based on Chrysler's Neon small car. The HHR shares its platform and many mechanical components from the Chevy Cobalt small car.

Deb Lund, GM's vehicle line director for both Cobalt and HHR, confirms the connection. "Do a Cobalt urban wagon; this is basically it," she said.

It's a five-door wagon. GM will classify it as a "small utility," and lists both the Jeep Liberty and Ford Escape as rivals.

But, primarily, the HHR will do battle with other small, somewhat unusual vehicles: PT Cruiser, Scion xB, and Honda Element.

"It's obvious, direct

competition to the PT Cruiser and Toyota Matrix and GM's own Pontiac Vibe," said Erin Riches, a senior editor with the www.edmunds.com automobile-information Web site.

Riches, who has driven the HHR, notes that it has a rear cargo shelf, just like the PT, and plastic-coated rear seat-backs for cargo carrying, just like the Matrix and Vibe.

Group HHR, PT, xB and Element, Campbell said, "you're going to get attention. A lot of vehicles that offer utility have more conservative styling. Not everybody wants conservative styling."

Both xB and Element

are aimed squarely at young, active buyers, although they're being sold to a broader mix. The median age for xB and Element buyers is in the low 40s. For the PT Cruiser, it's in the upper 40s, Campbell said.

Chevy won't target younger buyers with the HHR, he said.

Not to be cliched about it, it's for those with a young attitude, no matter the age," he said.

TV ads will speak to the vehicle's youthful, energetic feel.

Press materials show the car in a variety of settings — being used by a rock band to load their instruments or by a pair of "parasailers" to carry their gear.

Or, as Lund said, "If you're a couch potato, this is definitely not your vehicle."

Riches, the Internet auto writer, suggests the HHR will appeal to "people who are going to buy a GM vehicle anyway."

Phil Zak, the GM designer responsible for the car's exterior, sees the HHR as having broader appeal.

Who? "Older people who like the nostalgia portion of it. Younger people, too, who like the cool look, functionality, and price, too. It'll attract a lot of different people," Zak said.

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**Powertrains:** LS and 1LT models come with the 143-horsepower, 150-pound-foot 2.2-liter Ecotec four-cylinder engine. Those models get a suspension that's tuned more softly. The 2LT version carries the 2.4-liter Ecotec four that makes 172 horsepower and 162 pound-feet of torque. Its suspension is a bit sportier, and the car comes with 17-inch wheels and monotube shock absorbers.

A five-speed manual transmission is standard on all HHR models, but a four-speed automatic is available.

**Dimensions:** It's 176.2 inches long, with 63.1 cubic feet of cargo space with the rear seats folded down.

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Pioneer stereo is offered, and the HHR comes with a front auxiliary jack that makes connecting an iPod an easy task.

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**Safety:** Dual front air bags are standard. Anti-lock brakes and traction control are standard on 2LT models, and available on LS and 1LT versions. Front and rear side-curtain air bags are another option. A stability control system is not offered.

**Price:** The base LS starts at \$15,990, including destination charge. The 1LT is \$16,990 and the 2LT is \$18,790. Chrysler, which recently announced some subtle styling changes to the 2006 PT Cruiser, also now offers a base model that sells for about \$14,000.

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## U.S. troops in Iraq earn their education at makeshift university

By JENNIFER PELTZ

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Lt. Col. Aimee Klimowicz presides over a college with an ad hoc faculty, a makeshift campus and hardly any textbooks, let alone a library.

The students often miss class. Not that they're unenthusiastic, but college sometimes has to take a back seat.

All 100 of them are soldiers at an Army base in Iraq. So is Klimowicz.

Welcome to "Speicher University," an outpost of American academia in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit. It's thought to offer the only college courses being taught in person at any Army base in Iraq, though military personnel have a variety of academic options online.

At Speicher, military ranks mix with academic ones. Meet Klimowicz, for instance:

Fort Lauderdale, Fla., native. The base's chief of issues ranging from power supply to morale. And, in her spare time, administrator of a suite of college courses ranging from introductory sociology to small-business management.

The faculty carves out time for lesson plans and class sessions around her Army responsibilities, sometimes buying textbooks out of pocket for a teaching gig that pays only in goodwill. Students — medics, truck drivers, mechanics, clerks — work with photocopies instead of books, cognition instead of calculators.

And "they are so grateful, you have no idea," Klimowicz said by e-mail. "I've been in Iraq (for several) months, taking indirect and direct fire. No problem. The only time I was actually worried about my life," she wrote, "is when I stood in the auditorium and announced that registration was open and realized I was between these students and the registration table."

Nicknamed for its location, Forward Operating Base Speicher in Tikrit, the college is now in its second term. Sullivan County Community College, part of the State University of New York, provides the curriculum and the college credit. But the Army provides the eight professors. They are officers and enlisted personnel with advanced degrees, teaching for free in their limited leisure time.

Set in the dun-colored sand of north-central Iraq, Forward Operating Base Speicher is a supply hub for Army encampments across the region. The desert climate generates 120-degree summer days, chilly winters and sandstorms worthy of science fiction.

The political environment is equally challenging, as North Central Iraq has been a focal point of violent insurgency. A supply convoy from Speicher means traveling roads that might be seeded with explosives. The base is periodically beset by mortar or rocket fire.

But as temporary home



KRT photo/Pic. Lamar E. Dancil  
Sgt. Anne Cruz, a nurse with the 28th Combat Support Hospital, and Spec. Richard Lamonte, an administration specialist in the 42nd Infantry Division, review material before a world history test at at U.S. military base in Tikrit, Iraq.

to about 3,000 soldiers, the base also is a place where they have planted gardens, painted murals and visited local schools.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael Moritz found out he was headed there in March 2004. A longtime National Guardsman and reservist, he's also a history teacher at an upstate New York high school and a part-time professor at Sullivan County.

He knew online college courses were available to soldiers in Iraq, but he's a fan of face-to-face instruction. He realized that schedules would be unpredictable and materials few. But he figured: If the Army has "hip-pocket training" — compact manuals for impromptu sessions on military skills — why not hip-pocket history?

Sullivan County was willing to sponsor classes if that didn't entail sending civilian professors to Tikrit, said college President Mamie Howard Golladay. And Maj. Gen. Joseph J. Taluto, the Army commander in the region, concluded the improvised college was "innovative and beneficial."

To students, it's a head start on higher education or an opportunity to keep up. Perhaps as importantly, it's an intellectual break from an anxious routine.

Spec. Richard Lamonte took history and sociology "so that I could start college and have something else to fill my time with," he said by e-mail.

It wasn't easy juggling classes and studying with duties that sometimes took him off the base. "But when I go back home, I know I am one of only a few who can say they took a classroom class in Iraq," said Lamonte, 23, an administration clerk from Staten Island, N.Y.

In some ways, Lamonte and his classmates are getting a regular college education. Courses cover the same material and carry the same credit as those taught 5,900 miles away in Sullivan County. There are even "Speicher University" sweatshirts.

But professors routinely schedule makeup classes to accommodate students' changing schedules. Students study when and where the opportunity arises, carrying review sheets in cargo pockets and nursing uniforms. Tuition is \$135 per class, and registration includes a form saying that Army duties come before class.

The military setting reverberates through the classes in other ways, as well.

Professors might be outranked by their students. Research projects and papers often take up subjects close at hand; some of Moritz's students examined such topics as military justice and infidelity during deployment.

"They cranked out some really, really intellectual stuff," Moritz said by phone from the base. "There are a lot of bright young people here."

Klimowicz, too, has been struck by the soldiers' academic zeal. "When the time comes for class, I see them change," wrote Klimowicz, a career officer with more than 18 years in the service.

Her parents, Henry and Susanne Gonder, now live in the Lower Keys, Fla. Her husband, Lt. Col. Bill Klimowicz, and daughter Kadee, 8, are in upstate New York.

"People are so exhausted here — you can't get them out of their cots for anything when they have precious time off," she wrote. "Education was different."

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

The Howard County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed Budget for the 2006 Fiscal Year.

The public hearing will be held on August 10, 2005 at 5:15 P.M. at the Howard County Courthouse Annex, 315 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas.

A summary of the Appraisal District Budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed Budget is	\$593,545.00
The amount of increase under the current Year's Budget is	\$64,410.00
The number of employees compensated under the Proposed Budget is	7
The number of employees compensated under the Current Budget is	7

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed Budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed Budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the Appraisal District Office.

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# Odessa Opree 30th anniversary features many Big Spring residents



Courtesy photos  
Lawrence Thibeault, left and below, Linda Lindell and Darrell Hendrickson are some of the musicians scheduled to perform at the Odessa Brand New Opree Aug. 13. Thibeault is producing the event.



### Special to the Herald

Local Big Spring resident, Lawrence Thibeault is producing the Odessa Brand New Opree's 30th Anniversary Spectacular at the Globe Theatre in Odessa at 6 p.m. Aug. 13.

Entertainers from past and present, including several from Big Spring, will perform.

The opree has been a tradition since its creation in 1975.

Since that time, Globe audiences have witnessed countless evenings of live entertainment. Many of these original performers will return to the stage, along with other performers of Opree fame.

Performances by Big Spring performers include D.G. Smith, Linda Lindell, Thibeault, Darryl Bales, Nolan Paige and Darrell Hendrickson.

Also Ned Crandall, as well as, Bill Provance, James Whitmire, Tami Jo Whitmire, J. Gordon Lunn, Barry Sykes, Darrell and Arminae Ward, Latter Rain, and Lyn Ryan, to name just a few.

More than 30 acts will appear. Radio's KICKS 99 will also be there to help host the event.

Many dedicated and hard working volunteers have helped to sustain and keep the Opree thriving year after year.

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At this year's anniversary concert, the audience will witness the inaugural class of performers and contributors to be inducted into the Odessa Brand New Opree's Hall of Fame.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Big Spring football practices announced

The Big Spring high school football team will begin this season's two-a-day practices Monday, according to new coach Tim Holt.

The first practice will take place at 7 a.m. at Blankenship Field.

For questions about equipment, contact the coaches at 264-3662 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

#### Signups for football to occur all summer

The Crossroads Youth Football Association signups are currently underway and will continue throughout the summer.

For more information, call Daphne Castilaw at 714-4688.

#### YMCA sets date for annual contest

The annual summer skateboard contest will be held tonight at the YMCA Skate Park starting at 7 p.m. The park will open at 6 p.m. for contestants to warm up.

For more information, contact Pete Thiry at 267-8234.

#### B.S. football season tickets on sale now

Football season tickets for the Big Spring Steers are now on sale for previous season ticket holders.

Tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

For more information, contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

#### B.S. Youth Soccer League to meet

The Big Spring Youth Soccer League will have a meeting to elect new officers tonight at the College Baptist Church beginning at 6:30 p.m.

#### Herald announces city championships

The City Golf Championships, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald, will take place Saturday and Sunday at Comanche Trail Park.

The entry fee is \$40 and does not include a cart.

For more information, call 264-2366.

#### YMCA to host youth volleyball league

The Big Spring YMCA is holding registration for youth volleyball through Aug. 20.

For more information, contact Pete Thiry at 267-8234.

#### Coahoma Athletic Boosters announces first meeting of year

The first athletic boosters meeting of the year at Coahoma will take place Monday at 7 p.m. at the Coahoma snack bar.

For more information, contact Donna Wright at 264-2214.

## Modano has change of heart, re-signs with Stars

### • 15-year veteran agrees to contract extension with Dallas

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Mike Modano will be staying with the Dallas Stars after all.

Hours after backing out of a verbal deal, Modano agreed Wednesday night

to a five-year contract to remain with the only team he's played for in the NHL.

Modano — the club's career leader in goals, points, assists and games played — ended up taking the same \$17.25 million deal he accepted Tuesday night then declined Wednesday afternoon.

He wanted more time to think about it and to

negotiate with other teams. But even after getting more lucrative offers, the 35-year-old center simply decided that he belonged in Dallas.

Modano is scheduled to speak at a news conference Thursday.

"The numbers might not match up with the other deals, but I think in the long run, this will be better for me," Modano

said in a story in Wednesday's online edition of The Dallas Morning News.

Armstrong and team owner Tom Hicks thought everything was finalized late Tuesday when they say Modano accepted their offer over the phone. But on Wednesday afternoon, Armstrong said Modano's agent told him, "Mike is going in a differ-

ent direction."

Armstrong initially wanted only a three-year deal, but Hicks stretched it to five Tuesday.

The contract is weighted so that Modano will make more in the first three years than the last two.

There are signing bonuses due in the fourth and fifth years that he'll get even if he retires.

## Ensberg homers in Astros shutout win

PHOENIX (AP) — Morgan Ensberg is putting up some impressive numbers. Still, the only ones he cares about are in the standings.

Ensberg hit his 28th homer and five Houston pitchers combined on a seven-hit shutout to lead the surging Astros past the Arizona Diamondbacks 7-0 Wednesday night.

"Individual accolades are something that when your career is over you can look back on," said Ensberg, who finished 3-for-4 with two runs. "What I'm excited about is how the team's playing as a team. We're a team of nobodies and we're playing solid baseball."

Ezequiel Astacio (2-4) won his second straight decision for the Astros, who won for the 15th time in 17 tries to maintain a two-game lead over Washington in the NL wild-card race.

Astacio scattered four hits, three of which never left the infield, and allowed only one runner to reach third base. He walked three and struck out one in five innings.

"He did a good job of making pitches when he needed to," Astros manager Phil Garner said. "We'd like to see him pitch ahead a bit more. He got behind a lot of hitters. But he did a pretty good job of making the pitches when he had to."

Astacio, who has allowed three runs or fewer in all four starts since being recalled from Triple-A Round Rock, credited catcher Brad Ausmus with his turn-

around.

"(Garner) told me he's been in the big leagues a long time and to listen to him," Astacio said. "He's taught me a lot."

Russ Springer, Mike Burns, Dan Wheeler and Chad Harville each worked a scoreless inning to close it out.

Arizona lost for the fifth time in seven home games and squandered a chance to move into a first-place tie with San Diego in the NL West. The Padres lost 9-8 to Pittsburgh before the Diamondbacks took the field.

Astacio was in trouble only once, when consecutive infield hits with one out and a line-drive single loaded the bases in the fourth. But he struck out Chris Snyder and retired pitcher Javier Vazquez on a fly to center.

Houston took a 1-0 lead in the second on Chris Burke's sacrifice fly, then broke the game open with a four-run sixth against Vazquez (9-10).

Ensberg led off with a 450-foot shot off the batter's eye in center, and a bloop RBI double by pinch-hitter Orlando Palmeiro with two outs made it 3-0.

Pinch-hitter Jose Vizcaino's RBI single in the eighth extended the lead to 6-0.

Vazquez allowed five runs — two earned — and nine hits with five strikeouts in 5 2-3 innings.

"We all didn't play well today," Arizona's Luis Gonzalez said. "We didn't make plays behind him when we had to and we didn't get hits."



KRT photo/Dan Rosenstrauch, Contra Costa Times  
San Francisco 49ers quarterback Alex Smith signs fan autographs on the opening day of 49ers training camp in Santa Clara, Calif., Saturday. Smith, this past offseason's No. 1 draft pick out of Utah, has been working with the first team offense at camp thus far.

## Pilot Point gets put on probation

By JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The governing body for Texas high school sports put Pilot Point High School's boys' athletic program on probation for one year and issued a reprimand Wednesday for eligibility problems found during football coach G.A. Moore's final season.

A University Interscholastic League investigation found several problems with the school using an ineligible player in football and basketball and incomplete paperwork for others.

Moore, the winningest coach in Texas high school football history with 404 victories, had already been forced to forfeit eight games from last season.

He coached for 42 years and retired at the end of the 2004 season.

The UIL's State Executive Committee took no further action against Moore, but said he must appear before them for questioning if he returns to coaching at a Texas public school.

"To have his final season impacted this way has been heartbreaking

for his fans," said Pilot Point Superintendent Cloyce Purcell. "Pilot Point has moved forward."

Reached at his ranch outside Pilot Point, the 66-year-old Moore insisted he didn't cheat and said he's not worried about his legacy as a coach.

"I guarantee you (we) went by the rules. There's probably nobody that worked harder," he said.

UIL investigator Ed Stidham said his two-day review found a "preponderance of evidence that there's a problem within the boys' program" at Pilot Point, including an attitude that the athletic department could operate separately from the principal and the academic side.

"When we hired coach Moore the decision was made on his request that he not go through the principal, that the chain of command go directly to the superintendent," Purcell said. He said that has changed with new football coach Blake Feldt.

The Pilot Point program has been in public turmoil for months.

In April, the Denton

Record-Chronicle published e-mails circulated among some coaches after Moore left that included racial epithets and sexual innuendo about students.

Another e-mail suggested that Moore could recruit for the school now that he was retired, which Moore dismissed as "ridiculous."

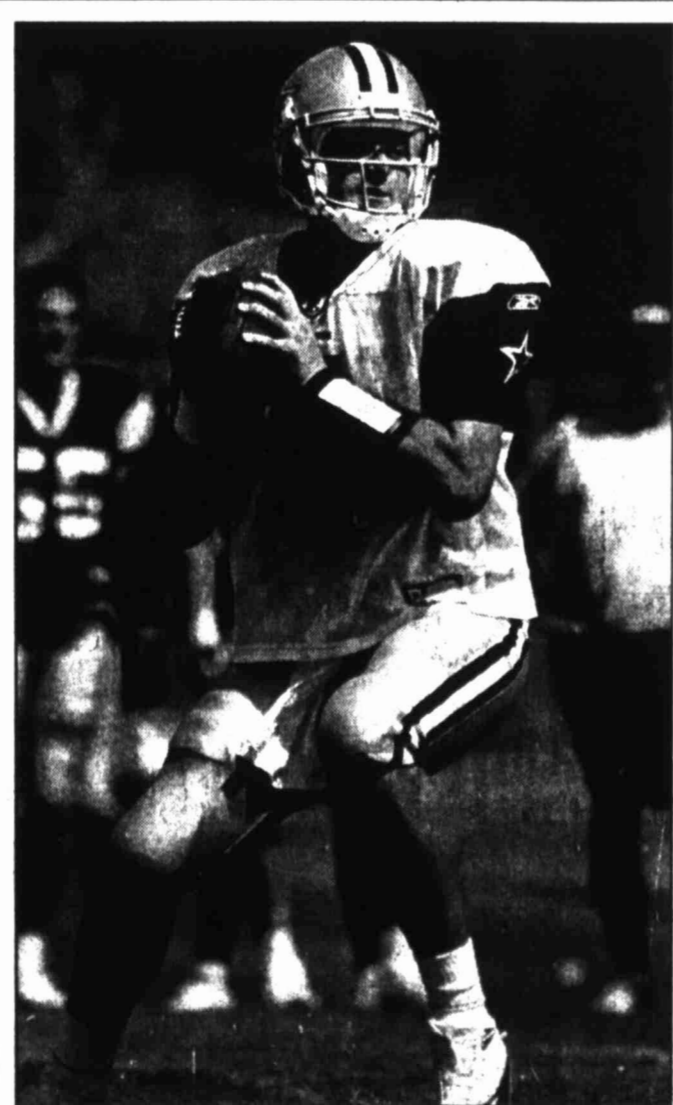
Two coaches resigned before the e-mails were published. Feldt was not yet at the school and not involved.

UIL Athletic Director Charles Breithaupt said Wednesday's disciplinary action was based on the eligibility question and not the e-mails.

He also said Moore had not been subject to any punishment Wednesday.

"Since he had retired, he was not part of this investigation at all. This was about Pilot Point's organization," Breithaupt said. "If he chooses to come back and coach, he's got to come here and explain himself."

Moore said he'd like to meet with UIL officials and complained the investigator did not interview him during the review. Breithaupt said there was no need.



KRT photo/Ralph Lauer, Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
Dallas Cowboy quarterback Drew Henson works with the team in training camp Saturday.

### Major League Baseball - league-wide standings

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Toronto	55-51 -6	Texas	53-63 -9.5	Chicago Cubs	54-53 -14
Baltimore	51-66 -10.5	Seattle	46-60 -15.5	Milwaukee	53-55 -15.5
Tampa Bay	42-66 -20			Cincinnati	48-59 -20
				Pittsburgh	46-62 -22.5
American League - Central		National League - East		National League - West	
Chicago Sox	69-37 —	Atlanta	62-46 —	San Diego	52-55 —
Cleveland	57-51 -13	Washington	57-50 -4.5	Arizona	52-57 -1
Minnesota	55-52 -14.5	Philadelphia	56-52 -6	L.A. Dodgers	48-59 -4
Detroit	51-55 -18	Florida	54-51 -8.5	San Francisco	45-61 -8.5
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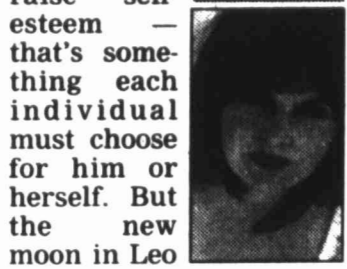
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HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Putting off short-term pleasure in favor of long-term gains isn't just something that mature people do — it's a prerequisite for success. If you're finding this difficult, it's because your perceived long-term gains aren't juicy enough!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Stress can wreak havoc on your mental stability and it can have a major impact on your body — think upset stomach, headache. Take time to analyze where all the stress is coming from. You can get rid of several triggers.

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**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). A relationship should fit like the waistband of a great pair of pants — snug enough to be comfortable but with sufficient room to breathe. Of course, finding this perfect fit is the challenge.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). There's a whole lot of loving going on, and you're

not sure how much of it is real and how much of it falls under the category of "kissing up." That's the way it goes when what you have is desirable to many!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A great friend is one you can sing along to the radio with — loudly — and not feel the least bit self-conscious. An added bonus: Music is a great mood booster. Grab your friend for a road trip, even if it's only to the next town over.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Small indulgences add up over time, and you find yourself asking how something as simple as a cup of coffee can become a major expense. Make these treats truly special by associating them with an accomplishment.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's easy to assume that everything is status quo with family members — if it wasn't, they'd call. Right? Reconnect with relatives over a short phone conversation. You'll be amazed by the information you gather.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Career issues are on your mind. You have such diverse interests that it's difficult to commit yourself to the idea of one career path. Changing your mind is allowed at any point.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Be open-minded about love. Finding the perfect partner can be a lifelong quest, even though you may find the perfect partner several times in one lifetime. Singles: You may have found that person and not realized it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Life's pleasures are enhanced when shared. Difficulties seem less so when you have support. You have a goal you've been moving toward that requires work for the big payoff. For best results,

enlist the help of friends. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Unconventional thinking is highlighted. Financial payoff comes in the form of a big, original idea. A friend or co-worker helps you get your plan off the ground. Give credit where its due, but don't shortchange yourself.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "Will my financial situation turn around and how? I was born March 13, 1959 with Libra rising."

Yes, but it's not as bad now as you think it is. Just because things slow down doesn't mean it's the end of your prosperity, and your lesson these days is to trust in the cyclical nature of life. Utilize down time. Trust me, you'll be glad you did when business booms at the end of the summer. In addition to your sun in Pisces, you have moon in

aspiring **Taurus**. There is definitely some love of money indicated. One way to attract an upward financial cycle is to list your assets and everything you are grateful for. Make sure that what you own now is being well taken care of in order to give the universe a message that you can handle more, should it come your way. It's worthwhile to note that you would do well in the music industry, if you are not in it already, as a promoter, manager or producer. Libra on the ascendant signifies negotiation skills, fine for bringing a variety of people together under one banner. Remember that though you take failure very hard, you can also avoid it by sticking to the plan.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Billy Bob Thornton is a talented and creative Leo

who might also be called an eccentric. His outspoken nature, self-admitted strange phobias and very public personal life paint a different side of his artist persona, but the stars indicate that these are all integrated facets of his particular genius. The more that Leo people embrace their "weirdness" or even celebrate it, the more successful they become.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a sophomore in college and have been dating "Andrew" for nearly six months. He lives with his father and stepfamily. There are several legal problems involving abuse in Andrew's family. Social Services visits their house often to check up on things. Along with that, his family has no sense of financial responsibility, and much of the burden falls on Andrew. Bills have been placed in his name because the adults in this household have not paid them.

Andrew cannot currently afford to move out. All his money goes toward college tuition and car payments. His father helps with nothing. His mother, who lives in another state, tries her best but cannot afford much.

I know and adore Andrew's mother, but I cannot bear to be around his father and stepmother. I do not approve of how they do anything in their house, because I feel it endangers the young children who reside there. I rarely visit them, and apparently, they have noticed. They told Andrew I needed to be more "friendly."

I care very much for Andrew, but why do I have any obligations to his family? He feels I should "make nice" so as not to cause any problems. What do you think? — Reluctant Girlfriend

Dear Reluctant: Is this relationship serious? If so, you must find a way to get along with Andrew's family, whether or not you approve of them. He obviously wants to remain close to his father. Social Services is handling the abuse issue, which means you can choose to be a stabilizing influence in the family or a source of stress. You don't have to like these people, but you can be polite and civil, and show Andrew that you care enough about him to make the effort.

Dear Annie: Last month, my nephew, who is a rabbi, sent me an e-mail announcing that his 19-year-old daughter is getting married, and he asked for the addresses of my children. I gladly obliged.

Yesterday, an invitation came to my house addressed to my daughter — not her husband. My son-in-law is not Jewish, and therefore, my daughter was invited alone. Furthermore, she has been married for 10 years and does not live at my house.

How archaic and intolerant can people be? Needless to say, I won't be attending, even though I



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

am the only aunt left on that side of the family, and incidentally, I am my nephew's godmother as well. What is your opinion? — Disgusted with Religion

Dear Disgusted: Someone who is deeply observant would not recognize a marriage between a Jew and a non-Jew. However, Jewish law certainly allows you to invite a non-Jew to a wedding or any other event, and in fact, requires that people treat one another with respect, and not intentionally insult them or cause hurt feelings.

Your nephew's attitude does not reflect his religion, only his personal need to let you know he still disapproves of your daughter's marriage. You were right to decline, but we hope you will not penalize the newlyweds for Dad's unkind gesture.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Konfused in Kansas," whose son had his eyebrow shaved off as a practical joke. As a family doctor, I would just like to point out that eyebrow shaving is a lousy idea of a prank. We were taught in our medical training never to shave off eyebrows when repairing lacerations, because they do not always grow back. If guys feel compelled to do something stupid while their buddy is sleeping, make it artwork that can be washed off (and laughed off) in the morning, please. — Pragmatic in Pennsylvania

Dear Pragmatic: As women who have tweezed eyebrows into oblivion, we know they do not always grow back. We're not sure guys will try creating a Picasso instead, but thanks for the suggestion.

Dear Annie: I work in an office of about 100. About six months ago, two coworkers (male and female) began arriving at work early, together, walking each other to their offices and hanging out. Both of them are married to others.

At first, their actions weren't noticeable, but now, more and more people are talking about the

obviously close "friendship" between these two. The female coworker, "Beth," has started dressing differently and now acts like she is Miss Congeniality. Before, she was kind of shy and reserved.

I'm not a close friend to either of them, but I do believe this is not normal behavior for Beth. She's always bragged about what a masculine husband she has and how she is so lucky to be married to him. Yet, in my opinion, she is putting her marriage at risk by carrying on with this male coworker.

I know it's really none of my business, but I want her to consider how her actions appear to others. Office gossip can take down even the most innocent person. Many people know Beth's husband, and I'm afraid it's only a matter of time before he finds out. What should I do? — Worried Coworker

Dear Worried: You're right — it's none of your business, but obviously, you are reluctant to do nothing while a coworker self-destructs. Does Beth have a friend at the office who would feel comfortable telling her that she is jeopardizing her job as well as her marriage? If not, you might warn her, as a professional courtesy, that the higher-ups in the office are beginning to notice her behavior and she might want to be more discreet. If she resents your interference, back off.

Dear Annie: My beloved mother recently passed away. My family has been overwhelmed with a generous outpouring of sympathy, including plants, notes and contributions. I have written nearly 160 letters of thanks.

While all these expressions of caring have been deeply appreciated, no one has offered to do the one thing we would like most: invite us over for a meal, dessert or a cup of coffee. This is what a bereaved family could really use, especially when the funeral is long over and the family feels a great void in their lives. Personal contact would be priceless at this time. — Upper St. Clair, Pa.

Dear Pa.: People often don't realize that such invitations are welcome. Thanks for making it clear. Our condolences.

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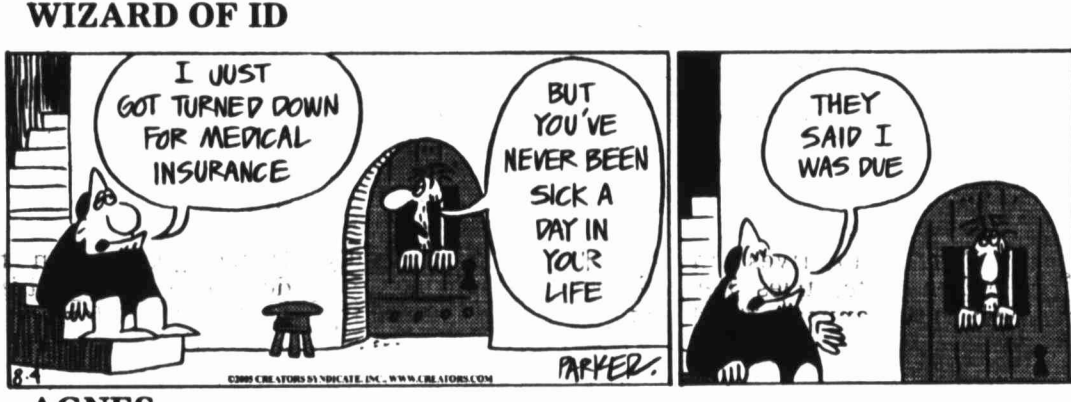


"But Sam doesn't even KNOW he's a dog! He's one of the family!"

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 4, the 216th day of 2005. There are 149 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 4, 1944, Nazi police raided the secret annex of a building in Amsterdam and arrested eight people, including 15-year-old Anne Frank, whose diary became a famous Holocaust-era account. (She died at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.)

On this date:

In 1735, a jury acquitted John Peter Zenger of the New York Weekly Journal of seditious libel.

In 1790, the Coast Guard had its beginnings as the Revenue Cutter Service.

In 1792, English romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley was born in Field Place, England.

In 1830, plans for the city of Chicago were laid out.

In 1892, Andrew and Abby

Borden were axed to death in their home in Fall River, Mass. Lizzie Borden, Andrew Borden's daughter from a previous marriage, was accused of the killings, but acquitted at trial.

In 1914, Britain declared war on Germany while the United States proclaimed its neutrality.

In 1916, the United States purchased the Danish Virgin Islands for \$25 million.

In 1964, the bodies of missing civil rights workers Michael H. Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James E. Chaney were found buried in an earthen dam in Mississippi.

In 1977, President Carter signed a measure establishing the Department of Energy.

In 1985, a pair of milestones were achieved in major league baseball as Tom Seaver of the Chicago White Sox gained his 300th victory and Rod Carew of the California Angels got his 3,000th hit.

Ten years ago: Croat forces launched a massive attack on breakout Serbs in their self-proclaimed capital of Knin.

Today's Birthdays:

Journalist Helen Thomas is 85. Actor-comedian Richard Belzer is 61. Actor-screenwriter Billy Bob Thornton is 50. Track star Mary Decker Slaney is 47. TV producer Michael Gelman ("Live with Regis and Kelly") is 44. Baseball pitcher Roger Clemens is 43. Rock musician Rob Cieka (Boo Radleys) is 37. Actor Andy Hallett ("Angel") is 30. Rhythm-and-blues singer-actor Marques Houston is 24. Actor Dylan and Cole Sprouse are 13.

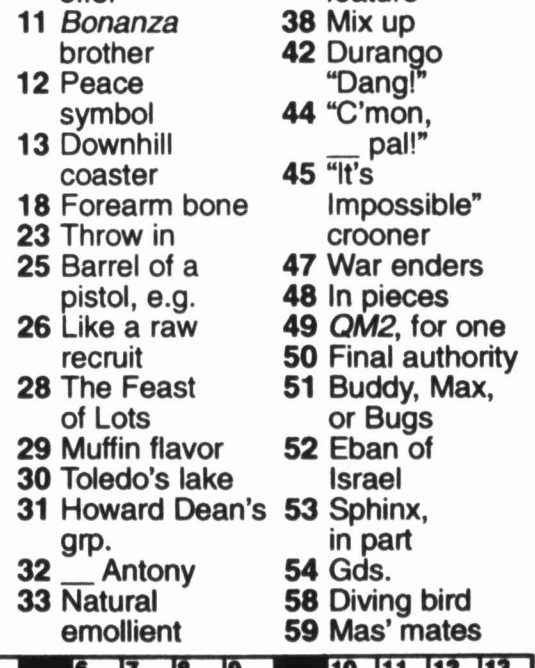
Thought for Today: "New opinions are always suspected, and usually opposed, without any other reason but because they are not already common." — John Locke, English philosopher (1632-1704).

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Out of whack
  - 6 It ends some lists
  - 10 Pogs and Furby's, for two
  - 14 Deluded
  - 15 Paddock parent
  - 16 Teen fave
  - 17 What's worn in October
  - 19 Glowing review
  - 20 Ill temper
  - 21 Staff symbol
  - 22 Hightailed it
  - 24 Anvil or stirrup
  - 26 Mars and Pluto
  - 27 Merkel of film
  - 28 Made
  - 32 En
  - 35 Takes to court
  - 36 Tiny opening
  - 37 "Height" word form
  - 38 Mall binge
  - 39 and proper
  - 40 Colorful horse
  - 41 Trevi toss-in
  - 42 Road-repair markers
  - 43 Brain part
  - 45 Indy entrant
  - 46 Usher's offering
  - 47 Entryways
  - 51 Aromatic tree
  - 54 Cry from the crib
  - 55 Actress Zadora
  - 56 Irish Rose's lover
  - 57 He's no fun at a party
  - 60 Black, to a bard
- DOWN
- 1 Role for Michael or Jude
  - 2 Stiller's mate
  - 3 Thumb-twiddler
  - 4 Costa del
  - 5 Icy treat
  - 6 Ronald Lauder's mother
  - 7 Minor dispute
  - 8 Jackie's second
  - 9 Blow one's stack
  - 10 What some mattresses offer
  - 11 Bonanza brother
  - 12 Peace symbol
  - 13 Downhill coaster
  - 18 Forearm bone
  - 23 Throw in
  - 25 Barrel of a pistol, e.g.
  - 26 Like a raw recruit
  - 28 The Feast of Lots
  - 29 Muffin flavor
  - 30 Toledo's lake
  - 31 Howard Dean's grp.
  - 32 Antony
  - 33 Natural emollient
  - 34 Rating unit
  - 35 Teapot feature
  - 38 Mix up
  - 42 Durango "Dang"
  - 44 "C'mon, pal!"
  - 45 "It's Impossible" crooner
  - 47 War enders
  - 48 In pieces
  - 49 QM2, for one
  - 50 Final authority
  - 51 Buddy, Max, or Bugs
  - 52 Eban of Israel
  - 53 Sphinx, in part
  - 54 Gds.
  - 58 Diving bird
  - 59 Mas' mates

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Answer to previous puzzle

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## THIS WEEK'S RACE

**ALLSTATE 400**  
**Where:** Indianapolis Motor Speedway, a 2.5-mile paved flat quad-oval located in Indianapolis.  
**When:** Sunday at 2:30 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 11 a.m. Saturday.  
**TV:** NBC.  
**Radio:** Indianapolis Motor Speedway Network.  
**Purse:** \$9,086,902.  
**Last year's winner:** Jeff Gordon.  
**Worth mentioning:** There have been seven different pole winners in the past seven races at Indianapolis.  
Rick Hendrick is the all-time winning car owner at Indy, with four victories, all by Jeff Gordon.  
Jamie McMurray has led only one lap in 2005.

## POLL POSITION

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**  
Will Tony Stewart realize one of his life's biggest ambitions and win at The Brickyard this weekend?  
Cast your vote at:  
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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION**  
Jeremy Mayfield, Elliott Sadler, Dale Jarrett, Jamie McMurray and Carl Edwards are eighth through 12th in the NASCAR Nextel Cup standings, with 34 points separating Mayfield and Edwards. In that pack, who will have the most points entering the Chase?  
Number of votes: 6,344

Driver	No. of votes	Percent
Carl Edwards	2,139	34%
Elliott Sadler	1,486	23%
Dale Jarrett	1,264	20%
Jamie McMurray	937	15%
Jeremy Mayfield	518	8%

## STOP 'N' GO

**WHO'S HOT**  
■ **Rusty Wallace** ranked 20th in points after 20 races one year ago. This year he is fourth, 182 points behind series leader Jimmie Johnson.  
■ **Tony Stewart** has six top-10 finishes, including three victories, in his past six races.  
■ **Kurt Busch** has three consecutive top-10 finishes, the first time since the first three races of the 2005 season.  
■ **Roush Racing** drivers have won nine of the 20 races this season.

**WHO'S NOT**  
■ **Dale Earnhardt Jr.**, has led only 16 laps this season. Last year he led 586.  
■ Thirteen drivers have competed in all 11 Nextel races at Indy. Of the 13, only **Joe Nemechek** has yet to earn a top-10 finish.  
■ **Kyle Busch** has finished 31st or lower in three of his past five races.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS**  
The top-40 drivers as of July 24:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Jimmie Johnson	2799	21. Kasey Kahne	2037
2. Tony Stewart	2733	22. Brian Vickers	2037
3. Greg Biffle	2712	23. Bobby Labonte	1996
4. Rusty Wallace	2617	24. Ricky Rudd	1908
5. Kurt Busch	2537	25. Casey Mears	1847
6. Ryan Newman	2507	26. Sterling Marlin	1833
7. Mark Martin	2490	27. Scott Riggs	1812
8. Jeremy Mayfield	2394	28. Dave Blaney	1803
9. Elliott Sadler	2391	29. Ken Schrader	1799
10. Dale Jarrett	2372	30. Mike Bliss	1795
11. Jamie McMurray	2363	31. Kyle Petty	1748
12. Carl Edwards	2360	32. Jeff Green	1742
13. Kevin Harvick	2299	33. Travis Kvapil	1672
14. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2262	34. Scott Wimmer	1627
15. Jeff Gordon	2258	35. Mike Wallace	1521
16. Joe Nemechek	2169	36. Jason Leffler	1474
17. Matt Kenseth	2159	37. Bobby Hamilton Jr.	1295
18. Jeff Burton	2137	38. Kevin Lepage	1085
19. Michael Waltrip	2122	39. Robby Gordon	1081
20. Kyle Busch	2092	40. Terry Labonte	557

**BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS**  
The top-20 drivers as of July 30:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Martin Truex Jr.	3096	11. Jason Keller	2305
2. Clint Bowyer	3026	12. J.J. Yeley	2275
3. Reed Sorenson	3012	13. Greg Biffle	2174
4. Carl Edwards	2852	14. Johnny Sauter	2152
5. Kenny Wallace	2760	15. Stacy Compton	2096
6. Denny Hamlin	2697	16. Randy LaJoie	2085
7. Aaron Green	2487	17. Jon Wood	2033
8. Ashton Lewis	2450	18. Kevin Harvick	2009
9. David Stramme	2438	19. Justin Labonte	1993
10. Paul Menard	2404	20. Stanton Barrett	1985

**TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS**  
The top-10 drivers as of July 23:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. Dannie Sotzer	2089	6. Ricky Craven	1803
2. Tad Muggrave	1931	7. David Reutimann	1799
3. Bobby Hamilton	1928	8. Terry Cook	1778
4. Ron Hornaday	1841	9. Matt Crafton	1758
5. Jimmy Spencer	1814	10. David Starr	1752

**NEXT RACE:** Friday, Power Stroke Diesel 200, Clermont, Ind.

# A SPECIAL PLACE

A win at Indianapolis Motor Speedway carries meaning for NASCAR drivers

By DAVID POOLE  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

You don't have to be from Indiana, Jeff Burton said, to know how much it would mean to win a race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"For anyone who has any respect for history, when you go through that tunnel, if you don't get goose bumps that you're in a special place, something's wrong," Burton said. "A lot of great things went on here before NASCAR was here. Any true race fan should have a tremendous amount of respect for that."

"I hope that we add to the history and the heritage of the facility."

Two Nextel Cup practices are scheduled for Friday afternoon to open Nextel Cup racing's 12th annual visit to the 2.5-mile motorsports shrine. Qualifying is scheduled for 11 a.m. ET Saturday, but this is not an impound weekend. Two more practices are scheduled for late Saturday afternoon.

A large number of Cup teams have already put in several hours of testing last month for Sunday's Allstate 400, the new name for the race known as the Brickyard 400 since the inaugural event in 1994.

Jeff Gordon, who won that first NASCAR race at Indy, as well as last year's race for his fourth career Indianapolis victory, has actually tested here this year. He came in April to help Goodyear with a tire test on the track's newly ground racing surface and then returned for one day in July.

"It definitely got a little bit slower and lost some grip, which is what we expected to happen," Gordon said of the change between his

tests. "With the way the track is ground, it has a lot of grip. We'll see some tire wear there and push the groove out, so hopefully you'll see more side-by-side racing."

When Gordon won his fourth Brickyard 400 last year, he joined A.J. Foyt, Al Unser and Rick Mears as the only four-time winners of major events at the track.

"For me, growing up as a kid and watching the Indy 500, I recognize that there's a difference between the two races," Gordon said. "It's not that I wouldn't want to be compared to A.J., Unser and Mears, it's just a different race and different circumstances."

Gordon faces some of his own different circumstances going into Indianapolis this year. He hasn't finished outside the top 10 in the standings since he was 14th in his rookie season in 1993, but after 20 races this year he's 15th in the standings.

He's got six races left to make up a 114-point gap to 10th place in the standings or Gordon will miss out on this year's Chase for the Nextel Cup.

The next two weeks figure to be important in those efforts, since he's a four-time winner at Watkins Glen, too.

"This track has been good to us," Gordon said. "Everywhere we've tested this year,

we've run well. Winning a big race like this definitely can help the morale of the team and build some momentum. Right now we're looking at a stretch of races coming up that we have to run well to get in the top 10, and Indianapolis is one. It's an important race for us already, but it's one that we'd love to win."

Kevin Harvick is also looking to fight his way into the Chase. He's 13th after 20 races, 73 points below the cut line coming into a track where he won in 2003.

"The thing I remember the most about winning here was taking the victory lap after the race, seeing all the fans that stayed over and just letting it all sink in," Harvick said. "Then, after Victory Lane, we went to kiss the bricks. To share that moment with (wife) DeLana and (owner) Richard (Childress) and take it all in for a nice, slow victory lap around the track was probably the most memorable thing of the weekend."

"We put a lot of effort into this race. This is where you bring your next generation of motors, usually, and your best car, and hopefully you bring your 'A' game. This is a place everybody wants to win. It's more than just another race."

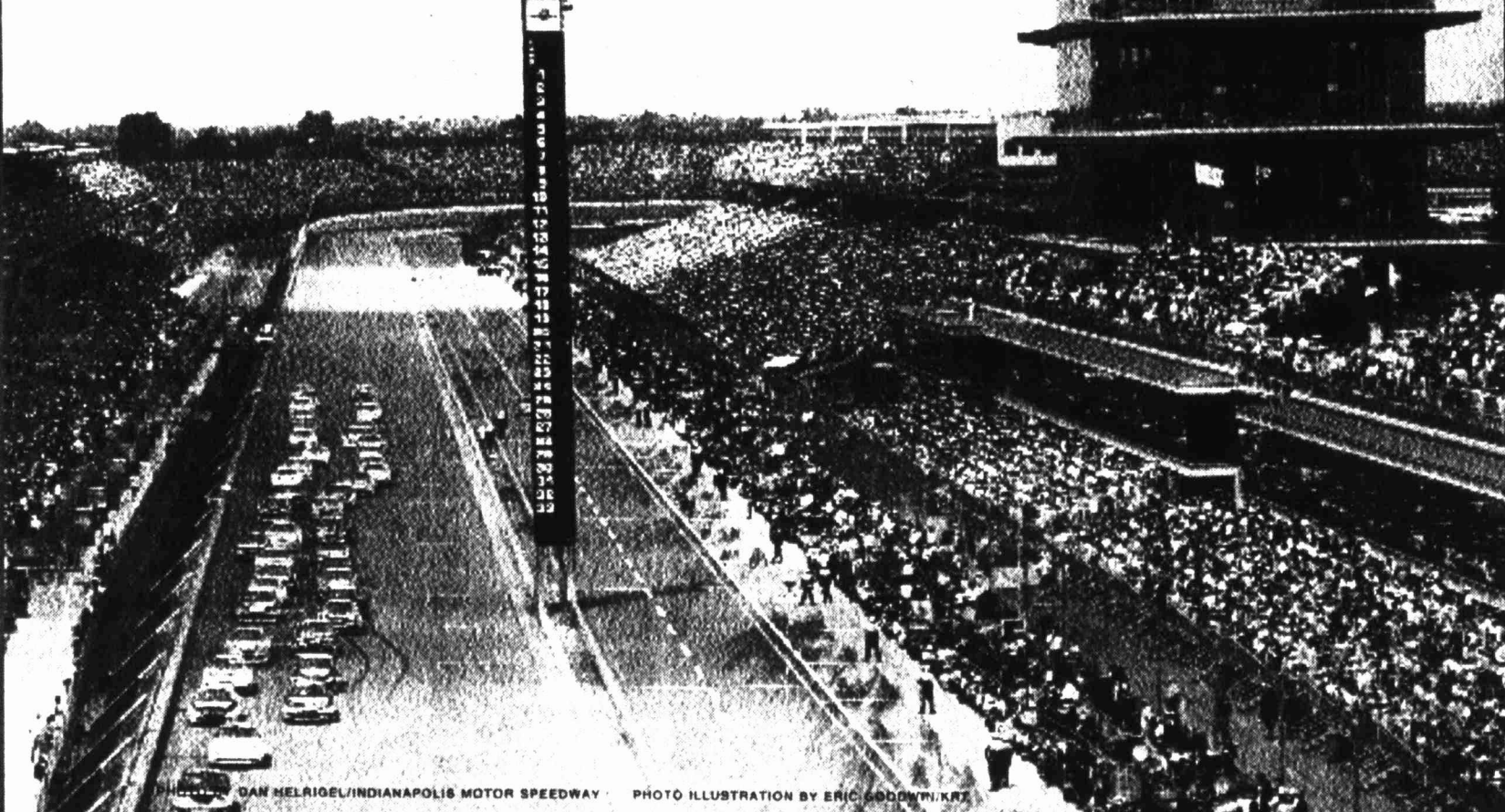
Elliott Sadler hasn't won at Indianapolis, but he started and finished third in last year's race in which the No. 38 Ford led 32 laps.

"There's so much history at this track," says Sadler, who like Burton is a native of Virginia. "We have more fans here than anywhere else we race. ... Ask any team that's won here how much fun it was and how much emphasis they put on it. I know our

team spends just as much time preparing a car here as it does for the Daytona 500 because it just means so much."



Jeff Gordon and his crew kiss the yard of bricks after winning the 2004 Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.



## For several Roush Racing hopefuls, it's show time

If Geoff Smith needs now is a finishing move.

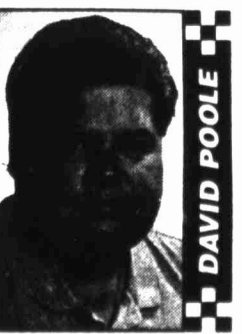
Donald Trump has "You're fired!" and Jeff Probst puts out the torch of whichever "Survivor" doesn't survive tribal council.

Maybe Smith should go with black and green flags. The president of Roush Racing could hand each driver a wrapped flag and, with the cameras rolling for a Discovery Channel reality TV series to air this fall entitled "Roush Racing: America's Next Top Racer," have each candidate unfurl it.

If the flag is green, you're still in the running, but a black one means you're gone.

And in the final episode, the winner's flag is checked.

Roush Racing has been using "the gong show," the term the company uses to refer to its national talent search process, to fill driver's seats for several years — the 1999 version,



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in fact, produced a Truck Series ride for Kurt Busch, who parlayed that into last year's Nextel Cup title.

But in this year's auditions, with the winner getting a Truck Series ride for 2006 — to use Smith's term — there are "embellishments."

The 25 candidates range in age from 19 to 28 and have backgrounds from midget cars on dirt tracks in New Zealand to drivers who've run competitively in Automobile Racing Club of America events this season.

Smith offered few details about what they'll be doing over the next couple of weeks. "Part of the process is to see how you react under the cir-

cumstances you will face," he said. "A lot about racing is making the right judgments at speed."

The drivers knew they'd be riding a bus to Martinsville, Va., where the on-track portion of their televised job interview would begin early Tuesday morning. By week's end as many as half of the group will be gone.

Round 2 will come at Darlington (S.C.) Raceway later this month. Between Martinsville and Darlington, the candidates who make the first cut will deal with some things they might have to as a Truck Series driver — dealing with the media; talking to other drivers, crew chiefs and mechanics; and some "surprises" that Smith promised.

And, of course, this time there will be cameras everywhere.

"The contest winner will get a nice salary, but first prize is worth so much more. It's access to the kind of resources it takes to be competitive in a national NASCAR series — a

Roush Truck team's budget is around \$5 million," Smith said. And it's a door, an opportunity that one of the 25 drivers chosen for this year's "gong show" could walk through and cash in professionally and financially the way Busch did six years ago.

When Busch was racing for the championship late last year, he said that the only thing he'd ever done that put him under as much pressure was competing for a Roush ride through this process.

Sondi Eden, a U.S. Auto Club midget car driver from Indiana and a contestant in this year's competition, agreed.

"Pressure is something you have to learn to deal with in racing," she said.

"It will make you better in the long run."

Unless, of course, they make you eat bugs.