

TIME OUT

A gentleman stops his engine

By Michael Scogin

Time is running out for fans to catch that familiar, lanky man in the cowboy hat and STP sunglasses climbing into his red and blue stock car. As part of his farewell, *Richard Petty: The Final Ride*, a one-hour documentary, airs Sunday, Nov. 1, on The Nashville Network, just prior to TNN's live coverage of the NASCAR Winston Cup Pyroil 500, Petty's second-to-last competitive appearance.

The special features behind-the-scenes footage of Petty's final NASCAR tour, highlights of his career and a look at life on the road and at home with the Petty family.

Petty's success in his 34 years of racing is unequalled. A seven-time Winston Cup champion, he has seven Daytona 500 wins among his 200 career victories and has been voted "Most Popular Driver" by the fans nine times.

"That will really be his legacy," says Mike Joy, the TNN race announcer who narrates the special. "His way of building a fan base through his personality and accessibility has left an imprint on the sport that will be felt for years to come."

To pay tribute to his large and loyal following, Petty organized a fan appreciation tour, which includes a three-hour TNN special airing Saturday, Nov. 14, (the eve of Petty's final race) from the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. Hosts and performers include Alabama and Reba McEntire.



Oscar winner Sissy Spacek discusses her latest film on Monday's edition of *Entertainment Tonight*.

LET'S TALK

More exposure of Burrows; the Lowe-down on Chad

By Taylor Michaels

Q: I am a big fan of Ed on *Northern Exposure*. Could you please tell me a little bit about the actor who portrays him? I would also like to know where to write him. —Jennifer Herbach, Portland, Ore.

A: The actor who plays Ed Chigliak is Darren E. Burrows, who was born in Winfield, Kan., and is one-quarter Apache and one-quarter Cherokee. His first acting job was in the film *976-EVIL*, and he went on to co-star in *Casualties of War*, with Michael J. Fox and Sean Penn, and John Waters' *Cry-Baby*. When not on location, he lives in North Hollywood. You may write Burrows in care of *Northern Exposure*, CBS, 7800 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., 90036.

Q: I saw a 1940s *World War II* movie on TV in 1953 starring Don Ameche. It was about two German brothers on opposite sides of the war. Ameche was with the underground, and his brother was with the Gestapo. One was named Kurt, the other Eric.

A: I was pregnant at the time and decided if I had a boy, his name was going to be Kurt, but it wasn't a boy. When I did have a boy in 1961 and another in 1962, I named the first Kurt and the second Eric. They have always known where their names came from, and I've always wanted them to see the movie but can't recall what the name was. Can you help? —Minette Reinholt, Kerrville, Texas.

A: The movie you describe is 1940's *Four Sons*, with Don Ameche and Alan Curtis. However, I hope your sons have a good sense of humor, since Ameche and Curtis played brothers Chris, involved in the Czech underground, and Karl, a Nazi Fifth Columnist, respectively. This movie was a loose remake of a 1928 picture that featured the same title but a different war and different character names, none of them Kurt or Eric.

Q: A friend and I have a disagreement regarding the show *Family Ties*. I say that the actress who played Michael J. Fox's girlfriend toward the end was Demi Moore. He says I'm wrong and bets me \$10 every time we see each other. Can you give us the answer? —Sylvia C., Big Spring, Texas.

A: Demi Moore as Alex Keaton's



Darren E. Burrows

girlfriend ... it's an interesting thought, but unfortunately for you, Sylvia, not at all true. Courteney Cox played Lauren Miller, Alex's girlfriend, in the show's last few seasons. Alex's previous girlfriend, Ellen, was played by Tracy Pollan, who ended up becoming Mrs. Michael J. Fox.

Q: I'm a big fan of Chad Lowe. I love watching him on *Life Goes On*. I think he is a very good actor. Could you please tell me about him and where I can write to him? —C.M.A., Clifton, N.J.

A: Lowe's family, including Brat Pack brother Rob Lowe, moved to California from Dayton, Ohio, while the boys were still young. Chad attended Santa Monica High School. Just before he turned 16, Chad hired an agent to feel out the acting market and promptly landed two TV appearances on the same day: in *Robert Kennedy and His Times* and *Flight 90: Disaster on the Potomac*. After living for a while in New York where he studied acting, Lowe returned to Los Angeles and landed a few more TV roles before his current assignment as HIV-positive Jesse McKenna on *Life Goes On*. He's been a volunteer for the Los Angeles Youth Network more than a year, holding group meetings with homeless teens. You may write to Lowe in care of William Morris Agency, 151 El Camino Road, Beverly Hills, Calif., 90212.

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