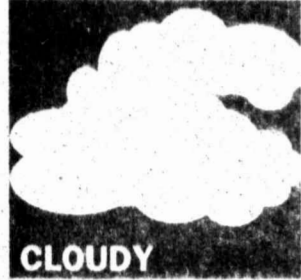


MONDAY

September 27, 2004

**WEATHER**

**Tonight:**



**CLOUDY**

**TONIGHT 63°-64° TOMORROW 82°-83°**

**BRIEFLY**

**BSSH schedules candidate forums featuring Sharp, incumbent Laney**

Candidates for State Representative District 85 will attend receptions and forums scheduled for Sept. 30 and Oct. 7 at Big Spring State Hospital.

The forums are being hosted by the state hospital and the Texas Public Employee Association.

Kent Sharp, R-Big Spring, will attend the Sept. 30 session from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

State Rep. Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, will attend the Oct. 7 session, which will also be from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Both receptions and forums will be held in the state hospital's Allred Building Auditorium.

A question and answer session is scheduled.

Topics to be discussed include legislative issues, pay raises, insurance benefits, retirement and privatization.

State employees are invited to attend the forum, which is a come-and-go affair. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact local TPEA President Gloria Feddersen. She can be reached by calling (432) 267-8216.

Other local TPEA officers include Rick Foster, vice president; Melinda Gonzales, secretary; Joelda Garza, treasurer; and Woody Jumper, the group's president-elect who takes office in September of 2005.

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## Council to give final approval of tax hike

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will meet Tuesday to consider final reading of a 3-cent tax hike, as well as consider final reading of a resolution that would limit the amount of time a city employee could draw workman's compensation benefits.

The proposed tax rate of 71.787 cents per \$100 valuation found unanimous approval during first reading by the council, a figure 3 cents higher than the 2004 effective rate of 68.787. It's slightly more than 3 cents above the current-year tax rate, which is 68.63 cents.

*"I think not only has the council studied this, but the city manager and his people have studied this and found what's best for the city. I think the city of Big Spring has spoken as well by not speaking out. I think they have a little faith in us now — that we can do a good job as far as running the city and doing what's right for the citizens."*



**JUMPER**

A recent public hearing concerning the tax hike drew no comments from area residents, a silence Councilman Woody Jumper said he believes has been earned through hard work and

diligence on the part of the council.

"I think not only has the council studied this, but the city manager and his people have studied this and found what's best for the

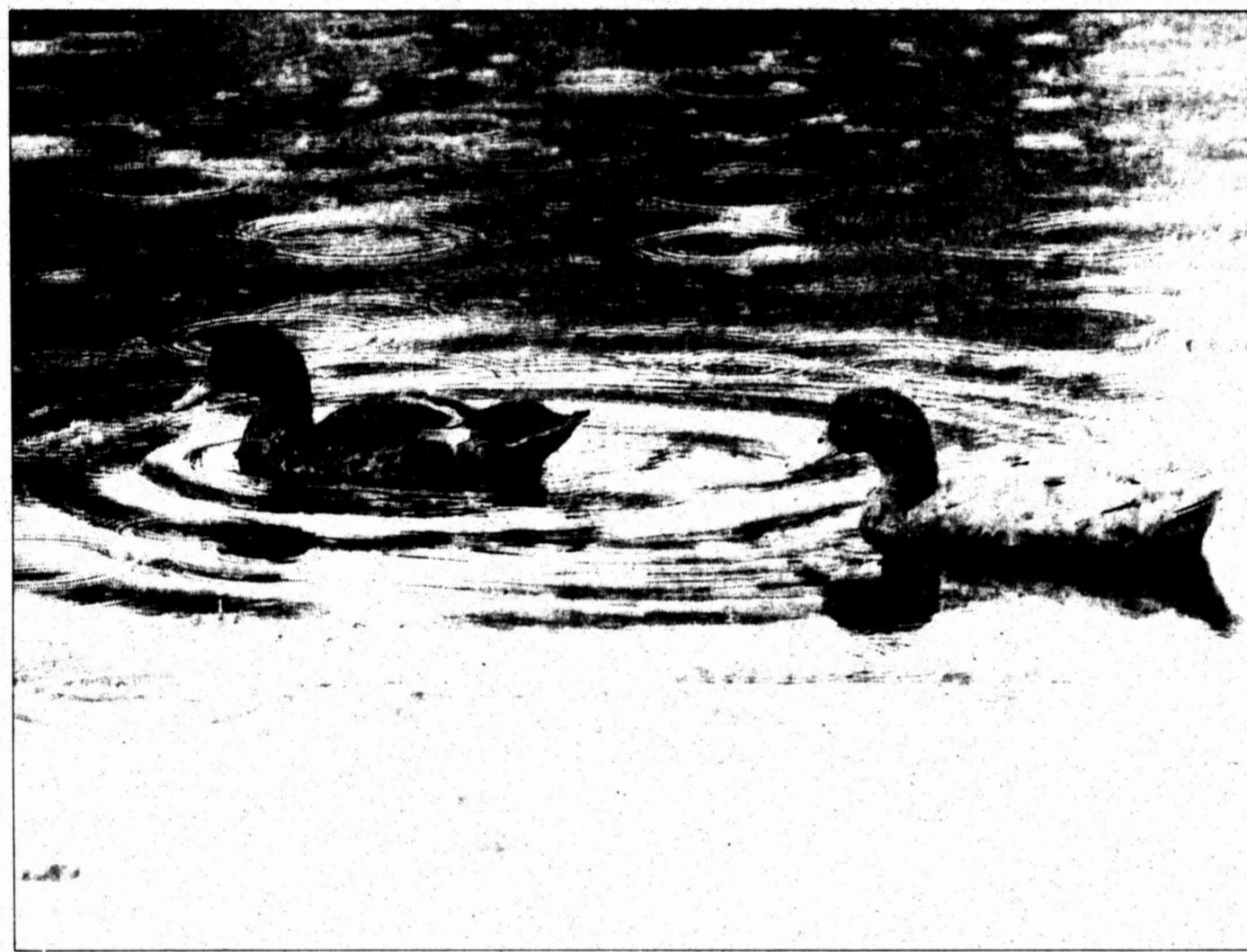
city," said Jumper. "I think the city of Big Spring has spoken as well by not speaking out. I think they have a little faith in us now — that we can do a good job as far as running the city and doing what's right for the citizens."

The council is also expected to consider final reading of resolutions amending Chapter VIII of the city's personnel policies and procedures adding Section 11, entitled "Injury Leave," certainly didn't.

The amendment, which passed by a 4-3 vote during the Sept. 14 council meeting, would limit the

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## THEIR KIND OF WEATHER



While area residents continue to scurry for cover from the rain today, these feathered friends at Comanche Trail Lake take a leisurely swim. According to U.S. Department of Agriculture officials, the Howard County area received 3 inches of rain over the weekend and can expect more with an 80 percent chance of more today.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

## Cooking school will make its return

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Hold on to your taste buds and get out your spatulas — the nationally renowned Taste of Home Cooking School is coming to Big Spring.

Part of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Crossroads Cuisine and Business Expo slated for Oct. 21, the Taste of Home Cooking School, led by economist Tamra Duncan, will be making its third appearance in Big Spring.

"They've been in Big Spring two times in the past,"

said Chamber Director Debbye Valverde. "The last time was during the program we had scheduled for Sept. 11, 2001. Of course, that had to be canceled and rescheduled, and due to the rescheduling, we didn't have the attendance that we had hoped for."

"The Taste of Home Cooking people decided to give Big Spring another shot and we're looking to see if our attendance will grow this time around. We won't be competing with Midland and Odessa, both of which have the school annually, and we feel like we'll have a good turnout."

Duncan is one of 13 demonstrators that host the cooking school promotions in communities from coast to coast. Based in Greendale, Wis., the cooking schools are associated with Taste of Home, the world's most popular cooking magazine.

This season, Duncan will demonstrate ways to spice up your everyday meals with various seasonings. She will introduce several new grocery products and offer unique serving techniques, as well as demonstrate 12 featured recipes.

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## Storm

**Jeanne leaves swath of destruction as it moves to the north**

By **MIKE SCHNEIDER**

Associated Press Writer

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Hurricane Jeanne tore a fresh path of destruction and despair as it marched up storm-ravaged Florida, where the fourth major hurricane in six weeks shut down much of the state and prompted recovery plans on a scale never before seen in the nation.

At least six people died in the storm, which plowed across Florida's midsection in a virtual rerun for many residents still trying to regroup from hurricanes that have crisscrossed the Southeast since mid-August.

"Once again, we're facing a hurricane/tropical storm that's just wreaking havoc wherever it goes," FEMA director Mike Brown told CBS' "The Early Show" Monday. "We have some people in Florida who have been hit two or three times now by these hurricanes. They have to be miserable right now."

Rocketing debris scattered in earlier storms, Jeanne came ashore around midnight Saturday with 120 mph wind, striking its first blow in the same area hit three weeks ago by Hurricane Frances. It remained at tropical storm strength with winds of 45 mph when its center moved over Georgia on Monday morning, but was expected to weaken into a tropical depression later in the day.

It had moved east of the Panhandle, where 70,000 homes and businesses remained without power because of Hurricane Ivan less than two weeks ago.

"Adversity makes us strong. This dynamic state will return," Gov. Jeb Bush said at the Indian River County emergency operations center Sunday, where nearly all of the county was without

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A bulldozer goes about the task of demolishing the old buildings located behind the East Fourth Street Baptist Church on Saturday. Earlier in the day members of the church worked to take usable equipment from the buildings.

HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss

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## Obituaries

## Sylvia Ann Hernandez

Sylvia Ann Hernandez, 37, of Fort Worth, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday afternoon, Sept. 25, 2004, following an automobile accident near Jackson, Miss. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take note

↳ **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS "HEAVEN'S GATE AND HELL'S FLAMES"** a dramatized, real life presentation at 7 p.m. today and Tuesday. Admission is free and a nursery and children's ministry is provided. Call 267-8223 for more information.

↳ **WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES IS SPONSORING COMMUNITY MEETINGS** at 10 a.m. Tuesday and Oct. 7 in the Howard County Library Community Room. Tuesday the program will be presented by Victim Services, and Oct. 7 the program will be 2-1-1 by Michael Chase. Call WTO at 267-9536 for more information.

↳ **FORSAN SCHOOL BAND WILL PERFORM IN WASHINGTON D.C. JULY 4, 2005**, by special invitation, representing Texas. Funds are needed to cover the \$145,000 cost of the trip. Donations are being accepted at the First Bank of West Texas, account name Forsan Band Trip. Contact Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson or band directors Jim Rhodes and Jeremy Higgenbotham at 457-2223.

↳ **DONATIONS OF GARAGE SALE ITEMS** are being accepted for a benefit sale for Cathy Kinman Oct. 1-2. Mrs. Kinman has completed cancer treatment and is cancer free. The sale is to help with continued expenses. Bring donations to the house behind the Knott station or call 353-4417.

↳ **THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY CHORUS REHEARSALS** have changed to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church choir room.

↳ **THE BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** is seeking vendors to reserve booths for the "Crossroads Cuisine and Business Expo Featuring the Taste of Home Cooking," set for Oct. 21. Contact the chamber at 263-7641 to reserve a booth or to purchase a ticket to the event.

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

↳ **A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME** has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.

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

## Weather

Today — Rain and scattered thunderstorms. Rain may be heavy at times. Highs in the mid 70s. Light and variable winds. Chance of rain 100 percent.

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with rain likely and scattered thunderstorms. Lows near 60. Light and variable winds. Chance of rain 70 percent.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. Light and variable winds in the morning becoming northeast near 10 mph in the afternoon.

Tuesday night — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Northeast winds near 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable after midnight.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 80. Light and variable winds.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 80.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Friday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 80.

Friday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

Saturday — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 80.

Saturday night — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-6-7-15-36. Bonus Ball: 9. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$9 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-7-21-23-28. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 2-7-5

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon: 6-6-9

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today:

- **DANIEL RIOS**, 18, of 710 Creighton Street, was arrested Saturday on two local warrants.
- **RICKY YANEZ**, 19, of 1603 Lincoln, was arrested Saturday on a Howard County warrant.
- **ABRAM AGUILAR**, 42, of 1201 Lamar, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JESSE RAY MARTIN**, 24, of 6805 N. Service Road, was arrested Sunday on a local capias warrant.
- **STONEY CASSELMAN**, 42, of 1016 E. 21st Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of interference with a police officer.
- **DENZEL ROSS MURPHY**, 34, of 2500 Ent, was arrested Monday on a Rains County warrant.
- **SUZANNE MICHELLE MURPHY**, 39, of 2500 Ent, was arrested Monday on a Hopkins County warrant.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 4200 block of Birch.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported:
  - in the 1700 block of Purdue.
  - in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** was reported in the 1000 block of 21st Street.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 200 block of Marcy.
  - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
  - in the 2300 block of Wasson.
  - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
  - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1900 block of Main Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3600 block of Hamilton.
- **RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION** was reported in the 100 block of Third Street.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **RUBEN CISNEROS**, 28, was arrested Friday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less, no Class C driver's license and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **RUBEN LEE TREVINO**, 26, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.
- **COLTON REESE NORWOOD**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on an Ector County warrant for phone harassment.
- **JOHNNY GREEN**, 41, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a capias warrant for theft.
- **FREDRICO MARTINEZ JR.**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.
- **ELISEO PEREZ**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of unlawfully carrying a weapon and possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.
- **JOHN RAYMOND CAZARES**, 27, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- **IRMA CANO DAWSON**, 42, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DONNA LEA POTTER**, 44, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **STEVEN RODRIGUEZ**, 33, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.
- **JAMEY JOHNSON**, 41, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **FRANKLIN KYLE CASEY**, 43, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- **JOSE MENDOZA GUTIERREZ**, 21, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.
- **DANIEL ADAM WARD**, 18, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.
- **RICKY BOB YANEZ**, 19, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of criminal mischief.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 200 block of W. Robinson Road.
- **VANDALISM** was reported in the 9000 block of Jay Road.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 4100 block of Beechnut and the 3900 block of Gail Highway.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 7700 block of the I-20 S. Service Road.

## Support groups

## MONDAY

↳ All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels. Enter through the north door. Covered dish dinner. Call 398-5522 for more information.

## TUESDAY

↳ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

## 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.

↳ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 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

## TODAY

- Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
- Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

## TUESDAY

- Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
- West Texas Opportunities community meeting featuring a presentation by Victim Services at 10 a.m. in the community room of the Howard County Library.
- United Way luncheon at 11:30 a.m. in Garrett Hall First United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$10. Call 267-5201.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
- Communitywide Payer at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.
- The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

## WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center at the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

## THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- West Texas Pachyderms will host State Senator Kel Seliger as the program speaker at their regular meeting at noon in the Big Spring Country Club. All interested persons are invited to attend.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

## FRIDAY

- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Downtown Lions Club annual hamburger supper from 5-7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School cafeteria. \$6 per person.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited.

## SATURDAY

- Moss Lake Clean Up sponsored by Keep Big Spring Beautiful. Call 263-4607 or 213-5444 information.
- Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between 3 p.m. and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.
- Sue Bagwell Art Exhibit from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Heritage Museum. Call 267-8255.
- Big Spring Symphony and Chorale performance at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.

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## Statist

By KENDRA WIS

Staff Writer

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Valverde said not only a tremendous for area retailers to sell products, but cooking ent pick up a few — not to mention great freebies. "Admission audience will with that y sample what participating have to off course the said ValVerd will be full from nationwide as well as local.

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# Statistics show women earn more bachelor's degrees than men

By KENDRA WISS  
Staff Writer

Since 1982, women have earned more than half of all bachelor's degrees awarded. The number of bachelor's degrees earned by women has more than doubled from 364,100 in 1971 to 742,100 in 2002.

Although it's a two-year school, Howard College also follows this trend in its degree programs. "In the Fall of 2001, graduates were made up of 59 percent women and 41 per-

cent men," said Mike Yeater, the college's director of educational support. Half of the undergraduates who start at a public two-year institution with the intention of obtaining a bachelor's degree and about one-fourth of those who start with an associate's degree goal transfer to a four-year institution within six years.

"After the first two years, women are more likely to go on to complete their bachelor's degrees than their male counterparts," Yeater said. Although women still trail men in some fields, the number and proportion of bachelor's degrees earned by women has increased significantly in the past 30 years. Women earned 43 percent of all bachelor's degrees in 1971, but every year since 1982, they've earned at least half of all bachelor's degrees awarded. In 2002, women were awarded 57 percent of all bachelor's

degrees nationwide. Some traditionally female-dominated fields such as the health professions, education, English and performing arts, have remained so, with women earning the majority of degrees in 1971 and 2002. In other fields, such as psychology, communications, life sciences and business, women earned less than half the degrees awarded in 1971, but earned at least half of all bachelor's degrees in these fields by 2002.

In 2002, women still earned less than half of the bachelor's degrees awarded in the traditionally male-dominated fields of mathematics (47 percent), agriculture and natural resources (46 percent), physical sciences (42 percent), computer and information sciences (28 percent) and engineering (21 percent). Women have also made gains at the graduate level. In 2002, women earned 59 percent of master's degrees awarded, compared with 50 percent in 1985 and 40 percent in 1971, according to the Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics. The Condition of Education 2004.

For more information about educational statistics, go to <http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe>.  
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power and residents were told to boil tap water before drinking it to avoid contaminants.

Jeanne ripped off roofs, left stop lights dangling precariously, destroyed a deserted community center in Jensen Beach and flooded some bridges from the mainland to barrier islands straddling the Atlantic coast. About 2.3 million homes and businesses were without power.

Florida was the first state to withstand a four-hurricane pounding in one season since Texas in 1886.

"We fix it and nature destroys it and we fix it again," said Rockledge bar owner Franco Zavaroni, who opened his tavern to seven friends who spread mattresses on the floor among the pool tables to ride out the storm.

Martin County Commissioner Doug Smith said Monday that

Jeanne left few buildings in his county unscarred because Frances had weakened them and subsequent rain connected to Hurricane Ivan had saturated the ground. "Everything has been compromised to some extent," Smith told NBC's "Today" show. "We have lost a lot more structures this time."

Rain sprayed sideways when Jeanne's eye struck land. By 8 a.m. Monday, the center of the storm was over Moultrie in southwestern Georgia. It was moving north-northwest near 12 mph and was expected to turn to the north-northeast.

About 50 homes in Valdosta, Ga., in the south-central part of the state, were evacuated early Monday because of flooding. Jeanne was dumping about 6 inches of rain on the area, according to the National Weather Service.

Georgia Power reported about 20,000 customers without power Monday morning. About 760 peo-

ple stayed in the 24 Red Cross shelters had set up Sunday night, said Lisa Ray, spokeswoman for the Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

President Bush declared a major disaster area in Florida while officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency said the hurricanes represented the largest relief effort in the agency's history, larger than the response to the 1994 earthquake in the Northridge section of Los Angeles.

"We just somehow have to get as much relief to them as possible to show them that we're going to be right there with them, that we haven't abandoned them," said Brown.

More than 3,000 National Guard troops were deployed to aid relief efforts. Several counties, including Palm Beach and St. Lucie planned to open distribution sites Monday morning, but the plans were contingent on water and ice supplies being deliv-

ered as scheduled by federal officials.

Charley was a faster storm when it hammered Florida's southwest coast Aug. 13; Frances blanketed much of the peninsula after striking the state's Atlantic coast Sept. 5; and Ivan blasted the western Panhandle when it made landfall Sept. 16. The three storms caused billions of dollars in damage and killed at least 73 people in Florida alone.

Jeanne was a Category 3 hurricane when it made landfall at Hutchinson Island, 35 miles north of West Palm Beach.

Once inland, the 400-mile wide storm stretched across the state, passing northeast of Tampa and moving east of the Panhandle. Officials at the National Hurricane Center in Miami said the similar paths of Jeanne and Frances were possibly unprecedented.

At least 21 Florida county school districts canceled classes on Monday, including St. Lucie County, where schools

had not reopened since Frances struck.

Police in St. Lucie rescued five families when the hurricane's eye passed over late Saturday, including a couple in their 90s in wheelchairs whose mobile home collapsed around them, emergency operations spokeswoman Linette Trabulsi said.

A Coast Guard helicopter crew found two fishermen who had radioed a mayday after failing to reach port Sunday in their vessel, The Rogue. The men were rescued early Monday from a life raft off Anclote Key, about 25 miles northwest of Tampa. They were examined by medical personnel and released, officials said.

At Cape Canaveral, the third hurricane to hit NASA's spaceport in just over a month blew out more panels and left more gaping holes in the massive shuttle assembly building.

The toll from the latest storm extended as far

north as Daytona Beach and south to Miami, where one person was electrocuted after touching a downed power line. Two people died when their sport utility vehicle plunged into a lake south of Boca Raton.

A 15-year-old boy was pinned by a falling tree Sunday and died in Clay County southwest of Jacksonville. And in Brevard County, a man was found dead in a ditch in what police called an apparent drowning. In nearby Micco, a 60-year-old man was found dead after a hurricane party at a home. He was found lying in water after the house had flooded; police said the death may be alcohol-related or the man may have drowned.

"I never want to go through this again," said 8-year-old Katie Waskiewicz, who checked out the fallen trees and broken roof tiles in her Palm Beach Gardens neighborhood after bearing the storm with her family.

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number of days a city employee could draw their full salary while on workman's compensation to 60 days. The limitation came as a stark contrast to the current system, which doesn't have a limit, and the statute followed by civil servants which allows for one year.

Mayor Russ McEwen said he's in favor of limiting the amount of time city employees can draw their full salary, opposed to the standard 70 percent that workman's compensation pays, but doesn't see the gap between civil service and non-civil service as fair.

"Because of civil service there is one set of rules for a segment of the employee population, and I feel we should do the

same thing for everyone," said McEwen. "If what we have to do is more liberal than the other, then I'd like to be able to treat all city employees the same way."

"The way it is done right now, civil service employees have a year by statute, while other employees had unlimited — up until now we would pay them their regular pay, so they had full salary while they were on

workman's compensation. This pulls that back to 60 days. I'd like to see us pull it back to one year, but four people on council wanted to see it dropped back to 60 days, so that's what passed."

The council is also expected to consider the following items:

- Final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 16, Article 3 of the Code of Ordinances by increasing commercial

wastewater rates.

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with Howard County for operation of the Senior Center.

- Final reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an amendment to the contract with Big Spring Victim Services.

- Final reading of an ordinance amending chapter 16, article 3 of the

Code of Ordinances by increasing commercial wastewater rates.

- Award of bids on annual chemicals and services.

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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## RETURN

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"It's a two-hour show with an intermission," said ValVerde. "We'll be giving away door prizes before the show, during intermission and after the show. HEB is once again our big, local sponsor, and it will be helping us with the groceries that will be used during the show and will be giving away bags of groceries. They'll also have a booth for people to check out."

ValVerde said the Expo not only represents a tremendous opportunity for area restaurants and retailers to show off their products, but for area cooking enthusiasts to pick up a few new tricks — not to mention some great freebies and prizes. "Admission for the audience will be \$7, and with that you'll get to sample whatever the participating restaurants have to offer, and of course the goodie bag," said ValVerde. "The bags will be full of coupons from nationwide sponsors as well as local business-

es. You also get a copy of the Taste of Home Cooking magazine, which will feature all of the dishes they will be preparing during the classes. That way you'll be able to follow along with the recipe in the magazine while they are cooking.

"For Chamber members the booths are \$40," she added. "For non-members it's \$80. We're also encouraging all of the businesses that get a booth to include a coupon or a sample in the goodie bags which will be given to everyone in attendance

during the show."

ValVerde said the Expo was the brainchild of the Chamber's Business Development Committee, which fashioned the show after the annual Permian Basin show held in Midland-Odessa each year.

"After hearing about the Taste of the Permian Basin, we called Chuck Bagwell and got some ideas from him," she said.

"We thought, 'Why can't we do a taste of Big Spring?' And then we thought we'd not only have our local restaurants, but let's involve

retail businesses as well — let them come out and see what they are going to have to offer for the holiday season. That way people can actually start their Christmas shopping or get ready for Thanksgiving and Halloween. The sky's really the limit for these businesses if they want to participate."

ValVerde said the Chamber is going all out for the Expo.

"They can call us here at the Chamber and we can fax them the signup form over," said ValVerde, "or they can

come to the Chamber office and we'll get them signed up. We have a registration form as well as information regarding when set up and break down is — details like that.

"We're going all out with the booths. They're going to be skirted and curtained booths. For those that are familiar with the set up we use during our annual health fair, that's what the booths are going to look like. Very professional with their own signs."

For more information, call 263-7641. Tickets for

the event are expected to go on sale by the end of September.

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## OUR VIEWS

Affordability now  
the real problem  
in higher education

A national report card on higher education found students in Texas and elsewhere better prepared for college, but too few of them are enrolling and graduating.

The report singled out for particular note that the cost of college is pricing many students out of the classroom. Measuring Up 2004, the state report card on higher education, gave 36 states failing grades on college affordability. Only California, Utah and Minnesota received a grade of C or better.

Texas received a D on affordability, largely because college expenses are a larger percentage of household income. "Texas has made no notable progress in making higher education affordable," the report noted. That's not surprising. After the Legislature deregulated tuition for state universities, tuition and fee costs rose by more than 35 percent at the University of Texas and by lesser amounts at other state schools.

However, most states are in poorer shape than Texas in that regard. As the head of the group preparing the report told *The New York Times*, "After 20 years of working on school reform, we seem to be getting kids more college-prepared. But 20 years of reducing state support has made it harder for these kids to get into college and to get through."

Raymund Paredes, the new state commissioner of higher education, said college is affordable in Texas but the state will be hard pressed to meet the increased demand for financial aid for the next wave of students. Affordability must be a priority for state leaders.

Texas did get high marks for the percentage of high school students enrolled in higher level math courses and for the number of low-income families earning a high school diploma. Also, the percentage of freshmen returning for their second year of college was high.

But the report made it clear that Texas has a long way to go in closing the performance gap between white and minority students and in improving the percentage of young adults with high school diplomas. Whites are more than twice as likely as minorities to have a bachelor's degree. "This is among the widest gaps in the country on this measure," the report stated.

Realizing that minorities are the fastest growing sector of the population, Texas educators have focused for several years on increasing minority participation in higher education. Increasing the percentage of minorities in college is a primary goal of the state's plan for the future, called Closing the Gaps by 2015.

A report in July found college enrollment numbers on the rise for blacks and Hispanics. But that good news was offset by the failure of Hispanic enrollment to meet projections.

In 2003, Hispanics were nearly 25 percent of the college population in Texas and blacks made up just more than 11 percent. The percentage of white students dropped to 53.2 percent from 56 percent.

Educators know that higher education for Hispanics and blacks is vital to the state's future.

Efforts to boost minority enrollment and increase the number of college graduates must be an ongoing effort. And those goals depend on keeping college affordable, which in turn means more opportunities for grants, low-interest loans and other financial strategies.

It is axiomatic that if Texas wants to increase the percentage of minorities in college and with degrees, it must keep higher education affordable.

The full report on Texas and the other states can be found online at [www.highereducation.org](http://www.highereducation.org)

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## Reforming the campaign reform

Critics predicted that the McCain-Feingold campaign-finance reform law enacted in 2002 would turn this presidential race into the dirtiest in memory. So far, it looks as if they were right.

I don't remember a nastier national election. So I hearkened to the news that, in an attempt to stanch this avalanche of mud, Reps. Chris Shays, R-Conn., and Marty Meehan, D-Mass., filed a complaint Tuesday in federal court asking the bench to make the Federal Election Commission enforce the new law as its authors, Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., intended.

McCain and Feingold meant well. But their law's limits on contributions to political parties chased big money away from the parties and into the mud-stained but welcoming arms of independent political organizations, dubbed "527 groups," after the section of the tax code that sets the rules for them. As Beltway election lawyer Jan Baran observed, "Every time they squeeze the money in one place, it's going to show up someplace else" — most likely, he added, in "other corners of the political process which usually are darker."

Witness 527 ads bashing John Kerry's military service — thanks to the Kerry-hating Swift Boat Veterans for Truth — or DUBYA's service in the National Guard —

thanks to the Bush-hating Texans for Truth. Truth in both cases means no issues, just character assassination.

It is more than a little ironic that last month President Bush told reporters that 527s "ought to be outlawed," in that Bush signed the law that made 527s more powerful. Bush had to know what the bill would do. It is also ironic that good-government types pressured Bush to sign McCain-Feingold, which has been a boon for bottom-feeding politics.

I expected McCain-Feingold to increase the power of independent political groups. But who knew that politicians would be so contemptuous of the new law? Many high-profile 527s never bothered registering as political committees, as the law requires. Shays and Meehan argue that the FEC should make the Swift Boat Vets and pro-Kerry Media Fund register and hence become subject to further restrictions. The FEC's refusal to make them register, the complaint noted, leaves "the public with the impression that the election laws can be treated with disdain without any consequence."

No lie. Big-spending 527s have been able to treat the reform with disdain and have been able to do so without consequence.

Baran believes that if 527s had to operate under the McCain-Feingold limits, the money would move again. Noting that gazillionaire George Soros has donated many millions to anti-Bush 527s, Baran figured that if the FEC or new laws kept Soros from giving millions to the Media Fund and Moveon.org, Soros is "going to hire Harold Ickes (Media Fund's

executive director) to do the ads for himself."

"I love reform," crowed Baran, who used to be general counsel to the Republican National Committee. "As an election lawyer, I think we ought to have it every year."

He can afford to laugh. But for people who want to see substantive campaigns, there is instead more sleaze. Each episode of sleaze begets more sleaze as partisans angered at dirty campaigning against their candidate decide to donate to a 527 that will sling mud back at the other side. More than one person on the left has told me that while the hits on Bush's National Guard service may be cheap shots, Moveon "had to" bankroll the Texans for Truth sleaze.

If that were true, it would be because Kerry himself can't find something more compelling to say.

If the Meehan-Shays complaint fails, what next?

Reformers will be left with two options: Push for more laws. (Baran would get a chuckle.) Or rescind McCain-Feingold and return to the old system so that big donors will return to greasing the parties — if it's not too late, and the fat cats haven't decided they can get more bang for their buck outside the system.

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## Inside report: Democratic distractions

High-level Democrats, including some inside the Kerry campaign, were appalled by this week's political sideshow. Just as John Kerry began finding his voice on Iraq, he was in danger of being drowned out by Democratic operatives Joe Lockhart and Terry McAuliffe. But the Democratic presidential candidate had only himself to blame.

Democratic critics can hardly comprehend that Lockhart, President Bill Clinton's spokesman who was recently taken aboard the campaign by Sen. Kerry, telephoned a notorious Bush-bashing eccentric who was CBS's source of the discredited documents. They also are unhappy that McAuliffe, the Clinton-selected Democratic National Committee (DNC) chairman who supposedly was eclipsed when Kerry clinched the nomination, has launched an advertising campaign attacking President Bush's National Guard record.

The complaints are not limited to specific cases. One party activist with a nationally familiar name calls Lockhart and McAuliffe "attack dogs" who go beyond the facts and get Sen. Kerry off message. But the nominee brought Lockhart into the campaign and could, with a single telephone call, suppress McAuliffe's Bush-bashing. This is Kerry's campaign, and he is responsible for these distractions from his new focus on Iraq.

It is hard to believe that so experienced a political operative as Lockhart followed a CBS producer's suggestion to telephone retired National Guardsman Bill

Burkett, whose claims of evidence to destroy Bush were rejected by Al Gore's campaign in 2000. (Both Lockhart and Burkett say the documents were not even discussed during their brief conversation.) Lockhart was added to the Kerry campaign team because he is renowned as a smart political insider who knows everything. Anyone vaguely familiar with politicians was aware of Burkett's unstable background, but Lockhart told CNN interviewer Bill Hemmer Tuesday: "I didn't know who the guy was."

When Hemmer pressed Lockhart about the propriety of calling Burkett, the Kerry spokesman tried to change the subject. He contended that Bush White House spokesman Scott McClellan "has held two White House briefings in the last two months" — an accusation he elaborated and repeated. However many briefings actually were held within the confines of the White House, Bush's staff has conducted 37 question-and-answer sessions with White House reporters since the beginning of August.

When Kerry clinched the presidential nomination, nobody expected Lockhart to be setting the tone for the senator's general election campaign. Even more unexpected is McAuliffe running an independent TV campaign. A much criticized Washington wheeler-dealer, McAuliffe was imposed as chairman by Bill and Hillary Clinton on reluctant DNC members after the 2000 election. In March, Kerry staffers whispered that McAuliffe probably would not complete the year in the chairmanship and certainly would not be speaking out any longer.

They were wrong on both counts. McAuliffe not only stayed at the DNC but has been one of the party's most visible talkers. His implication that Bush senior

adviser Karl Rove gave the disputed documents to CBS provided the distinctive McAuliffe touch. Shortly after "60 Minutes" used questionable documents in assailing the Bush service, McAuliffe and the DNC put out a TV ad ("Fortunate Son") repeating the gist of the CBS program. The Kerry campaign was alerted in advance to these ads.

The National Guard question distracts the public from tuning in to Kerry's concentration on Iraq as the one issue capable of erasing Bush's lead. Kerry's speech Monday at New York University was stylistically the campaign's best, though his four-point program sounded Bush-like and left his excited partisan audience on a downer.

Even without self-imposed distractions, Iraq does not offer an easy path into the Oval Office. The president's strategists were delighted that Kerry said, "we have traded a dictator for a chaos that has left America less secure" — suggesting the U.S. is worse off with Saddam Hussein out of power. It is probably too late for Kerry to change his stance by promising early troop withdrawal — a step risking all on one roll of the dice.

Nevertheless, it is difficult to exaggerate the Democratic dismay over Lockhart and McAuliffe. In talking to a variety of Democrats who seldom agree with each other, I was surprised by the unanimous concern over the distractions. John Kerry might be advised to bring order to his own campaign as he tries to pin the torment of Iraq on George W. Bush.

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By LAURA ME

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# Powell admits situation in Iraq 'getting worse'

By LAURA MECKLER  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell sees the situation in Iraq "getting worse" as planned elections approach, and the top U.S. military commander for Iraq says he expects more violence ahead.

Their comments Sunday followed a week in which President Bush and Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi spoke optimistically about the situation despite the beheadings of two more Americans and the deaths of dozens of people in car bombings.

In its latest report, the military said four Marines died in separate incidents Friday, adding to a toll that has topped 1,000 since the U.S.-led invasion.

Powell said the insurgency is only becoming more violent as planned January elections near.

"It's getting worse," he said on ABC's "This Week." "They are determined to disrupt the election. They do not want the Iraqi people to vote for their own leaders in a free, democratic election."

Army Gen. John Abizaid, commander of U.S. troops in the Middle East, warned that voting may not be possible in parts of Iraq where the violence is too intense.

"I don't think we'll ever

achieve perfection and when we look for perfection in a combat zone we're going to be sadly disappointed," he said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Abizaid compared the situation in Iraq to the disputed U.S. presidential election in 2000 that put George W. Bush in the White House following a protracted Florida ballot fight that ended up in the Supreme Court.

"I don't think Iraq will have a perfect election. And if I recall, looking back at our own election four years ago, it wasn't perfect either," he said.

The goal in Iraq is to have successful voting in the "vast majority of the country," said Abizaid, who leads the U.S. Central Command.

"We're going to have to fight our way all the way through elections," he said, "and there'll be a lot of violence between now and then."

Abizaid spoke of a major offensive before the election, with U.S. and Iraqi forces doing "whatever's necessary to bring areas in Iraq under Iraqi control."

Powell offered a road map to the coming offensive.

He said the military likely will tackle the Sunni Triangle cities of Ramadi and Samarra before attempting to restore order in nearby Fallujah, which he called "the tough one."

# Reform of General Assembly sought

By KIM GAMEL

Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — One after another, world leaders and ministers called for expanding the powerful 15-nation Security Council, saying the modern world shouldn't be dominated by a few wealthy countries chosen in the aftermath of World War II.

Mexican Foreign Secretary Luis Ernesto Derbez said the founders of the United Nations in 1945 could not have envisioned the terrorist attacks and other problems facing the international community.

"Today we face events of such magnitude and complexity," he said Friday. "Diplomats of this generation now have the obligation

to envision a second phase, a new chapter on collective action so as to eradicate these modern threats."

Efforts to reform the United Nations and its main body have been under way for years and the debate isn't likely to end soon because of national rivalries and differences over key details, including veto power.

But the issue came to the forefront of the 59th annual General Assembly session last week when Brazil, Germany, India and Japan joined forces to press for permanent seats and said Africa should get one as well.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit said Muslims and Arabs have the right "to be represented in the

Council on an equal basis with the representatives of other cultures and civilizations."

Only the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China currently have permanent Security Council seats and wield veto power, giving them effective say over the body's agenda.

The 10 other council members are chosen for two-year terms by regional groups.

The General Assembly, which is composed of representatives of the 191 member states, would have to decide whether to expand the Security Council.

Britain agreed Thursday the Security Council should be nearly doubled in size to 24 nations as its challenges

have evolved to facing "terrorist organizations, failed states and from man-made shocks to our environment like climate change."

The Bush administration also has supported Security Council expansion.

The debate came as the more than 120 world leaders and ministers sought to keep their focus on poverty and humanitarian crises in Sudan and elsewhere, largely steering clear of the divisive debates of the past two years over Iraq.

President Bush on Tuesday defended his decision to invade Iraq without U.N. Security Council backing, saying it "helped to deliver the Iraqi people from an outlaw dictator."

# Jeanne kills 1,500 Haiti; more peacekeepers sent

By PAISLEY DODDS

Associated Press Writer

GONAIVES, Haiti — In a cathedral ankle-deep in mud and overturned pews, Haitians prayed for 1,500 killed by Tropical Storm Jeanne and gave thanks for their lives — though most lost homes and belongings — while the United Nations rushed in hundreds more peacekeepers to stem looting by gangsters and ordinary citizens of the ravaged city of Gonaives.

The Brazilian general in charge of the U.N. force criticized the slow pace of relief that is compounding the suffering of traumatized survivors.

"The situation remains critical," Gen. Augusto Heleno Ribeiro Pereira said in an interview with

the official Agencia Brasil.

He said many people were suffering from diarrhea while others, many of them children, were contracting gangrene. Amputations were being performed under horrendous conditions, he said. Most injuries being treated are gashes from collapsing roofs or pieces of zinc roof hidden by the mud that still covers the city, where most survivors walk barefooted.

Anne Poulsen of the U.N. World Food Program said relief agencies were working around the clock trying to get food to victims — even using donkeys.

When trucks carrying 8 tons of food from Cap-Haitien — the port to the

north — were blocked by mudslides, "we unloaded the food from trucks and put it on to donkeys and mules to reach localities ... where people had not eaten for a week" since the storm's passage, Poulsen said.

WFP and CARE International distributed 120 tons of food in the past three days — enough to feed 48,000 families.

The director of the WFP Haiti operation, Guy Gavreau, said floods from Jeanne destroyed the rice and fruit harvest in the Artibonite, Haiti's breadbasket, "so now the country can't even feed itself without outside help."

At the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Charles Borromeo, four people stood and prayed in the

back, unwilling to venture into the disaster zone of overturned pews and trash caked with ankle-deep mud. Outside, a woman among hundreds sheltering at the church brushed her teeth and spat toothpaste into the debris.

A couple walked up, shoes newly waxed and shining, for Mass in a makeshift chapel.

"We don't have anything but we're doing our best," Joseyline Ashalus, 31, said in front of a classroom where she sleeps on the floor with eight others.

"After all this we have to be respectful and we have to thank God for saving us," she said, grateful that the storm that destroyed their home spared her five children.

# Crude prices continuing march toward key \$50 per barrel level

By YEOH EN-LAI

Associated Press Writer

SINGAPORE — Crude oil prices hovered near an all-time high of \$49.40 on Monday, reflecting concerns about supply in key producers and Hurricane Ivan's impact on oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico.

Prices were strengthened by reports of clashes in Saudi Arabia between government forces and suspected al-Qaida-linked militants and mortar attacks on the Iraqi Oil Ministry in Baghdad.

Crude prices reached \$49.39 in after-hours trading, just a cent off the record set last month on the New York Mercantile Exchange — and closer to the psychological milestone of \$50 per barrel. Later they dipped to \$49.20.

"We're so close, it wouldn't take a lot," said John Vautrain, vice president of Texas-based energy consultants Pervin and Gertz in Singapore.

"A lot of what you're seeing is a response to Hurricane Ivan," Vautrain said. The storm killed 115 people in the United States and the Caribbean last week and shut down oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico.

"It did enough damage that production isn't up to normal. Under normal circumstances, it wouldn't do that much damage (to prices). But now, if you lose 400,000 to half a million barrels per day, prices jump," he added.

Also Monday, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, or OPEC, admitted that its decision to boost production by a million barrels per day from November has failed to calm the market.

With the Northern Hemisphere's winter fast approaching, key oil producers are struggling to meet rising demand. Only Saudi Arabia is known to have substantial spare supply that may ease current prices.

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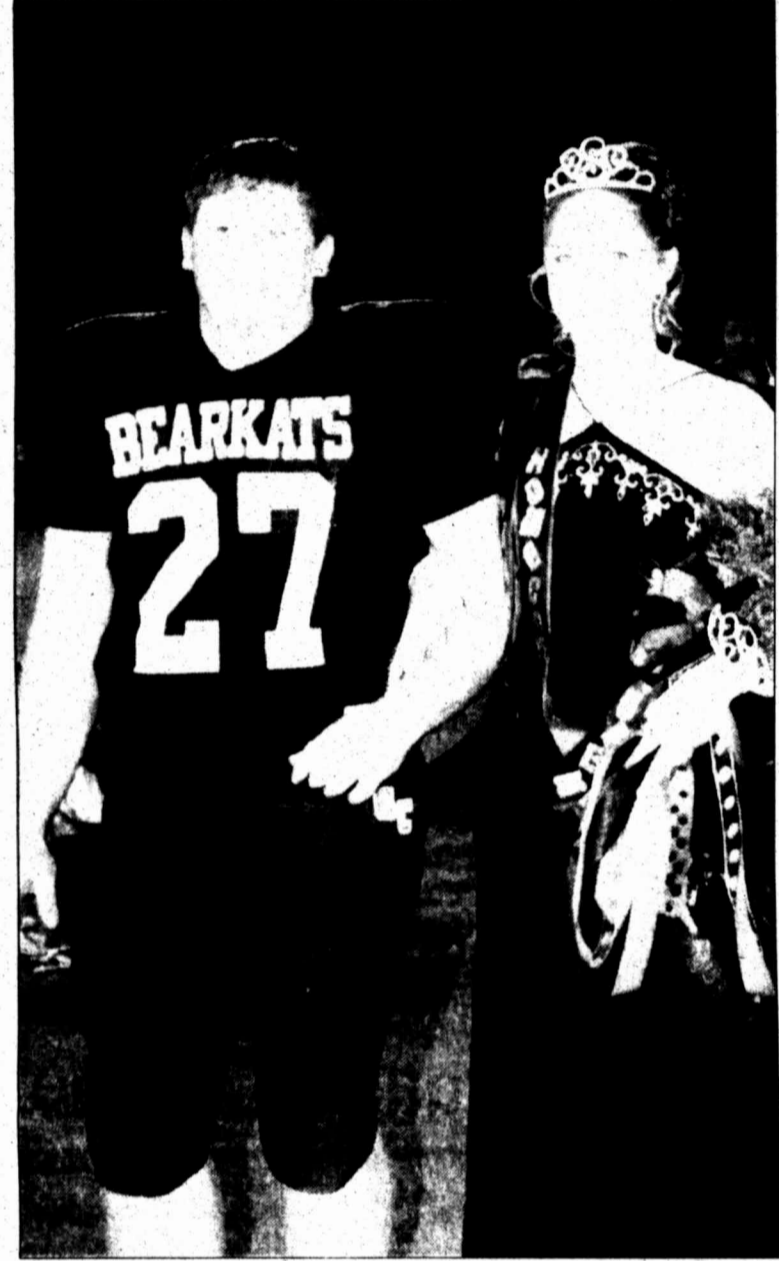
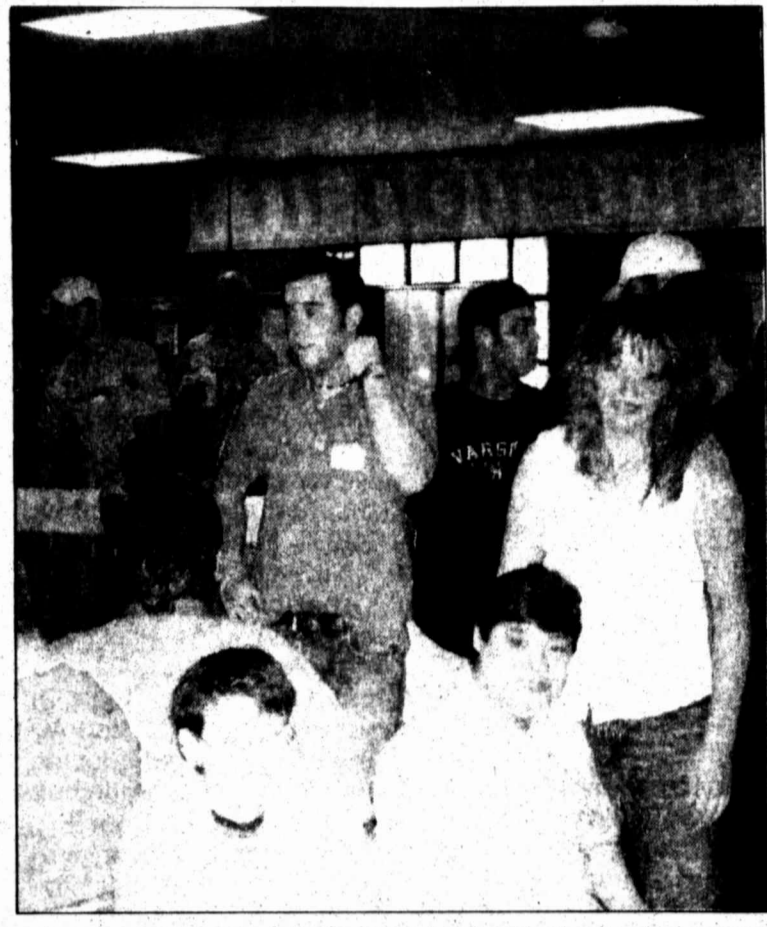
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The weekend was a busy one for many Howard Countains, despite what some would consider inclement weather. Clockwise from top left: Saturday rains dampened things a little, but not the spirits of those who turned out to celebrate the Harley-Davidson Shop's 75th anniversary. Members of the Special Olympics bowling team prepare to bowl in Saturday's tournament. Jeneane Richard and Carol Sue Gorski, cheerleaders at Howard College, gaze at Angela Worthington's orange bowling ball. Angela, also pictured with special education teacher Regina Sledge, is a student at Moss Elementary who is participated in a Special Olympics tournament Saturday. Rex Clayton, pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, works to scrape old flooring off of what will soon be the church's new offices located behind the church on Third Street. Krystal Sullivan, the 2004 homecoming queen and band sweetheart at Garden City High School, poses with Timothy Schniers, who was named Mr. Bearkat, during halftime ceremonies of Friday's homecoming game at Bearkat Stadium.

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The 12th annual DiscOver Big Spring Golf Tournament has been set for Oct. 3 at Birdwell Park.

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Entry fees — depending on level — range from \$15-\$35.

Juniors get a free disc and each division must have four players.

For more information, call Greg Brooks at 267-6335 or 267-1465.

### Brunell recovers, will start against Dallas

ASHBURN, Va. — Quarterback Mark Brunell will start for the Washington Redskins Monday night against the Dallas Cowboys, having recovered sufficiently from a strained hamstring.

Brunell was injured in the third quarter of the Redskins' 20-14 loss to the New York Giants last week and at first was doubtful for the Cowboys game.

The hamstring improved quicker than expected, however, and Brunell was back in pads on Friday.

He took most of the snaps in practice Saturday, and coach Joe Gibbs announced his decision after the practice. Brunell said the hamstring had improved every day.

The decision means that Patrick Ramsey will miss the chance for his first start of the season.

### Benson leads 'Horns to win over Owls

AUSTIN — Cedric Benson rushed for 189 yards and a touchdown and Vince Young passed for three scores to his tight ends for Texas.

Texas (3-0) came in with the nation's No. 1 rushing attack and pounded the Owls on the ground from the start, grinding out 339 yards.

The Longhorns have won 37 of the last 38 meetings with Rice (2-1).

Benson had 169 yards on 18 carries in the first half against a defense that was No. 1 in the country against the run coming in.

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# Lady Steers stuff district rival Estacado

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Big Spring's volleyball remained above .500 on the season after disposing of rival Lubbock Estacado Saturday at the Steer Gym.

The match went four games, but Big Spring dominated in its three wins. The Lady Steers won the match 25-10/20-25/25-15/25-14.

"I talked to the girls after the match and they all agreed that they let their guard down in game two and lowered their intensity," said Big Spring head coach Revis Daggett. "We also took them for granted a little."

The win improves Big Spring to 17-15 on the season and 2-1 in District 4-4A play. Rivals San Angelo Lake View and Frenship are on top of the district currently with 3-0 records. Lake View defeated Plainview Saturday, while Frenship upset Andrews in five games.

The Lady Steers will have a chance to surpass Frenship in the standings Tuesday when the two teams meet in Wolforth.

"Losing a game is a concern to me, but they overcame it, got back on track and finished well," said Daggett.

Senior Shannon Higgins led the Lady Steers with 13.5 points, while juniors

Carmen Lewis and Raegan Ritchey each added 11.5. Higgins finished with 11 kills, one ace, three assisted blocks, 24 set assists and only two hitting errors. Lewis added 11 kills, one assist and a team-high 29 digs, while Ritchey pitched in with eight kills, one solo block, three assisted blocks, one ace and 21 digs.

Senior Stefani Scott added eight points on eight kills, while junior Brenn Swinney contributed eight points on seven kills and one ace and also pitched in with 26 digs.

Senior Kendal Adams had two kills, three aces and 22 set assists, as well.

"We need to keep our intensity throughout the match," said Daggett. "That is what we talked about afterwards and we are going to work in practice on ways to do that."

The varsity match Tuesday at Frenship will start at 7:15 p.m. The Lady Steers defeated Frenship earlier this season in a tight match at the Monahans tournament.

"They have two strong middles and a good supporting cast," said Daggett. "I am anticipating a tough match up there. That program is moving in the right direction."



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring junior Krista Chesworth gets up for the attack against rival Lake View during the Lady Steers' district opener Sept. 18. Big Spring battled Lubbock Estacado Saturday and came away with a dominating four-game victory.

## Rain delays netters win at Plainview

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Due to heavy rain, Big Spring's district tennis match against Plainview has been delayed until Oct. 9.

The two teams hooked up Saturday in Plainview, but was not able to be finished.

The Steers won one doubles match already and have taken a set in every other doubles

match except for the mixed doubles contest. However, the mixed doubles team was winning in the opening set.

The match will resume in Big Spring Saturday, Oct. 9, after both teams finish up their regular scheduled matches that day. The start time is tentatively scheduled for 2 p.m.

On Oct. 9., Big Spring faces Lubbock Estacado at home, while Plainview travels to San Angelo Lake View. Plainview agreed to finish the match in Big Spring on its way back home from San Angelo.

"It was nice of them to want to do that because now we don't have to go all the way there again," said Big Spring head coach Sarah Corse.

The Steers' win Saturday came from senior Matt Islas and sophomore Bryan Juan, who defeated their opponents 6-2/6-0.

Big Spring's next match will be in Sweetwater Tuesday against a tough Abilene Wylie team which won the Class 3A state title last season. The Steers then return to district play Saturday at home against Frenship.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring senior Jessica Rodriguez sends a backhand over the net in a previous tennis match back in August. Big Spring's match against Plainview Saturday was postponed due to rain and will be made up Oct. 9 in Big Spring.

## Stanton gets dramatic win late against Alpine

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

With less than four minutes to go and down by six points, Stanton quarterback Michael Washington found Jeremy Esparza for the game tying touchdown Friday against host Alpine. The extra point by Israel Holguin propelled the Buffaloes to their first win of the season, 27-26.

Stanton took the early lead in the game after Washington scored on touchdown runs of four and two yards, respectively, and put the Buffaloes up 12-0 after the first period.

They added one more touchdown in the second quarter and took a 20-3 halftime lead. The Buffaloes third touchdown of the game came on a 70-yard fumble recovery by Joe Hinojosa with 1:51 to play.

Alpine's lone points were scored on a 28-yard field goal by Freddie Hernandez.

Alpine got back into the game in the third quarter after Merced Muniz took over on the ground.

Muniz scored two touchdowns in the third quarter on runs of one and three yards before rumbling 14 yards for his third touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter.

Then, with 3:06 to play Washington found Esparza for the winning touchdown and PAT.

The Buffaloes finished with 166 rushing yards and 85 yards through the air, while Alpine's balanced attack produced 116 rushing and 132 passing. Both teams had three turnovers.

Washington led Stanton in both passing and rushing. He was six-for-nine through the air for 85 yards, while throwing one touchdown and one interception and rushed 14 times for 81 yards on the ground.

Esparza's only catch of the day was the 26-yard touchdown grab. The Buffaloes leading receiver was converted lineman Eric Shafer, who caught two passes for 34 yards.

Stanton is off this Friday. The Buffaloes begin the district season Friday, Oct. 8, at home against rival Anson.

## Late field goal sends Texans past host Kansas City

By STEVE BRISENDINE  
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Marcus Coleman made the interception and the long return. Andre Johnson and Derick Armstrong made the catches.

And, finally, Kris Brown made the kick that kept the Kansas City Chiefs winless.

The Houston Texans came up with one clutch second-half play after another Sunday, and Brown capped the rally by nailing a 50-yard field goal with 2 seconds left for a 24-21 victory. The

Chiefs, the defending AFC West champions, became the fourth team since 1990 to start 0-3 after making the playoffs the previous season.

"My life peaks when I get a chance to win a game," Brown said.

Priest Holmes became the Chiefs' career leading rusher with 4,941 yards but couldn't get into the end zone. Trent Green threw three touchdown passes but also gave up the interception that Coleman returned 102 yards for a third-quarter touchdown to tie the game at 14.

And the defense kept Houston in check for three quarters — before giving up three plays of 20 or more yards in the fourth.

On the winning drive, Houston marched 42 yards in 2:16 to set up the field goal.

"Right now, we're sort of snakebit," Chiefs coach Dick Vermeil said. "We can't make things go our way. We had an opportunity to win a football game here, and we couldn't take advantage of it."

Kansas City, 13-3 a year ago, hasn't started this badly since opening the

1980 season 0-4.

"It feels like someone's got me in a headlock, and I can't get out of it," said tight end Tony Gonzalez, who caught Green's first touchdown pass for a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

Houston (1-2) won despite just 76 yards rushing against a team that gave up career days to opposing running backs in the first two games.

Holmes played despite a sprained ankle.

He broke Christian Okoye's record of 4,897 yards midway through the third quarter, on a 7-yard run up the middle.

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# Rangers reach for panic button after loss to Mariners

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers might not be in a must-win situation yet, but they're hurting their playoff chances with each loss.

Texas managed just three hits Sunday off rookies Cha Seung Baek and Scott Atchison in a 9-0 loss to the last-place Seattle Mariners.

"Any loss at this point is a tough loss," shortstop Michael Young said. "We

realize this loss is not the end of the season, but it does make it tougher on us."

The Rangers started their final homestand with a three-game sweep of AL West-leading Oakland, against the starting trio of Mark Mulder, Barry Zito and Tim Hudson. They got within two games, but missed out on a chance to possibly get closer by losing two of three to Seattle.

A come-from-behind victory Saturday night got Texas (86-69) within two games.

The Athletics (88-66) played Sunday night at Anaheim (86-68), which starts a four-game series in Texas on Monday.

A surprise contender after four straight last-place finishes, the Rangers end the regular season next weekend at Seattle.

"What's shorter than a

sprint? A dash. How about a leap?" manager Buck Showalter said. "There is still an opportunity for us if we keep grinding."

Ichiro Suzuki moved within six of the season hits record, going 1-for-4 with an intentional walk. His sixth-inning single raised his total to 251 with seven games remaining to reach the record of 257, set by George Sisler in 1920.

Baek (2-4) allowed just three hits in eight innings, and Atchison pitched a perfect ninth to complete Seattle's seventh shutout of the season.

"To shut out this team in this ballpark is impressive. It's about as good as it gets," Mariners manager Bob Melvin said. "It's nice to do this in a playoff-type atmosphere. It's not like this makes our season. We're just trying to go out there and win

games." The Mariners are trying to avoid 100 losses just three years after winning 116.

No. 9 hitter Jose Lopez with 2-for-3 with four RBIs for the Mariners (60-95), who also took two of three from Anaheim to win consecutive series for the first time since the first week of May.

Ryan Drese (14-9) had won his three previous starts and had a 2.87 ERA at home but gave up six runs and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings.

"My ball was just flat as an arrow. My off-speed pitches were up in the zone," Drese said.

Baek threw 114 pitches in just his fifth major league start, escaping a two-on jam in the eighth when he threw a called third strike past Hank Blalock.

A two-run double by Lopez in the second came

just two pitches after a disputed call that would've ended the inning.

Raul Ibanez, whose team-record streak of nine straight hits ended Saturday night, led off the second with his 16th homer for a 1-0 lead.

Bret Boone and Jeremy Reed followed with consecutive singles, and Miguel Olivo popped out on an attempted bunt. Greg Dobbs then hit a grounder and was ruled safe by first-base umpire Ed Montague, avoiding an inning-ending double play.

Showalter and Drese, who was covering first, argued the call. Replays showed that Dobbs may have been out.

"It didn't change the fact that we had a chance to get out of that," Drese said. "I hung a slider. That was a stupid pitch in that situation."

## THE PLAYOFF RACES

AL West	GB	GR
Oakland	—	8
Anaheim	2	8
Texas	2.5	7

AL Wild Card	GB	GR
Boston	—	7
Anaheim	6.5	8
Texas	7	7

NL Wild Card	GB	GR
Chicago	—	7
San Francisco	—	7
Houston	1 1/2	6

GB = games behind  
GR = games remaining



Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens (81) prepares to catch a touchdown pass in the first quarter, beating Fernando Bryant of the Detroit Lions. The Eagles defeated the Lions, 30-13, at Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan, Sunday.

# Astros keep pace with wild card

By **ARNIE STAPLETON**  
AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE — Raul Chavez drove in a career-high five runs Sunday, helping the Houston Astros outslug the Milwaukee Brewers 11-7.

Lance Berkman and Jeff Kent homered for the Astros, who kept the heat on Chicago and San Francisco in the NL wild-card race. Houston returns home to Minute Maid Park, where the Astros play St. Louis three times and Colorado three times during the final week of the season.

Chavez capped a four-run first off Victor Santos with an RBI single, then added a bases-clearing double in the fifth off Matt Wise and a run-scoring single in the seventh off Jeff Bennett.

Tim Redding (5-7), the third of eight Astros pitchers, was credited with the win after throwing a 1-2-3 fourth inning.

It was the fourth time in club history that the Astros used eight pitchers in a nine-inning game.

Kent hit a three-run homer off Santos (11-12) in the first, pulling with two of Ryne Sandberg's major league record of 277 for a second baseman. It was his 299th homer overall.

Keith Ginter hit his 16th homer in the second off Carlos Hernandez and added an RBI single in the third, when Chris Magruder hit his second homer of the season, a two-run shot that tied it at 4.

Berkman led off the fifth with his 30th homer to make it 5-4.

Chavez's bases-loaded double to the right-field corner made it 8-4, and he scored on Jose Vizcaino's single for a 9-4 lead.

Chavez followed Jason Lane's leadoff triple in the seventh with a single to left for a 10-4 lead.

The Brewers got two runs in the bottom of the inning when Chad Qualls surrendered

Lyle Overbay's 15th homer and Dave Krynzel's run-scoring single.

Overbay's third-inning double was his 50th, breaking Robin Yount's club record set in 1980.

Qualls plunked two batters in the inning, including pinch-hitter Russell Branyan to load the bases with two outs for pinch-hitter Craig Counsell, a .235 hitter, who flied out to second with Kent making a nice over-the-shoulder catch.

Morgan Ensberg went 4-for-5, and his RBI single off Ben Ford made it 11-6 in the eighth. Overbay scored on Vizcaino's throwing error at shortstop in the bottom of the inning.

Only Jeff Bagwell failed to pound the Brewers' pitching. He went 0-for-5 with three strikeouts.

# Gordon takes over Nextel points lead

By **DICK BRINSTER**  
AP Sports Writer

DOVER, Del. — Ryan Newman left misfortune behind and ran away from the field, while four-time series champion Jeff Gordon took the NASCAR Nextel Cup points lead Sunday at Dover International Speedway.

But the victory in the MBNA America 400 did little to enhance the long-shot title hopes of Newman, 33rd a week earlier because of engine failure late in the race in New Hampshire. He's eighth in the standings with eight races remaining, trailing Gordon by 107 points.

"When you win races you're going to be good," Newman said. "Now we just have to keep going."

Gordon finished third behind Mark Martin in the race and is one point ahead of Kurt Busch, who finished fifth Sunday and lost the points lead when he was passed by Dale Jarrett with six laps to go.

"I thought we might have a shot at Mark," Gordon said. "But we had nothing for Newman."

Gordon said his car was good at times and far off at others. He also believes he can run better next week.

"I just hope that doesn't mean we have a bulls-eye on us at Talladega," said Gordon, a winner there in April.

New Hampshire winner Busch came to The Monster Mile tied for the series lead with Dale Earnhardt Jr., who fell to

## NEXTEL CUP STANDINGS

1. Jeff Gordon
2. Kurt Busch
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr.
4. (tie) Jimmie Johnson
4. (tie) Mark Martin

third in the title chase by finishing ninth. He's 18 points behind Gordon.

Although he was unable to make a large gain, Newman demonstrated the power of his Dodge by leading 325 of 400 laps. Newman, who started second, was ahead by a half-lap for much of the final quarter of the race with the margin reduced only because a caution flag bunched the field on the 327th lap.

Newman's victory in the \$5.4 million event was his third at Dover, where he swept the races last year. He got his second victory this season and 11th of his career, beating Martin by 8.149 seconds on the high-banked concrete oval. Martin got his fourth Dover victory in June.

"We made some adjustments but we didn't have to make many," Newman

said. "Once you get it right on this concrete it stays right."

Busch was happy with his best Dover finish.

"We just lost the handle on it in the corners," he said. "I was trying to hold off Jarrett but I couldn't."

Martin, now tied with Jimmie Johnson for fourth place in the series, said he got all he could out of his car.

"The race was decided on the last restart," he said. "I found out what the 12 (Newman) really had."

Newman averaged 119.084 mph in a race slowed five times by cautions covering 38 laps. There were 13 lead changes among seven drivers.

Former series champion and two-time Dover winner Tony Stewart finished sixth, followed by pole-sitter Jeremy Mayfield and Jamie McMurray. Johnson wound up 10th.

Reigning series champion Matt Kenseth finished 32nd after spinning out and hitting a tire barrier at the end of pit road. That caused the race to be halted for 12 minutes while repairs were made.

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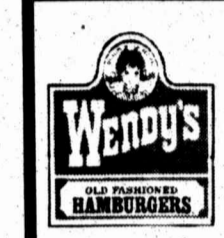
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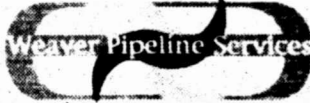
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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist.Div. Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.  
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Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.  
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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

**BY JOYCE JILLSON**

The Pisces moon gives way to the Aries moon late in the evening. You'll probably start out with a temperate, mature and wise attitude early in the day, but as evening nears, you'll likely feel the impulse to simply have it your way, no matter the cost. Stay off the car lots and out of the time-share offices. Good salespeople could get the best of you!

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're balancing the many dimensions of your life beautifully and paying particular attention to your spiritual self. That's why synchronistic events magically open doors! Why shouldn't your life be filled with this kind of luck?

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You may feel out of communication with someone even though the two of you speak to one another regularly. Getting back in touch will be key to your productivity, since part of your brain is working on this issue constantly.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're after immediate results, and you'll get what you expect. So keep expectations high, and let the people around you know exactly what they are. By describing what you need in detail, you're more likely to get it.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You're working on creating an environment that supports rich abundance. That means there's enough room to put things and everything you've already got is well maintained and organ-

ized.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You're a visionary and will be drawn to bring ethereal concepts into the real world. Inspiring impossibilities spur you to create your own unfeasible outcomes. To get to your goal, you need the help of others.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What others believe to be a lost cause could turn out to be a real winner if someone like you gets behind it. You find funding where you least expect it. Develop your voice — it is a key to better opportunities.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're all about efficiency now. Get it done, get it right, and get it out. Your manner is impressive to higher-ups. Tonight, you get the feeling that you're reading yourself for something big — you are!  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Profound feelings arise from seemingly run-of-the-mill activities. Every activity and thought contributes to your destiny. Overbearing personalities around you are all fighting for the same thing — respect.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're naturally driven, but you've got a cheerful way of conveying your drive. The power of your personality influences people. At work, others may be confused, but you clearly see the bottom line.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Weird complications are featured — at least this provides a colorful story for later, and

you'll be fascinating entertainment when you tell it! The lesson is, you can't take things at face value. Get the whole story.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Life without fun makes you a bore; get your share! Brainstorm about adding value to your leisure time. Put something frivolous in your appointment book, and you'll feel much better about all your more serious appointments.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your style shines through — you want to go even further with your individual trademark. You don't have to spend big bucks to make your statement. You can start by simply getting rid of excess.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I'm a Pisces, and I am interested in knowing more about my astrological sign. In your article about why each sign is extraordinary, you mentioned that Pisces are psychic. I would like to learn more about how to be intuitive. Any information you could give me would be appreciated."

As the final sign of the zodiac, you have little bits of every sign in you, giving you windows of insight into the way the universe works on many levels. Pisces people are considered old souls — those who believe in reincarnation believe that many people of your sign have lived several lifetimes on the Earth and are able to access their knowledge of these other lives by osmosis, giving

them wisdom. The first lesson in being intuitive is not to invalidate your gift. When an image crosses your mind, acknowledge it. If you get a funny feeling in your body, a tightness in a muscle group or a lump in your throat, ask that symptom what it is trying to tell you, and then, listen to what it reports. If you smell something distinct or get hot or cold, acknowledge your response. All of these signals will start to add up to real information if given the proper acknowledgment!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Barbara Walters gets the scoop before anyone and often gets the only scoop, as was the case with her exclusive Martha Stewart post-sentencing interview. Libra people are terrific empathizers, able to relate to kings and average Joes alike. Egalitarian Libras are fantastic team members, so it's no surprise Walters chose to create a show like "The View," whose hostesses share the hosting responsibilities.

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**Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need**

Dear Annie: I have been married to a loving man for 25 years, but there are several problems. "Arthur" has gained a lot of weight and is close to 400 pounds. He also is a smoker. Last year, he had a heart attack, but fortunately, he recovered totally.

I exercise constantly to keep my weight down, and I often invite Arthur to walk with me, but he always declines. He says his knees ache, his ankles throb, he gets out of breath and his back hurts. Actually, Arthur never wants to do any-



**KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR**

thing with me, except have sex. I go to movies by myself and plan trips with my friends.

Why don't men think about their appearance the way women do? Don't men realize that by being so obese, they aren't attractive to any — Weight Watcher  
Dear Weight Watcher: Yes, but they hope you love them anyway. (The same goes for men whose wives are overweight.) The real problem in your marriage is that Arthur has no interest in being with you unless he wants sex, and that's the one area that holds no appeal for you.

Let Arthur know that his lack of interest in other things hurts your marriage, and ask him to

work on it with you. You cannot force him to lose weight, however, so don't nag him about it. Instead, talk to Arthur's doctor, and explain that Mr. Heart Attack is still smoking, overeating and sitting on the couch. A physician-ordered diet-and-exercise program not only will help your husband drop some poundage, but it will also improve his aching knees and back, throbbing ankles and breathlessness.

Dear Annie: Your response to "Scared" and Fed Up Student," who was being bullied at school, was sensitive and helpful. However, bullying will continue to be seen as nothing more than immature behavior until we recognize that such actions meet the legal definition of assault and battery.

We need a debate in homes, schools and communities about illegal behavior between children. At the very least, police should be visiting elementary schools and parents should inform children about the consequences of such behavior.  
— Gary Stollak, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, Michigan State University

Dear Dr. Stollak: Thank you for your input. Read on for more about "Scared":

Washington State: My daughter went through the same problem her freshman year. We talked with her school counselor, who filed harassment charges against the bullies, and we went to our local police and got a restraining order.

Midwest: I wasn't a big guy, so I was teased and even got jumped a few times. I, too, bottled it up. However, with the support of friends and family, I became more confident and learned how to lean on others for support. I now am a senior and involved in nearly every program my school has to offer. Because of

this, I have more friends than I can count. Those same people who picked on me either dropped out, straightened out or were kicked out. Some of them are actually good friends now. Tell "Scared" to look to her terrific family for support.

East Coast: Please tell "Scared" to check out martial arts at the YMCA, park district or martial arts center. She will learn how to avoid conflict, but also gain the knowledge and skills to defend herself. It's worth the money.  
Rockford, Ill.: We lost our 14-year-old son to suicide two years ago because he was being bullied. I now give speeches to schools, churches and Scout groups, telling children to keep talking until someone listens. I let kids know that life is worth living. Our son did not realize that there were a lot of people who admired and liked him. When he died, over 1,000 people attended his wake and funeral.

California: If "Scared" doesn't feel comfortable talking to a parent, teacher or counselor, there are anonymous 24-hour hotlines, such as the HOPE line (1-800-SUICIDE or 1-800-784-2433) operated by the American Association of Suicidology, 4201 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 408, Washington, D.C. 20008 (suicidology.org).

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 27, the 271st day of 2004. There are 95 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Forty years ago, on Sept. 27, 1964, the Warren Commission issued a report concluding that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone in assassinating President Kennedy.

On this date: In 1779, John Adams was named to negotiate the Revolutionary War's peace terms with Britain.

In 1854, the first great disaster involving an Atlantic Ocean liner occurred when the steamship "Arctic" sank with 300 people aboard.

In 1928, the United States said it was recognizing the Nationalist Chinese govern-

ment. In 1939, Warsaw, Poland, surrendered after weeks of resistance to invading forces from Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union during World War II.

In 1942, Glenn Miller and his Orchestra performed together for the last time, at the Central Theater in Passaic, N.J., prior to Miller's entry into the Army.

In 1954, "Tonight!" hosted by Steve Allen, made its debut on NBC.

In 1959, a typhoon battered the main Japanese island of Honshu, killing nearly 5,000 people.

In 1979, Congress gave final approval to forming the Department of Education, the 13th Cabinet agency in U.S. history.

In 1989, Columbia Pictures Entertainment Inc. agreed to a \$3.4 billion cash buyout by Sony Corp.

In 1995, the government unveiled its redesigned \$100 bill, featuring a larger, off-center portrait of Benjamin Franklin.

Today's Birthdays:

Former Illinois Senator Charles Percy is 85. Actress Jayne Meadows is 84. Movie director Arthur Penn is 82. Actress Sada Thompson is 75. Actress Kathleen Nolan is 71. Actor Claude Jarman Jr. is 70. Author Barbara Howar is 70. Producer Don Cornelius ("Soul Train") is 68. Singer-musician Randy Bachman (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 61. Actress Liz Torres is 57. Actor A Martinez is 56. Actor Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa is 54. Rock musician Greg Ham (Men At Work) is 51. Singer Shaun Cassidy is 46. Rock singer Stephan Jenkins (Third Eye Blind) is 40.

Answer to previous puzzle

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- 1 French hat
  - 6 High cards
  - 10 Make a trade
  - 14 Painter's pigment
  - 15 Laotian neighbor
  - 16 Domesticated
  - 17 Sailor's time off
  - 19 On the summit of
  - 20 Trig ratio
  - 21 Antsy
  - 23 *The* of Night (soap opera)
  - 25 Cake layer
  - 26 '80s TV alien
  - 29 He'll put you to sleep
  - 32 Hit the slopes
  - 35 Common condiment
  - 37 Former Italian coin
  - 38 Henry VIII's royal house
  - 40 Undeniable evidence
  - 42 Rummy variety
  - 43 Pollen bit
  - 44 A former Mrs. Trump
  - 45 Convene
  - 47 Long-necked bird
  - 48 Tabby or calico
  - 49 Had an easy time
  - 52 Wind dir.
  - 53 More than impressed
  - 55 Irritated state
  - 57 Having the best manners
  - 61 Rules of conduct
- DOWN**
- 1 Pear variety
  - 2 Resound
  - 3 Greek letters
  - 4 Spooky
  - 5 Current fashions
  - 6 Consumed
  - 7 Burn somewhat
  - 8 Roof overhang
  - 9 Afternoon nap
  - 10 No longer fresh
  - 11 Dilutes
  - 12 "Famous" cookie guy
  - 13 Enlivens, with "up"
  - 18 Within the law
  - 22 Colors slightly
  - 24 Puzzle or riddle
  - 26 Savory jelly
  - 27 Young insect
  - 28 Raise funds, perhaps
  - 30 Helps with the dishes
  - 31 Impressionist works
  - 33 Islamic sacred text
  - 34 Actress Dunne
  - 36 Freight weight
  - 39 Postal Service alternative
  - 41 Gem surface
  - 46 Group principle
  - 50 Ukrainian seaport
  - 51 Flustered state
  - 54 Verbally clever
  - 56 In that spot
  - 57 "Hey, you!"
  - 58 Table spread
  - 59 Centers of solar systems
  - 60 Moderate gait
  - 62 Let (tell about)
  - 63 Formally surrender
  - 64 Slow-cooked meal
  - 67 Most Wanted List org.

