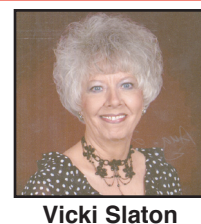




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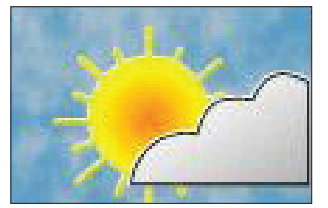
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Alon refinery reconstruction going well

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Seven months after a devastating fire, it's almost business as usual at the Alon USA Big Spring Refinery.
Ever since the refinery was shut down by a mas-

sive explosion in its alkali unit Feb. 19, a small army of workers have been trying to get the refinery back into operational shape.
Refinery Manager David Foster said those efforts are close to fruition.
"We're getting close,"

Foster said. "We've finished all the major mechanical work and we've done all our pressure testing. I'm pleased with our progress ... The morale of our people has been strong. They've worked hundreds of thousands of man-hours to get us back

in operation."
The biggest sign of things returning to normal should come within the next week or two when the "cat cracker" — the major gasoline processing unit at the refinery — is re-

"We've finished all the major mechanical work and we've done all our pressure testing. I'm pleased with our progress. The morale of our people has been strong"



—David Foster, refinery manager

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Day for Kids set Saturday at Salvation Army

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Fun, anyone?
That's the question the local Salvation Army will be asking of area youth and their parents, as the charity's Boys and Girls Club of Big Spring will host the organization's nationally recognized Day For Kids Saturday.

Set for 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., the event will offer something for everyone, according to Sonnet Hildebrand, executive director of the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Big Spring.

"This is a day for parents to come with their children to spend quality time together, to play, have lunch and enjoy the afternoon," said Hildebrand. "We'll have music performed by The Jones Valley Band, as well as performances at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. by the Dance Gallery."

Hildebrand said the afternoon will also offer some "hands-on" activities as well.

"We will have several op-

portunities for participation such as, games, face painting, dunking booth and free play with Air Xtreme Sportz," said Hildebrand.

"We created Boys & Girls Clubs Day for Kids to foster stronger relationships between adults and children by educating them on the importance and value of spending meaningful time together," she added. "BGC Day for Kids provides an opportunity for parents and caring adults to reconnect and get reenergized about helping our young people reach their full potential."

Hildebrand said days like the BGC Day for Kids can make a huge difference in the life of a child.

"Regardless of background, there are no boundaries to the potential of every child. In the same way, there are no limits to the many ways in which to spend meaningful time with a young person," said Hildebrand. "To assist parents, practitioners and other caring adults, BGCA

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Chuck Miller prepares his model airplane for takeoff during the 15th annual Don McKinney Float and Fly, hosted by the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association at Comanche Trail Lake Saturday afternoon.

Houston battered, thousands in shelters after Hurricane Ike

By **CHRIS DUNCAN**
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — With glass from shattered skyscrapers littering the streets, the nation's fourth largest city didn't open for business as usual Monday, and thousands of people faced long stays in crowded shelters because their homes were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Ike.

The death toll from Ike rose to 30 in eight states, many of them far to the north of the Gulf Coast as the storm slogged across the nation's midsection, leaving a trail of flooding and destruction. Glass-strewn Houston was placed under a week-long curfew, and millions of people in the storm's path remained in the dark.

Rescuers said they had saved nearly 2,000 people from waterlogged streets and splintered houses by Sunday afternoon. Many had ignored evacuation orders and tried to ride out the storm. Now they

were boarding buses for indefinite stays at shelters in San Antonio and Austin.

"I have nowhere to go," said Ldyyan Jonjocque, 61, waiting for a bus while holding the leashes of her four Australian shepherd dogs. She said she had to leave two dogs behind in her home. She wept as she told of officers rescuing her in a dump truck.

In hard-hit towns like Orange, Bridge City and Galveston, authorities continued their door-to-door search well into the night, hoping to reach an untold number of people still in their homes, many without power or supplies.

Many of those who did make it to safety boarded buses without knowing where they were going or when they could return to what might remain of their homes.

Shelters across Texas scurried to find enough cots, and some evacu-

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AP photo/Kevin M. Cox

A long line of people waits outside a food market Saturday in Texas City. Hurricane Ike ravaged the Texas coast, flooding thousands of homes and businesses, shattering windows and knocking out power to millions of people.

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Obituaries

Ruth Hope Colvard Statser

Ruth Hope Colvard Statser, of Prosper, Texas, passed away Sept. 13, 2008, in Celina, Texas. She was born Feb. 22, 1918, in Stigler, Okla., to Lillie Victoria and Edward Everett Colvard. Following her father's death, the family moved to Kinta, Okla., where Ruth spent her teenage years. She left Kinta to attend nursing school at St. John's Hospital in Tulsa.

She put herself through nursing school and finished second in the state of Oklahoma on her state boards for registered nurse. She and her two classmates boarded a train for Lowry Field, Colo., where she was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army. While at Lowry Field she met her husband, Alvy James "Stats" Statser. They were married Nov. 25, 1941.

Stats soon left for duty in North Africa, Italy and France and they were separated for two-and-a-half years. Their daughter, Barbara Ruth, was born prior to his departure. They lived in Sweetwater, where two more daughters, Tricia Ann and Kay Lyn, soon followed. Ruth and Stats then moved to Big Spring and a fourth daughter, Linda Beth, joined the family.

Ruth raised her daughters and worked as a RN in a pediatric clinic. She was well known by the children of Big Spring, where her skill and compassion as a nurse shined.

She lived a life of integrity, strength, wisdom and wit, sharing those virtues and passing them on to her daughters and their families. She will be missed by her loving family and many friends, who found her charm infectious. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years.

She is survived by daughters, Barbara Newell, Tricia Guidry, Kay Paine and Linda Dixon; sons-in-law, Don Newell, Earl Guidry, Luran Paine and B.J. Dixon; grandsons, Scott Newell, Jason (Erin) Newell, Matt (Jenna) Guidry, Brody (Gina) Paine, Darin (Marisa) Paine, Jess and Michael Dixon; granddaughters, Tracie McDuff and Kileigh (Tye) Even; and great-grandchildren, Davis and Ryan Newell, Colton and Madison Newell, Conner and Mollee McDuff, Trystan and Colin Paine, Maryn Hope Paine and Haden Even.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008, in the Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel with Chaplain Rickey Hargrave officiating. The family will receive friends for visitation from 6p.m.-8 p.m., Monday at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008, at Memorial Gardens in Colorado Springs, Colo.

To convey condolences or to sign an online registry, please visit www.tjmfuneral.com.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. John Medical Center Foundation, 1923 S. Utica Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74104.

Paid obituary

Ricky Rawls

Ricky Rawls, 52, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 12, 2008, at his residence. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Mona Lu Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Feb. 5, 1956, in Big Spring, to Mary and John Rawls Jr. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He did lawn mower repair, wood crafts and trading. He was a member of Spring Tabernacle.

He is survived by five brothers: David Rawls and his wife Edna, Dean Rawls and his wife Kay, Billy Rawls and Bobby Rawls, all of Big Spring, and Harold Rawls of Houston; and 19 nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister: Barbara Kay Chandler; one brother: Wesley Rawls; and four nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Naoma Coleman

Naoma Coleman, 86, of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Winfred Roland Campbell

Winfred Roland Campbell, 85, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

The public is invited to Places and Pleasures — Republican Party Headquarters — from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday. Food and drinks will be provided and Republican candidates will be there. Places and Pleasures Travel Agency is located at 222 S. Main.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.



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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- MICHAEL WADE WELCH, 28, of Midland, was arrested Saturday on a Tarrant County warrant and a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 44, of 423 Westover Road, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHN GALAVIZ, 29, of 2109 Main Street, was arrested Saturday on charges of assault Class C — family violence and resisting arrest.
- HENRY RAMIREZ, 52, of 1505 Cherokee, was arrested Sunday on a charge of burglary of a building.
- COREY HOFFIPAUIR, 31, of 1308 Sheppard, was arrested Sunday on a charge of burglary of a building.
- BOBBY HAROLD DAVIS, 34, of 1205 Douglas, was arrested Sunday on a local capias warrant.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 400 block of Westover Road.
 - in the 4800 block of Highway 80.
 - in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
 - in the 700 block of 16th Street.
 - in the 200 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
 - in the 900 block of Willia.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 1300 block of Mesquite.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY AS A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE was reported in the 600 block of Aylesford.
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 500 block of Gregg Street.
- MANUFACTURE/DELIVERY OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 900 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 400 block of Westover Road.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported:
 - in the 700 block of Bell Street.
 - in the 1700 block of Alabama.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
 - in the 400 block of Westover Road.
 - in the 800 block of Creighton.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- ASSAULT BY THREAT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1100 block of Sycamore.

Sheriff's report


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

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 69 inmates at the time of this report.
- BRUCE WAYNE RHOADES, 48, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.
 - DANTE IVAN RODRIGUEZ, 43, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated — third or more offense and bondsman off bond for driving while intoxicated — third or more offense.
 - JONATHAN MICHAELS SHORTEN, 21, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated, no insurance, driving the wrong way on a one-way street and driving while license invalid.
 - ALEJANDRO LARA RAMIREZ, 59, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated — third or more offense.
 - AURELIO FELIX-CARRILLO, 38, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.
 - COREY PRESTON HOFFIPAUIR, 31, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of assault causing bodily injury — family violence.
 - ARTHUR EARL CALLOWAY, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.
 - YSA RUBIO SR., 47, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief, failure to pay child support and failure to appear — child support.
 - SERGIO DAVID ALVAREZ, 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property.
 - LARCARNLY MARQUI CROSS, 21, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana — more than two ounces less than four ounces.
 - RONNIE JEAN MORROW, 36, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
 - MICHAEL SHAWN BREWER, 36, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
 - JOHN ANTHONY GALAVIZ, 29, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
 - ANTONIO MONGE, 27, was arrested Sunday by DPS on charges of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle, driving while intoxicated, no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
 - JUSTIN PAUL ROBERTS, 21, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of public intoxication and permitting an unlicensed person to drive.

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TODAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of N.W. Seventh Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of Caylor. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh. Two people were transported to SMMC.

• STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 2000 block of Rickabaugh.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Oriole. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of Settles. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Donley. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the 1100 block of E. Sixth Street. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of E. 14th Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Oriole. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 500 block of W. 17th Street. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of W. FM 700. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 600 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. Service refused.

• GAS LEAK was reported in the 2800 block of Apache.



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has created engaging educational resources to help them encourage and develop positive relationships with kids. A year-round Web site, www.dayforkids.org, will provide tools, resources and tips that support their interactions with young people.

While the afternoon event has received support from local businesses, Hildebrand said the festivities are still missing one important element.

"We need volunteers to help throughout the afternoon," said Hildebrand. "Anyone who is willing to donate a little of their time can contact me and we'll get them signed up to help."

Saturday's event will take place outside the Salvation Army building, located at 811 W. Fifth St.

For more information on the event or to sign up to volunteer, contact Hildebrand at 264-0455.

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

Wall Street awakes to 2 storied firms falling

NEW YORK (AP) — When Wall Street woke up Monday morning, two more of its storied firms had fallen.

Lehman Brothers, burdened by \$60 billion in soured real-estate holdings, filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition in U.S. Bankruptcy Court after attempts to rescue the 158-year-old firm failed. Bank of America Corp. said it is snapping up Merrill Lynch & Co. Inc. in a \$50 billion all-stock transaction.

The demise of the independent Wall Street institutions came as shock waves from the 14-month-old credit crisis roiled the U.S. financial system six months after the collapse of Bear Stearns.

The world's largest insurance company, American International Group Inc., also was forced into a restructuring.

And a global consortium of banks, working with government officials in New York,

announced a \$70 billion pool of funds to lend to troubled financial companies.

U.S. stocks were headed for a sharply lower open and Treasury bond prices soared as the market reacted to the news.

The aim of the bank consortium, according to participants who spoke to The Associated Press, was to prevent a worldwide panic on stock and other financial exchanges.

Ten banks — Bank of America, Barclays, Citibank, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley and UBS — each agreed to provide \$7 billion "to help enhance liquidity and mitigate the unprecedented volatility and other challenges affecting global equity and debt markets."

The Federal Reserve also chipped in with more largesse in its emergency lending program for investment banks. The central bank announced

late Sunday that it was broadening the types of collateral that financial institutions can use to obtain loans from the Fed.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the discussions had been aimed at identifying "potential market vulnerabilities in the wake of an unwinding of a major financial institution and to consider appropriate official sector and private sector responses."

The European Central Bank, the Bank of England, and the Swiss central bank also made more short-term credit available to banks. European stocks fell sharply, with the FTSE 100 Index off 3.42 percent in London, the CAC-40 down 4.27 percent in Paris, and Germany's blue-chip DAX 30 falling 3.38 percent. Asian stock markets also tumbled, with India's Sensex sinking more than 3 percent. Japan and Hong Kong were closed for holidays.

Financial stocks were hard hit and the dollar fell against the pound and the euro.

Futures pegged to the Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 250 points in electronic trading Sunday evening, pointing to a sharply lower open for the blue chip index Monday morning. The stunning weekend developments took place as voters, who rank the economy as their top concern, prepare to elect a new president in seven weeks. It likely will spur a much greater focus by presidential candidates — Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama — and members of Congress on the need for stricter financial regulation.

Samuel Hayes, finance professor emeritus at Harvard Business School, said the Bush administration may get a lot of blame for the situation, which could benefit Obama.

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started.

"Sometime in the next week, we should be positioned for a restart of the cat cracker," Foster said. "After we get the cat back up, for all intents, we'll consider

ourselves pretty much back at full production."

The alkaline unit — which is used to adjust the octane rating in the gasoline — will need a few more weeks before it is ready for full operation, Foster said.

As pleased as he is with the pace of reconstruction, Foster added he is just as happy that the work has gone forward as safely

as possible. Aside from a tank exploding in the asphalt unit this spring, no major incidents or injuries have occurred during the rebuilding process.

"One thing I really want to stress is that we've done an extensive amount of pressure testing," he said. "We're making sure every bolt is tightened down ... I'm convinced that this

thing will be safe when we start it back up."

As the refinery nears resumption of full operation, the work force numbers have scaled back dramatically. At the peak of reconstruction, Foster said there were 1,700 people employed at the refinery. That number has been reduced to 600, with even more cuts to come in the next

few weeks.

Those personnel reductions affected contractors hired for the reconstruction effort, Foster said, and not permanent employees.

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IKE

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ees arrived with little cash and no idea of what the coming days held.

Even for those who still have a home to go to, Ike's 110 mph winds and battering waves left thousands in coastal areas without electricity, gas and basic communications — and officials estimated it may not be restored for a month.

"We want our citizens to stay where they are," said a weary Galveston Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas. "Do not come back to Galveston. You cannot live here at this time."

Michael Geml has braved other storms in his bay-front neighborhood in Galveston, where he's lived for 25 years, though none quite like Ike. The 51-year-old stayed in the third-story Jacuzzi of a neighbor's house, directly on the bay, with family pets as waves crashed across the landscape. But amid the havoc, Geml asked anyone who would listen — even his rescuers — for an odd commodity: cat litter for his spooked feline.

"I'll never stay again," Geml said. "I don't care what the weatherman says — a Category 1, a Category 2. I thought I was going to die."

Kathi and Paul Norton huddled inside their house in Crystal Beach until it collapsed and was swept away. Their flag pole kept the house from collapsing on top of them, buying them a few seconds to escape, holding onto the staircase.

"You never know what a hurricane is like until you ride it on a staircase," said

Kathi Norton, 47. As she spoke outside the giant, warehouse-like shelter on a former Air Force base in San Antonio, busloads of new evacuees were arriving, bumper to bumper.

The hurricane also battered the heart of the U.S. oil industry as Ike destroyed at least 10 production platforms, officials said. Details about the size and production capacity of the destroyed platforms were not immediately available, but the damage was to only a fraction of the 3,800 platforms in the Gulf.

It was too soon to know how seriously it would affect oil and gas prices.

President Bush made plans to visit the area on Tuesday.

He said getting power restored is an extremely high priority and urged power companies to "please recruit out-of-state people to come and help you do this."

Ike was downgraded to a tropical depression as it moved north. Roads were closed in Kentucky because of high winds. As far north as Chicago, dozens of people in a suburb had to be evacuated by boat. Two million people were without power in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Of the 30 dead, five were in the hard-hit barrier island city of Galveston, including one body found in a vehicle submerged in floodwater at the airport. There were two other deaths in Texas and six in Louisiana, including a 16-year-old boy trapped in rising floodwaters. Several were farther inland.

Two golfers died when a tree fell on them in Tennessee. There were six deaths

in Indiana; three died in Missouri. One person died in Arkansas and three in Ohio, including two motorcyclists killed when a tree toppled on them at a state park.

Ike killed more than 80 in the Caribbean before reaching the U.S.

Houston, the nation's fourth-largest city, was reduced to near-paralysis in some places. But power was on in downtown office towers Sunday afternoon, and Texas Medical Center, the world's largest medical complex, was unscathed and remained open. Both places have underground power lines.

Its two airports — including George Bush Intercontinental, one of the busiest in the United States — were set to reopen Monday with limited service. But schools were closed until further notice, and the business district was shuttered.

Five people were arrested at a pawn shop north of Houston and charged with burglary in what Harris County Sheriff's spokesman Capt. John Martin described as looting, but there was no widespread spike in crime.

Authorities said Sunday afternoon that 1,984 people had been rescued, includ-

ing 394 by air. Besides people literally plucked to safety, that figure includes people met by crews as they waded through floodwaters trying to find dry ground.

Still others chose to remain in their homes along the Texas coast even after the danger of the storm had passed. There was no immediate count Sunday of how many people remained in their homes, or how many were in danger. The Red Cross reported 42,000 people were at state and Red Cross shelters Saturday night.

The search-and-rescue effort included more than 50 helicopters, and 1,500 searchers and teams from federal, state and local agencies.

From the city of Orange alone, near the Louisiana line, more than 700 people sought dry ground — "a Herculean effort to organize a reverse evacuation that nobody had ever planned for," Mayor Brown Claybar said.

Rescue crews vowed to continue the search until they had knocked on every door. They were helped by receding floodwaters, but there were constant surprises as people rowed and slogged through towns.

The storm also took a

toll in Louisiana, where hundreds of homes were flooded and power outages worsened as the state struggles to recover from Hurricane Gustav, which struck over Labor Day.

In Hackberry, La., about 15 miles from the coast, workers moved a large shrimp boat out of the highway with a bulldozer, but the team had to stop because of strong currents in the floodwaters and difficulty in seeing the roadway.

Thayne Culbertson, a disabled veteran and commercial fisherman, rode out the storm at a friend's apartment in Galveston. As someone who has been through several hurricanes, he decided to stay behind for Ike in case he could help.

Instead, help had to find him. He was picked up by a helicopter after a toppled utility pole battered the building and windows were blown out. He later boarded a bus to San Antonio.

During the storm, he said, "the sand felt like it was peeling away your skin."

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OTHER VIEWS

Morales, Chávez resort to tired tactics

Residents Hugo Chavez of Venezuela and Evo Morales of Bolivia see themselves as emblems of a new, resurgent Latin America, but when they're in trouble they fall back on the shopworn practices of yesteryear — "Yankee, go home!" The expulsions of the U.S. ambassadors from their respective countries this week show that these two demagogues have run out of ideas in dealing with political tensions at home.

The situation in Bolivia is the more serious. The fight between Mr. Morales and his adversaries is over how to distribute the country's mineral wealth, and how to exercise checks and balances on political power. The United States has counseled patience and negotiation, but Mr. Morales has tried to bulldoze the opposition by using crowds of protesters and demonstrators to get his way. This week, anti-government protesters fought back using the same tactics, seizing natural-gas fields in a clash that left at least eight people killed and 20 injured.

Mr. Morales sought to distract attention from his mounting crisis by declaring U.S. Ambassador Philip Goldberg persona non grata on a phony charge of meddling in internal affairs. The United States, as is customary, bounced Bolivia's U.S. ambassador.

President Chavez has his own problems at home. He is not doing well in the regional elections coming up in November, and an embarrassing criminal trial here in Miami is revealing his hand in political meddling in Argentina. Solution: Kick out the U.S. ambassador in a show of "solidarity" with Bolivia.

It all makes for fine theatrics, but it is no laughing matter, especially when both Bolivia and Venezuela have made a big show of seeking an alliance with Iran. Mr. Morales visited Tehran earlier this month, and on Wednesday two Russian long-range bombers arrived in Venezuela, precursors of a larger military contingent in November, when the country will host four Russian warships and 1,000 troops for joint military exercises.

Just coincidence? We doubt it. Messrs. Chavez and Morales are inventing political crises to advance their selfish political interests, but they are acting in concert with traditional U.S. adversaries in an effort to challenge American influence in the region.

This will be a major problem for the next occupant of the White House. The presidents of Venezuela and Bolivia say they want good relations with the United States, but their actions say otherwise. It's time for Sen. Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain to tell these two presidents not to expect friendly relations until they stop using the United States as a scapegoat for their self-inflicted wounds.

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The saga of the Lipstick Wars

Democrat activists have let Sarah Palin get under their skin — and if they don't get a grip, their visceral loathing of the Republican vice presidential candidate could cost them the election. First there was the "lipstick on a pig" flap — a comment the Obama campaign insists was not directed at Gov. Palin, but which dominated political coverage this week. And there was the inexplicable claim by Democratic vice presidential nominee Joe Biden that electing Palin as the first female vice president in our nation's history would be a "backward step for women."

Then there was the vicious statement by the chairwoman of the South Carolina Democratic Party, Carol Fowler, who claimed that Gov. Palin's "primary qualification seems to be that she hasn't had an abortion." Does it get any uglier than this?

In fairness, I'm not certain Sen. Obama intended to call Gov. Palin a pig. His explicit target was John McCain, especially the claim that McCain/Palin is the real "change" ticket in this election. But the audience of Democratic faithful assembled in Lebanon, Va., clearly reacted to Obama's unfortunate metaphor as if he'd just made a clever reference to Palin. They howled, roaring their approval at the remark, which clearly recalled Palin's famous statement about lipstick in her acceptance speech. Whatever Sen. Obama's intention, the crowd drew the inference that "lipstick on

a pig" meant Palin.

But Obama's remark wasn't the only lipstick reference of the day. In his introduction of Biden at another campaign event, Democratic Congressman Russ Carnahan said of Palin, "There's no way you can dress up that record, even with a lot of lipstick."

So what is it that lipstick has come to represent to these partisan zealots? It is as if lipstick has become the new symbol of the culture wars that have dominated American politics since 1972.

Jonathan Last, writing online at First Things magazine, suggests that Gov. Palin's decision not to abort her son Trig when she learned he had Down syndrome was a challenge to liberals' idea of what constitutes worthwhile life. He notes, "the left sees Baby Trig as a provocation as a little Terri Schiavo — an assertion of the value of all life and an affront to their belief that there are differences in what constitutes meaningful life."

Carol Fowler's remarks certainly suggest she disapproved of Palin's decision. Fowler later issued a clarification of her remarks, which fell short of a retraction: "I personally admire and respect the difficult choices that women make everyday, and I apologize to anyone who finds my comment offensive. I clumsily was making a point about people in South Carolina who may vote based on a single issue. Whether it's the environment, the economy, the war or a woman's right to choose, there are people who will cast their vote based on a single issue. That was the only point I was attempting to make."

But do Fowler and others on the left really favor a woman's right to choose — or do they only support

women who make the same choices they would in the same circumstances? Washington Post editorial writer Ruth Marcus admitted that had her own amniocentesis "results indicated any abnormality, I have little doubt that I would have made a different decision than did Palin." Indeed, Palin's decision to have five children, in and of itself, seems to irritate many on the left, for whom population control is a major liberal tenet.

As Last correctly points out, "The Palin family's five children would have been unexceptional forty years ago, but today constitute something of a fertility freak show. According to the most recent census data, only 1.1 percent of non-Hispanic white women bear five or six children over the course of their lifetime. By contrast, 22.5 percent of these women never reproduce. The percentage of childlessness among women rises in a straight line with educational attainment."

Sarah Palin — smart, accomplished, pretty, maternal, and conservative — threatens the notion that there is only one way to be a modern woman. Her political journey started in the PTA, not at Harvard or Yale Law School. She shops at Wal-Mart, not Barneys. And the more the Democrats caricature and underestimate her, the likelier it is they will alienate those Middle American voters who will determine the outcome of this election.

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Please say it ain't so, Joe

Sometimes Joe Biden, bless his good intentions, doesn't know when to stop. I won't recount past instances of this — I'll leave that to the RNC — but the most recent is a painful example of what happens when a short answer will do and you give a long-winded one instead.

At a rally in New Hampshire, a questioner actually expressed his pleasure that Barack Obama had chosen Biden as his running mate over Hillary Clinton, a sentiment not universally shared among Democrats. Biden, to his credit, wanted to be sure that no one would later say that he had in any way questioned the New York senator's qualifications (as he once did his own running mate's).

"Make no mistake about this," Biden responded. "Hillary Clinton is as qualified or more qualified than I am to be vice president of the United States of America. Let's get that straight. She's a truly close personal friend, she is qualified to be president of the United States of America; she's easily qualified to be vice president of the United States of America." That was the place to stop. That was the moment in which you succeed in not making news, which is the usual goal of a vice presidential candidate, unless the news relates to the poor judgment of your opponent, not your running mate.

Biden, however, known for his occasional loquaciousness, did not stop. He then made news, questioning the judgment of the would-be president who had placed him on the ticket instead of Hillary. "And quite frankly," Biden concluded, "it

might have been a better pick than me."

It's not that I disagree. She might have been. But at this point, that's an argument that helps Republicans, not Democrats, and helps McCain, who did not pass over a woman whose qualifications are open to question, as opposed to Obama, who passed over a woman whose qualifications are not.

There is something happening with women voters in America, maybe not among the most elite women who blog on liberal websites, but among women of almost every political stripe who may decide the election this fall. They identify with Sarah Palin and are recoiling at the cheap shots that Democrats, who have no reason to be so desperate but are acting as if they do, are lobbing in her direction. Her only qualification being that she hasn't had an abortion? Ouch. Double ouch. Not just a poor choice of words, but a sexist sentiment. Say goodbye and good night to half the mothers in America on that one.

It is no time to remind voters that Obama could have, much less should have, chosen Hillary. It is no time to give them another reason to feel connected to a Republican ticket with whom they disagree on many of the issues that most directly affect their families.

Ultimately, McCain will win or lose, not Sarah Palin. Ditto for Obama. But vice presidents — and especially the choice of them — reflect significantly on the judgment of the would-be president. I remember talking to Bill Clinton a week or so before the Democratic Convention in 2000 — and given how right Clinton turned out to be, I feel perfectly comfortable telling this story now. We discussed whom Al Gore might choose to be his running mate and why Clinton had chosen

Gore eight years earlier. The one person I hope he doesn't pick, the then-president told me, is Joe Lieberman.

The reason was that the choice of Lieberman, one of the first senators to speak out against Clinton, would be seen as a direct effort to distance Gore from Clinton. Of course, President Clinton said all the right things when Lieberman was picked, but he and I and everyone else in the world understood what the choice signified. In my judgment, it was that choice, and Gore's underlying successful effort to distance himself from the economic accomplishments of the preceding eight years (for which he should have been taking credit), that turned what should have been an easy victory into a 5-4 loss.

By choosing Palin, McCain effectively distanced himself from George W. Bush, the man many Democrats hoped to run against this fall. The new "couple" is McCain and Palin, not McCain and Bush. Smart.

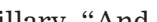
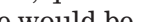
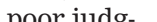
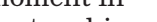
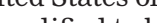
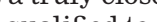
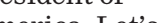
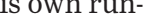
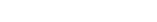
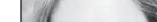
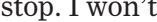
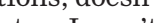
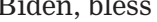
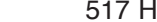
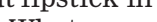
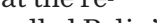
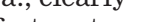
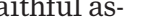
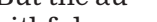
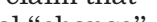
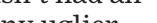
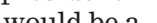
By choosing Biden, Obama effectively distanced himself from Hillary Clinton, no matter how many campaign appearances she may be making for him now. That may or may not have been a smart choice. But it is hardly one Democrats should invite voters to revisit in this post-Palin era. The casual and sometimes unconscious sexism of so many liberals in the two weeks since Palin was picked has raised hackles, which reminders of how Hillary was passed over by Obama can only exacerbate.

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HERALD PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Each week, the Herald will recognize Crossroads athletes who posted outstanding performances in their sport, ranging from swimming and tennis to football and volleyball.

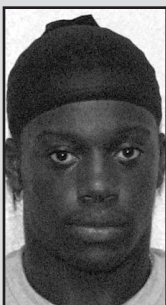
Monte Anderson

Big Spring junior running back

Anderson topped the century mark for the second time in 2008 in the Steers' homecoming victory over Pampa Friday, 43-21.

He carried the ball 18 times for 112 yards and two touchdowns, giving him four scores on the season.

Anderson led the Steers in rushing last season with 1,127 yards.



Anderson

Matt Ritchey

Big Spring junior quarterback

Ritchey is starting to become a mainstay on this list.

The Steers' junior quarterback completed 13-of-15 passes Friday night against Pampa for 162 yards and two touchdowns, both going to classmate

Thaddeus Straughter. Ritchey also ran for 86 yards on 16 carries.

Brittany Farmer

Big Spring tennis player

Farmer went into Big Spring's tennis match with Snyder Thursday as the No. 1 girls' singles player and as one-half of the team's top girls' doubles duo. She lived up to the billing.

Farmer ousted her singles opponent in straight sets, 6-1, 6-4. That was after she teamed with Brandi Rigdon to defeat Snyder's top pair, 6-1, 6-4.

Johnny Rogers

Sands junior quarterback

Rogers was in top form in Sands' 48-0 pounding of Trent Thursday night.

The Mustangs' junior quarterback threw for two touchdowns, ran for another and returned a fourth after an interception.

Daniel Armendariz

Sands junior running back

Not to be outdone by his teammate, Armendariz's performance Thursday was just as impressive as Rogers'.

He also returned an interception for a touchdown. Later in the game, he scored on a 2-yard run and scored the game-ending touchdown on a 56-yard punt return.

P.J. Daylong

Coahoma senior running back

Daylong's biggest contribution to the Bulldogs' cause on the field usually comes at running back, but not in Friday's 19-0 win over Seagraves.

Daylong picked off three passes defensively, returning the last one for a touchdown. He also led the Bulldogs with 72 yards on 23 carries.

Josh Colunga

Garden City running back

Colunga was a key figure in Garden City's thrilling come-from-behind victory Friday against Robert Lee.

He ran for 101 yards and four touchdowns, including the score giving GC its first lead.

Steers fall in rain shortened match

Herald Staff Report

Though they tried hard, eventually the rain claimed the day Thursday during the Big Spring Steers team tennis match against Snyder at Figure Seven Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Two matches were suspended due to the rain, but Snyder was able to secure the close victory, winning 11 of the 19 matches completed.

The match was originally planned to take place Tuesday, but inclement weather pushed it back until Thursday. Rainfall still great dictated its completion.

The match started at 4 p.m., but play was suspended for an hour at 4:45 p.m. Players retook the court around 5:45 and played

until 9 p.m. until the rain started again and the coaches called it a day.

Big Spring's No. 1 boys singles player Mike Gonzalez was one of the victims of suspension as he led, 7-5, 5-5, before the rain claimed the night.

Alyssa Byrd was the only other Big Spring player not to finish a match. Byrd trailed, 7-6 (7-4), when the game was called.

Gonzalez's match suspension left the Steers with just one win in the boys' division. Chad Bowles won his match, 7-6 (7-5), 1-6, 10-8, against a player who had defeated Bowles handily last year in singles play.

Two other boys' singles players — Jeremy Langford and Matt Garza — took their competition into three sets, but fell short. Langford also played a three setter in a

doubles match with teammate Jonathan Womack, but fell, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 10-7.

On the girls' side, Big Spring won five of the eight completed matches. Brittany Farmer, Kristina Chang and Shayla Drake each won in straight sets.

Farmer teamed with Brandy Rigdon earlier in the day to also win a doubles match in straight sets. Brionna Palmer and Keely Parnell also combined for a straight sets victory in doubles. Chang teamed with Gonzalez for a straight sets win in mixed doubles.

Big Spring Coach Dana Jones is happy with the way the team has continued to

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BSHS netters fall in four sets

Lady Steers take opening set, Greenwood cruises in final 3

Herald Staff Report

Whatever sport is being played, momentum must be capitalized upon.

Big Spring's Lady Steers (4-22) continued to struggle with that concept Saturday as they dropped their 14th consecutive match Saturday, losing to Midland Greenwood's Rangerettes in four sets, 23-25, 25-9, 25-17, 25-9.

The Lady Steers held the early advantage, using superior play at the net to earn a 25-23 win in the first set. Big Spring was down 9-5 at one point in the match, but fought back to win.

Unfortunately, the momentum earned with the come-from-behind victory couldn't be sustained by the Lady Steers as Greenwood simply rolled through the next three sets.

"We played very well in the first game. We hit well and our defense had it easy because of our play at the net," said Lady Steers Head Coach Meghan Blake. "I don't know if we were satisfied winning one game or if we just don't know how to carry over the momentum, but we weren't the same team in the final three sets. We came back and won a close match in the

first set. We had a lot of energy and played with confidence. We have to learn to turn that switch on constantly throughout a match.

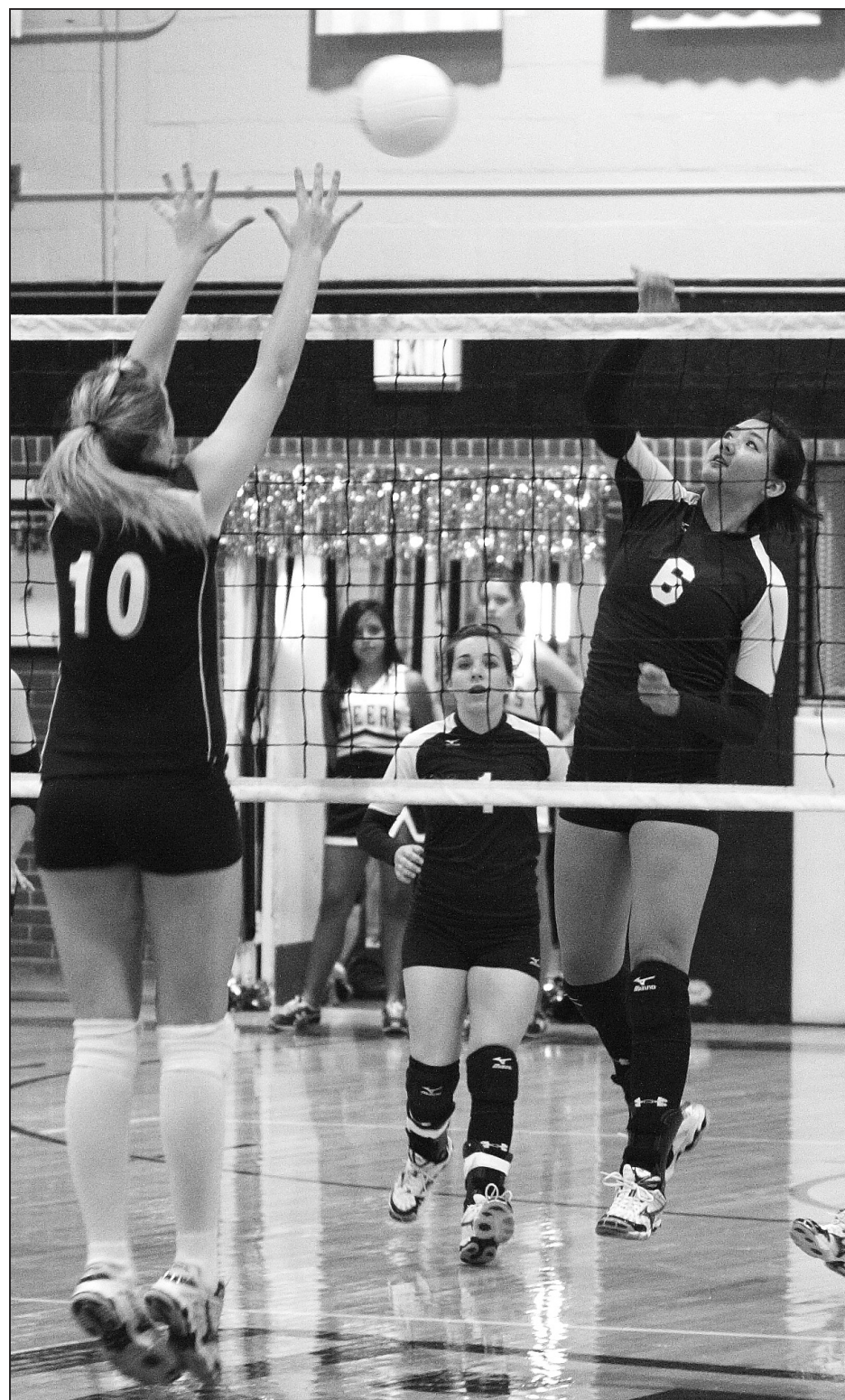
"We got aced way too many times in the last three games," Blake continued. "Even if we dug one of their serves, we didn't do anything with it. Anyone watching could tell Game 1 was much different than the last three. The first set was probably the best we have played all season."

Big Spring recorded 11 blocks in the match with a majority of them coming in the first set. Andrea Claxton led the team with three, while Desiree Anderson recorded 2.5 and Macy Graves had two.

Graves also had five kills to lead the team. Claxton and Halee Thomas each recorded four kills. Cerbi Ritchey completed 15 assists and senior libero Baylea Fox led the squad with seven digs.

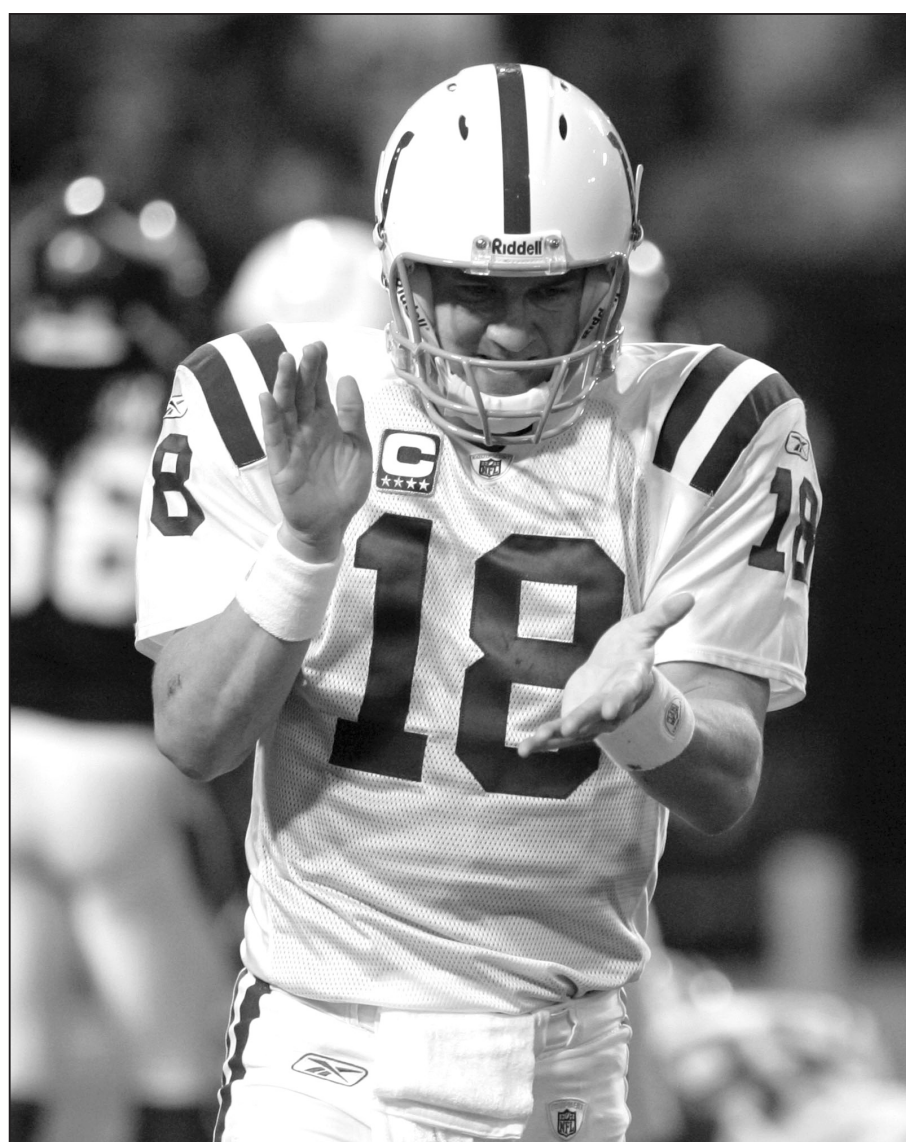
The Lady Steers attempt to break their losing streak at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, hosting Miles in Steer Gym. Big Spring lost the Miles earlier this season in a four-set shootout played in Colorado City, 25-17, 23-25, 25-17, 27-25.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Andrea Claxton (6) attempts to tip the ball past a Midland Greenwood defender Saturday in volleyball action at Steer Gym. The Lady Steers fell in four sets to Greenwood.



AP photo/Jim Mone

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning celebrates his touchdown pass to wide receiver Reggie Wayne in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the Minnesota Vikings Sunday in Minneapolis. The Colts came from behind to win 18-15.

Delhomme, Manning pull off 4th quarter comebacks

By The Associated Press

For Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, engineering fourth-quarter comebacks has become almost routine during his career.

For Jake Delhomme, it's becoming commonplace this season for the surprising Panthers.

Manning led Indianapolis back from a 15-0, second-half deficit, and the Colts edged the Vikings 18-15 on Adam Vinatieri's 47-yard field goal with 3 seconds left on Sunday.

Avoiding his first 0-2 start since his rookie season in 1998, Manning zinged a 20-yard pass on third-and-9 to Reggie Wayne up the seam before Vinatieri — who uncharacteristically missed a 30-yarder earlier — kicked the game-winner.

"That's one of the most satisfying wins I've had, definitely, since I've been in Indianapolis," coach Tony Dungy said. "It wasn't the most artistic, and I told the team we've got a lot of glass-half-empty, glass-half-full stuff, but I was very, very proud of our effort."

The Vikings (0-2) wasted more of their defense, done in by a handful of critical laps-

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es and repeated failure to figure out that pesky forward pass. Adrian Peterson rushed for 118 of his 160 yards in the first half, and Minnesota was across midfield on its first eight possessions.

The prize for that? Five field goals by Ryan Longwell and three punts.

"It's real frustrating," said wide receiver Bernard Berrian, who had no catches. "It's kind of embarrassing, actually, to go out there and just have field goals all day. We're moving the ball up and down the field, really, at will. ... The defense played their hearts out today. They did everything they could. I mean, they really handed us the game and we blew it."

Manning hasn't looked his usual sharp self this September following summer knee sur-

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gery. He finished 26-for-42 for 311 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

In other games, it was Green Bay 48, Detroit 25; the New York Giants 41, St. Louis 13; Oakland 23, Kansas City 8; Carolina 20, Chicago 17; Washington 29, New Orleans 24; Tennessee 24, Cincinnati 7; Buffalo 20, Jacksonville 16; San Francisco 33, Seattle 30, OT; Tampa Bay 24, Atlanta 9; New England 19, the New York Jets 10; Arizona 31, Miami 10; Denver 39, San Diego 38; and Pittsburgh 10, Cleveland 6.

On Monday night, Philadelphia is at Dallas.

Jonathan Stewart rushed for all but one of his 77 yards in the second half and scored two touchdowns, including the go-ahead TD late in the fourth quarter, and the Panthers stopped the Bears (1-1) on fourth-and-1 with less than 2 minutes left in the 20-17 win.

The Panthers (2-0) scored the game's final 17 points, recovering from a mistake-prone first half, behind their improved defense.

After going 7-9 without Delhomme last season, the Panthers stunned San Diego last week with Delhomme's touchdown pass on the final play.

Jason Campbell, Aaron Rodgers, Trent Edwards and Jay Cutler also led their teams to impressive comeback wins on Sunday.

Redskins 29, Saints 24

Jason Campbell went from uncomfortable to prolific, completing 24 of 36 passes for 321 yards in a victory over visiting New Orleans.

The big play came with 3:29 left and the Redskins trailing 24-22. Campbell avoided the rush, stepped forward and hit Santana Moss in stride, the receiver one step ahead of cornerback Tracy Porter, for a 67-yard touchdown.

The completion was the lone

gest of Campbell's career. Moss finished with seven catches for 164 yards for the Redskins (1-1).

Reggie Bush returned a punt 55 yards for a touchdown that gave the Saints (1-1) a 24-15 lead at the end of the third quarter. But Clinton Portis' second touchdown of the game — an 8-yard run — and the strike from Campbell to Moss more than erased the deficit.

Packers 48, Lions 25

Aaron Rodgers threw three touchdown passes in the first four drives of his second start, helping Green Bay (2-0) build a big lead in a win over host Detroit.

Green Bay led 21-0 midway through the second quarter, but fell behind by a point with 7:41 left after Calvin Johnson caught his second TD in the fourth quarter. The Packers went back ahead with a field goal on the ensuing drive, then turned the game into the rout it had been for much of the day with three straight interceptions.

Charles Woodson and Nick Collins returned two of the picks for touchdowns. Rodgers was 24-of-38 for 328 yards.

Bills 20, Jaguars 16

Trent Edwards completed his first 10 attempts and threw a perfect touchdown pass to James Hardy late in the fourth quarter, as the visiting Bills beat beleaguered Jacksonville.

Edwards finished 20-of-25 for 239 yards, Marshawn Lynch ran for 59 yards and a score, and Buffalo's defense held Jacksonville in check most of the day.

The Jaguars (0-2) are off to their worst start since 2003.

Buffalo (2-0) had just four offensive plays in the third quarter — a commanding 15 minutes for the Jags that gave them the lead and nearly the game.

Broncos 39, Chargers 38

Showing ultimate confidence in his offense, Mike Shanahan

went for a 2-point conversion with 29 seconds left and Jay Cutler hit rookie Eddie Royal over the middle to give host Denver a win.

The Chargers (0-2) lost in the final seconds for the second straight week.

Trailing 38-31, the Broncos (2-0) reached the 1 but on third-and-goal, Cutler reared back to throw and the ball slipped out of his hands, bounced off the grass and into linebacker Tim Dobbins' hands.

But referee Ed Hochuli blew his whistle, apparently ruling it an incomplete pass. After a review, Hochuli said that the Broncos would keep the ball because his whistle had blown the play dead. The Broncos got the ball at the 10, where it had hit the grass out of Cutler's hands.

Two plays later, Cutler hit Royal for the TD to make it 38-37.

Instead of going for the tie, however, Shanahan kept his offense on the field and Cutler again found Royal for the win.

LADY STEERS

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Blake is hopeful the strong play in the first match against Miles will give the team confi-

dence Tuesday.

"I'm hoping the way we played Miles the first time around will really help us Tuesday," she said. "We played up to them and probably should have won that match. If we can block the way we did today, we're going to do

pretty good. Miles is scrappy, but that means they can wear down pretty quick. If we can push their hits back onto their side of the court, then they're going to get tired and we'll have a big advantage."

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compete.

"There's been great improvement," Jones said. "There were some close matches on the boys side and we continue to get good play from our girls' doubles and mixed doubles teams. We're still

experimenting a little with line-ups before moving into district play."

District play starts Sept. 27 against defending Class 5A champion Abilene Cooper. Cooper moved into the 4A ranks this year.

Big Spring's next match is Tuesday at Andrews. The Steers were in action in a four-team tournament in Sweetwater

Saturday. Results were not available at press time.

Results (Big Spring players listed first)

Girls singles
Brittany Farmer def. Martinez, 6-1, 6-4
Kristina Change def. Wesson, 7-5, 6-1
Shayla Drake def. Cochran, 6-2, 6-3
Brionna Palmer lost to Payne, 6-2, 6-2
Leslie Cash lost to Chhuor, 7-5, 6-4
Alyssa Byrd was trailing Harlan, 7-6 (7-5), susp. due to rain

Girls doubles
Brandy Rigdon/Farmer def. Martinez/

Midland Greenwood defeated Big Spring 23-25, 25-9, 25-17, 25-9

Kills - Macy Graves 5, Andrea Claxton 4, Hallee Thomas 4, Belle Feaster 2, Desiree Anderson 1.

Assists - Cerbi Ritchey 15, Valerie Ross 1.

Wesson, 6-1, 6-4
Keely Parnell/Palmer def. Cochran/Payne, 6-2, 7-5
Byrd/Cash lost to Reed/Chhuor, 6-3, 6-0

Boys singles
Mike Gonzalez led Steward, 7-5, 5-5, sups. due to rain
Jeremy Langford lost to Strayhorn, 6-4, 1-6, 10-7
C.J. Burleson lost to Lee, 6-3, 6-0
Matt Garza lost to McClung, 6-3, 4-6, 10-6
Chad Bowles def. Velasquez, 7-6 (7-5), 1-6, 10-8

Digs - Baylea Fox 7, Ross 3, Sloan Davis 3, Ritchey 2, Thomas 2, Anderson 1.

Blocks - Claxton 3, Anderson 2.5, Graves 2, Ritchey 1.5, Feaster 1, Thomas 1.

Aces - Feaster 1, Anderson 1, Ross 1.

Tyler McKinley lost to Yruegas, 6-2, 6-1
Seth Yarbar lost to Parsons, 6-2, 6-1

Boys doubles
Langford/Jonathan Womack lost to Stewart/McClung, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 10-7
Garza/Burleson lost to Strayhorn/Lee, 6-2, 6-4
Bowles/McKinley lost to Velasquez/Parsons, 7-6, 6-4

Mixed doubles
Chang/Gonzalez def. Porter/Stewart, 6-2, 6-2
Ryan/Drake won their match


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Efforts increase to preserve 'family forests'

By **STEPHANIE REITZ**
Associated Press Writer

NORFOLK, Conn. (AP) — Dan Donahue likes to say that forestry isn't rocket science.

It's a lot more complicated than that. "There's a lot about rocket science that's been figured out, but forests are subject to the intricate web of life: the interactions of plants, animals, sun, air, you name it," said Donahue, director of land protection at the Norcross Wildlife Foundation in Monson, Mass.

That complexity is why he and other Northeast foresters are increasingly being called on by private landowners to help them manage their wooded acreage, commonly called "family forests."

Many of the owners have civic motives, wanting to protect their forests and ensure that invasive plant species and insects do not get a foothold. Others are curious about whether they can harvest timber without hurting their forests, tap their maples for sap or improve the wildlife habitat for hunting and nature-watching.

The region's foresters are encouraging the interest with outreach programs, on-site assessments and other services. All intended to make the satisfaction of preserving the land outweigh the financial lure of selling it to developers.

That's especially important in the Northeast, where the majority of forested land is held by private landowners rather than the state and federal governments.

In much of New England, including Connecticut and Massachusetts, about 80 percent of forested land is in the hands of private owners. Nationally, it is just below 50 percent.

Donahue, who lives in Ashford, said many well-intentioned forest owners do not have the expertise to spot invasive plants and pests that could ravage their property and move on to nearby parcels.

In Connecticut, experts with the state Department of Environmental Protection and the University of Connecticut's Cooperative Extension System work with owners of family forests to answer those questions every day.

Nearby, experts from the University of Massachusetts have the same conversations with landowners throughout the Bay State. Many say they bought the land for privacy, recreation and the aesthetics of nature, said Paul Catanzaro, a forest resources specialist at UMass-Amherst.

"They don't often think about their land and actively make plans for it because on a day-to-day basis, it meets their needs," he said.

There's nothing wrong with that, he said, since even the wildest forests remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, absorb air pollutants, filter water runoff and other benefits.

However, Catanzaro and others urge owners of family forests to make plans for what they want to happen to the land when it passes to future generations.

That's especially important because the average age of forest landowners in the U.S. and New England is over 60, he said. Those who inherit the land will decide whether it remains forested or is developed, unless preservation plans are set in motion now.

"When that dust settles in 20 or 30 years, we'll see what we have left in terms of forests and what ecosystem benefits they still provide," Catanzaro said.

Some forest owners already are making those plans.

Bill and Ann Rawstron, who own 101 acres in Northborough, Mass., already have placed more than half into a permanent conservation trust. They also hired a licensed forester a few years ago whose "stewardship plan" for the entire property involved cutting some trees that were blocking sunlight and choking out new growth.

Now, the healthy older trees that were saved are part of a landscape blanketed with new growth, all of which is home to deer, beaver, river otters, fisher cats, coyotes and innumerable birds.

"We bought it because we really believed that rather than being developed, it should be open land for us and others to enjoy," Bill Rawstron said. "We're happy with what we've done, and we think it was the right thing to do in terms of helping the environment."

That process also is being used at places such as the Great Mountain Forest in Norfolk, Conn., a 6,000-acre forest in the state's far northwest corner.

Its history dates to almost 100 years ago when Starling W. Childs and Sen. Frederick Walcott bought a few parcels of land, hoping to prove wildlife habitat could be restored in a forest that had been repeatedly cut and burned for charcoal.

Decades of work by generations of foresters has helped restore much of its former glory. It's been under professional forestry management since the 1950s, when Childs' son, Edward "Ted" Childs, was an early pioneer in regional forest conservation efforts.

Today, it is run by a nonprofit, has two full-time foresters and its founder's grandson, forester Starling W. "Star" Childs, is president of its board.

The fact that land once ravaged to get charcoal can eventually return to a verdant forest of varying trees, animals and birds makes Childs an enthusiastic apostle for forest management.

"People ask me all the time, 'You're a forester? But what do you do? Doesn't a forest just grow by itself?'" Childs said. "I say, 'Yes, but you can make it better than it otherwise would be.'"

On the Net:
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Today's harvest full moon plays with our minds as the evening's moon illusion hangs extra low in the night sky. Pisces energies are resonant with our intuitive insights, suggesting that the answers we seek may come in the form of premonitions, hunches or dreams. This year's harvest is the wealth of spiritual consciousness — available right now.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You may have signed up for a little too much, but you're rising to the occasion. It is possible to cultivate naive enthusiasm, and you should definitely try. All you have to do is ignore your inner cynic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Nothing seems too remarkable about a circumstance that will endear itself to your heart. The moment will be unforgettable for reasons you don't understand. It will all make sense in retrospect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you've been wondering when you'll meet that life-changing person, today offers the best chance of the month. Get out and be friendly. Someone has been waiting to meet you, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your moods are difficult for a loved one to read. You might be smiling and talking casually about your day when inwardly you're stressing about something. Confide in a supportive friend or write in your journal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). An investment is dubious. Get into the details and poke around a bit. You may or may not find out what's wrong with the deal, but you'll firm up your decision to find an arrangement that feels better to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are so many distractions that it's hard to remember what the main event is supposed to be. Give your attention sparingly. Allow others to handle their own situation while you stick to yours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Not everyone is going to love the way you do things. You could find out about a review that's less than favorable. It helps to remember the ones who are wild about you — they are the ones that matter most, anyhow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Though it's important to have good information, know that even straight facts can be misleading. Instead, use your emotional center as your compass. Do what feels right and you'll wind up in the perfect place for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Dare to delve into that mysterious stack of papers. Therein lies many missing bits of information that will make your life easier once found. You have the wherewithal to process heaps of things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). Your friends may not lend the assistance or attention you were expecting, but they still give something. You can accept the gestures you're given knowing that others really are doing their best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Honesty is virtue, but so is minding one's own business. You'll be walking a fine line. Knowing when to tell the truth and when to be silent makes you a social genius.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone you made friends with long ago could act in a way that causes you to question the relationship. Most issues you encounter can be worked through, but you have to ask yourself, is it worth it?

THE EGYPTIAN ZODIAC: Astrology goes way back, the first horoscope wheel dating to ancient Egypt. It was also the Egyptians who originated the practice of "daily horoscopes" in their own news papyrus (paper).

However, there were several key differences in horoscope readers and horoscopes then and now. Ancient Egyptians always followed the astrologer's advice! This probably stemmed from the fact that all astrologers were priests, so horoscopes were regarded as divine directives.

Also, Egyptian astrology followed a special calendar, not as astronomical. Sun-sign astrology as we know it only evolved after Romans expanded in scientific knowledge. Finally, only pharaohs had personal access to astrologers.

Subsequently, democratic Rome was responsible for making astrology accessible to all. Wonder what would your ancient horoscope look like?

Upon opening the morning edition of your local papyrus you'd discover several things: if the day is very favorable, favorable, adverse or very adverse; a myth surrounding the day, and finally advice. An actual horoscope in a current Egyptian newspaper reads like this: day: very unfavorable. Today was the day that the offering to Sobek was taken away. Do not eat fish. More on the Egyptian zodiac tomorrow.

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Yet she also has Venus in Libra, a partnership sign. With the right partner, Jada's power to shine is more brightly magnified.

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