



School districts planned for high gasoline prices

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Like anyone, area school officials are looking at the recent explosion in gas prices with concern. But they remain confident that the rising prices won't result in a reduction of transportation services.

On a day that retail prices for

unleaded gasoline topped \$3 a gallon locally, Howard Stewart, transportation director for the Big Spring school district, said no cutbacks in services were on the horizon.

A recent fuel delivery topped off the district's diesel and unleaded storage tanks, Stewart said, giving the transportation department some breathing

room in dealing with the escalating prices.

"We can go three months, easy, with what we have in the ground. That'll take us to the end of the year," Stewart said. "Hopefully, there will be a break in the prices by then."

Big Spring officials budgeted 20 percent more for fuel purchases this year, Business



Waggoner

Manager Sandra Waggoner said. Although that figure has been surpassed by the recent upsurge in prices, Waggoner does not foresee a shortfall in purchases this year.

"Right now, (cutbacks) aren't anything that

we're looking at," Waggoner said. "It may become necessary some day, but we're not looking at it right now."

If fuel prices continue to skyrocket, Waggoner said the district could make up any budget shortfall by dipping into cash reserves.

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SETTLING IN

Evacuees, relief workers get ready for long haul; lots of work to be done

Engineers begin pumping floodwaters from New Orleans. Page 6A.

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The initial excitement is over. Now, everyone is settling in for the long haul.

Since 75 victims of Hurricane Katrina arrived in Big Spring late Saturday, they and relief workers have experienced a kaleidoscope of emotions. Tears have mingled with laughter, and joy has been tinged with sadness.

Now, however, comes the settling-in phase.

"We're getting in a position where we think we're getting somewhat

more stable," said Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, spokesman for Operation Big Heart, an umbrella organization of local and county agencies dedicated to aiding hurricane victims.



McEwen

"(The evacuees) are still filtering through their emotions and the tremendous stress they went through," McEwen said. "They went through an incredibly harrowing experience. These people basically didn't know if they were going to make it."

With things starting to calm down a bit, many of the evacuees are starting

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Volunteer workers sort through donated clothing at the old Lions Event Center on East Third Street. The clothing, along with other items, is meant for victims of Hurricane Katrina, 75 of whom were relocated to Big Spring Saturday night. Officials say they now have plenty of clothing. Needed most are bedding and household items.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

Bush pegs Roberts for chief justice

By JESSE J. HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's decision to nominate John Roberts as the nation's 17th Supreme Court chief justice raises the stakes of the upcoming Senate confirmation hearings, with lawmakers now asked to pass judgment on a man who could lead the nation's highest court for decades.

Republicans say nothing has changed, that Roberts is the same well-qualified judge who seemed to be headed for confirmation as an associate justice before Chief Justice William Rehnquist died Saturday and Bush tapped Roberts, 50, for the top spot.

"The fact that he's now been elevated to chief justice shouldn't slow us down at all," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-

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Judge John G. Roberts, President Bush's choice for Supreme Court chief justice following the death of Chief Justice William Rehnquist Saturday, meets Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

KRT photo/Chuck Kennedy

Plans taking shape for Webb AFB reunion

Event planned Sept. 30-Oct. 2 here

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

As the second slew of invitations hits post offices all over the country, project committee members for the second Webb Air Force Base Reunion are gearing up for the momentous event.

Committee Co-Chair Col. Jim Little, retired USAF, said they have decided on the guest speaker.

"Major Gen. David Pederson will be our guest speaker," said Little. "He retired from the Air Force in 1992. He was a graduate of the Webb flight training program and finished here in 1963. He's a sharp guy and comes highly recommended. He flew F-4s, tankers and other types of aircraft."

Little said the reunion is com-



Foresyth

ing together well despite slow returns on the invitations that have already been sent out.

"It's coming together well," said Little. "We don't quite have as many people as we want yet, but most of the signups come in late. So we're really counting on that."

"We're getting ready to do our second mail-out to everyone that's already on our invitation list," said event coordinator and committee co-chair Jan Foresyth. "Nancy Jones and the volunteers with RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) are helping us with our mail-outs, and they

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EARLY VOTING ENDS TODAY

With early voting coming to a close, just short of 90 people have cast ballots in the Coahoma Independent School District bond election.

Coahoma school superintendent Jerry Johnson said 88 people have voted in advance of the general election, which will be held from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday at the Coahoma Community Center.

Early voting in the election will end today at 4 p.m. in the school district administration building.

Coahoma school district voters are being asked to approve an \$11.9 million bond issue to finance renovation throughout the district.

COMING THIS WEEKEND



"Georgia Rain," is centered around the small town that shaped her so profoundly.

Cover Story: Country singer Trisha Yearwood is returning to her Georgia roots for her first CD in four years. The theme of her CD, as well as "Georgia

GIRL SCOUTS SET RALLY

The West Texas Girl Scout Council Service Unit 35 has a volunteer and parent information rally from 6 until 7:30 tonight at the St. Paul Lutheran Church Education Annex, 809 Scurry for parents and others interested in joining Girl Scouts as a volunteer.

Girl Scouting is for girls 5-17 years old. The organization develops confidence, positive self image and self esteem and provides a safe place for girls to grow and learn. Girls learn teamwork and leadership skills, safety and first aid skills and develop lifelong friendship. Adult volunteer leaders are needed. Call Connie Schooler at 263-4502 for more information.

Obituaries

Louis T. Padron



Louis T. Padron, 56, of Big Spring died at 3:15 a.m. Monday, Sept. 05, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil service is 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service is 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with C.L. Lunsford officiating. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born Aug. 10, 1949, in Big Spring to Carlos and Benita Padron. He married Guadalupe Gonzales Sept. 29, 1973, in Big Spring. He worked in the oil field a number of years and later worked operating vacuum trucks at the refinery and for the boll weevil eradication program. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County.

He is survived by his wife, Guadalupe Padron of Big Spring; one daughter, Lisa Carrillo of Big Spring; one grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Richard Anthony Ramirez

Richard Anthony Ramirez, infant son of Vanessa Martinez and Robert Ramirez of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 4, 2005, in a local hospital. Funeral services are 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, officiating.

He was born Aug. 15, 2005, in Odessa. In addition to his parents, he is survived by one brother, Robert Ramirez Jr. of Big Spring; his grandmothers, Gloria Martinez of Big Spring and Rose Mary Ramirez of Houston; his great-grandparents, Vince and Lupe Rodriguez of Houston and Maria Robledo of Big Spring; and several aunts and uncles.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.
Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds around 10 mph.
Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.
Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s.
Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.
Saturday night...Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Lows in the mid 60s.
Sunday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 6-22-30-35-37.
Number matching five of five: none.
Matching four of five: 81. Prize: \$527.
Matching three of five: 2,863. Prize: \$11.
Matching two of five: 28,877. Prize: \$2.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 2-5-20-35. Bonus Ball: 4.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.
Number matching four of four: 5. Prize: \$1,805.
Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 15. Prize: \$74.
Number matching three of four: 683. Prize: \$22.
Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 485. Prize: \$20.
Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 3,224. Prize: \$7.
Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 5,845. Prize: \$5.
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$375,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-4-4

Here are the winning numbers selected Monday in the Louisiana Lottery:
Pick 3: 7-4-3
(seven, four, three)
Maximum prize \$500
Pick 4: 5-5-5-1
(five, five, five, one)
Maximum prize \$5,000

Take note

GIRL SCOUTS UNIT 35 has an information meeting for volunteers and parents from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. tonight in the St. Paul Lutheran Education Annex, 809 Scurry. Volunteer leaders are needed. Call 263-4502 for more information.

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Police blotter

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

- CODY WINGO, 17, of 1700 Purdue, was arrested Monday on charges of criminal trespass of a habitation and burglary of a habitation.
- JAMES GOMEZ, 24, of 2101 S. Main Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault Class C/family violence.
- JOSEPH OLVERA, 18, of 101 N. Goliad, was arrested Monday on a charge of minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage - enhanced.
- RANDY YBARRA, 18, of 1504 E. Sixth Street, was arrested Monday on a charge of minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage.
- CHRISTOPHER GUTIERREZ, 18, of 1600 E. Fifth Street, was arrested Monday on six local warrants and a charge of minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage.

THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia. CRIMINAL TRESPASS OF A HABITATION/SHELTER CENTER was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Seventh Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
 - in the 2100 block of Main Street.
 - in the 2600 block of Clanton.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of South Davis Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1400 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 400 block of East Fourth Street. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2100 block of Rickabaugh. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 700 block of Anna. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 2600 block of Ent. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 100 block of Northeast Ninth Street. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Moore Road. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- TRAUMA was reported near the intersection of Ranch Road 33 and Longshore Road. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Highway 350. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Tulane Road. One person was transported to SMMC.
- STRUCTURE FIRE was reported in the 900 block of East Central in Coahoma.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 800 block of Willia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the 168 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Service was refused.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2000 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2700 block of North Birdwell Lane. Service was refused.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 4200 block of West Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported near the 171 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 3100 block of Navajo. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in the area of North County Road 17. Two people were transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported the VAMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 2900 block of East Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of East Fourth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

Bulletin board

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

- TODAY
- Texas Motorcycle Rights Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Spanish Inn. The public is invited. Call 268-6421 for more information.
 - VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
 - Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
 - Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

Sheriff's report

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

- DEANNE MARIE THOMPSON, 31, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of driving while intoxicated - second offense, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, failure to stop for a red light and no driver's license.
- STEVE RODRIGUEZ, 23, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest or detention.
- TIFFINIE VANDERBILT, 21, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of burglary of a habitation - two counts.
- VICTOR FLORES JR., 23, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of violation of a protective order.
- JENEANE NICHOL RICHARD, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana - more than two ounces, less than four ounces and two counts of possession of a controlled substance.
- JEREMY JAMES WHITE, 26, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana - more than two ounces, less than four ounces and two counts of possession of a controlled substance.
- GUILLERMO GOMEZ ROMERO, 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.
- HENRY FRANKLIN EDWARDS, 48, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- JAMES RANDLE GONZALEZ, 20, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- RANDY ALAN CYPERT, 26, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of ride not secured by a safety belt, violation of a promise to appear and speeding.
- DARRELL SCOTT SHULTZ, 22, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- JOSE MIGUEL ROSALES, 17, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of consumption of alcoholic beverage by a minor.
- DAVID SHAWN MENDEZ, 19, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a minor - third offense enhanced.
- PAUL MORENO JR., 23, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.
- LATASHA LYNN ANDERSON, 30, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- CARLA S. MIZE, 60, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of services.
- ROYCE KATHLEEN FEASTER, 40, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.
- GERALD CARL WHITFIELD, 19, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- CHRISTY MORGAN RAINS, 27, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of violation of parole - possession/transportation of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.
- HECTOR DUENEZ MARTINEZ, 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence.
- CHRISTIAN ALVAREZ, 23, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.
- JIMMY ANTHONY CANTU, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify - giving false information and charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon - two counts.
- JOEY SCOTT GUTIERREZ, 22, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JOSEPH EDWARD OLVERA, 18, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for consumption of alcohol by a minor - third offense enhanced.

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REUNION

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do a super job. Everything is rolling along like we anticipated at this point."

Slated for Sept. 30 through Oct. 2, the reunion will be the second of its kind — fashionably early.

"We had the first annual reunion of the closing of Webb Air Force Base in 2002," said Foresyth. "It had been 25 years since it was closed, and we invited every airman and civilian we could get a name for and had about 400 people attend. Since then, we've had people calling, wanting to know when the next one would be."

"When we held the first one in 2002, we only planned to do it every five years. But we've had so many calls we've decided to do it again after only three years."

Regardless of what role people may have played in the day-to-day life of the base, Foresyth said the call for former Webb-related people is going out en masse.

"Everyone that was employed, stationed or had anything to do with Webb Air Force Base is invited to come," said Foresyth. "We'll start registration on Friday morning, Sept. 30, at Hangar 25 Air Museum. At noon Jan Colmer will fly over from Midland's Confederate Air Force, which is holding it's Airsho that weekend. He's going to do an air demonstration for us, and after he lands we'll have lunch and everyone will get the chance to meet him. The rest of Friday afternoon will be pretty casual since we'll still be registering people."

"Friday evening we'll be at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum where we'll

For more information on the reunion, contact Jim Little at 264-2362.

have a dinner, which will be catered by La Posada. After dinner we'll have some casino games, and that's a big success each year."

The reunion is also sharing a special day with the Commemorative Air Force in Midland, as reunion attendees will get a chance to attend the world famous CAF Airsho the next day.

"On Saturday morning we'll load everyone on to charter buses and take those who are interested in going over to the Confederate Air Force for the day," said Foresyth. "We'll serve lunch and dinner, and we'll be there all day for the show."

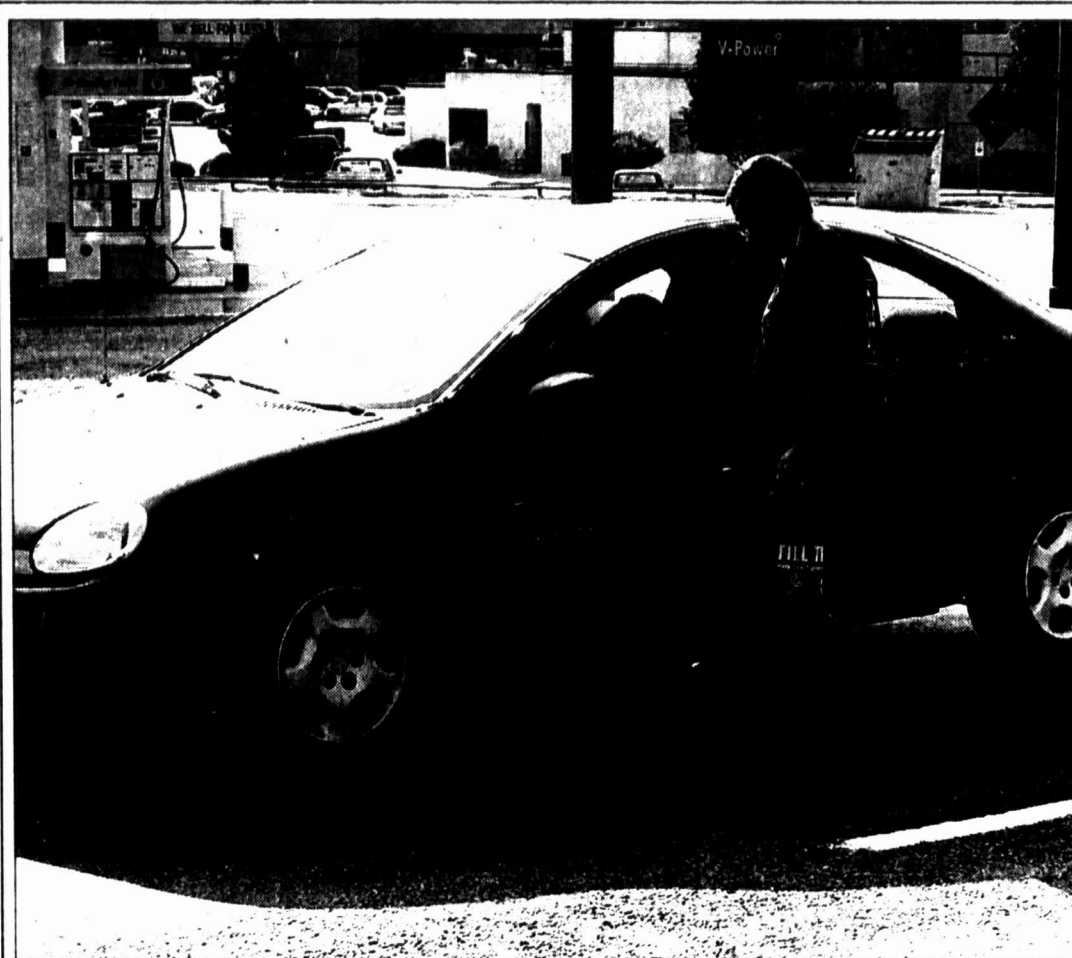
Little said the tie-in with the CAF should make the event memorable for everyone involved.

"I think this is going to be a great reunion," said Little. "We're doing it in conjunction with the Commemorative Air Force Airsho, which is a world class event they hold in Midland each year."

"And the people we're bringing back for the Webb reunion, most of them have an aviation type background. We feel that event in with what we're doing here is going to be a very positive thing."

For more information on the reunion, contact Little at 264-2362.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.



Big Spring firefighter Mark Settles accepts a donation to the Muscular Dystrophy Association Saturday as part of the fire department's Fill the Boot for MDA campaign.

GASOLINE

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The news is the same in Howard County's other two public school systems. Officials at Coahoma and Forsan both said there is adequate money for fuel purchases this school year.

Dianna Walker, business manager at Forsan, said the sudden jump in prices did not catch the district unawares.

"We tried to take that into account when we were preparing the budget this summer," Walker said. "So I think we're going to be OK."

Coahoma ISD also counted on fuel price increases when preparing this year's budget. The district benefited from spending less on fuel than anticipated last year, which resulted in some funds being carried over to this fiscal year, Superintendent Jerry Johnson said.

ROBERTS

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Texas, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee that will hold confirmation hearings on the nominee.

Democrats, however, said bumping Roberts up to chief justice instead of having him replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor means tougher scrutiny of Rehnquist's former Supreme Court clerk.

"Before the Senate acts on John Roberts' new nomination, we should know even more about his record, and we should

know whom the president intends to propose to nominate as a replacement for Sandra Day O'Connor," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

No Democrat has yet publicly opposed Roberts' nomination to the Supreme Court, with several actually praising the federal appeals court judge when he was set to be O'Connor's replacement. Assuming no more than a handful of Republicans would fail to vote for Roberts, the only way Democrats might stop Roberts' confirmation would be through a politically bruising filibuster fight, which might

weaken them just as President Bush makes a new nomination to replace O'Connor.

After turning twice to Roberts, Bush faces increasing pressure to name a woman or a minority, and to replace O'Connor's swing vote with a more reliable conservative.

Liberal groups are trying to drum up support to fight Roberts' ascension to chief justice anyway, after working weeks trying to get senators to oppose him as an associate justice.

"We must oppose his confirmation as chief justice even more strenuously because, in that post,

he would have even greater power to shape the direction of our courts, our laws and our lives," said Debra Ness, president of the National Partnership for Women & Families.

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Bedtime Stories

TWO TUTU'S TO TU, TOO

Once upon a time in a country far, far away from our country, there lived a little girl named Tu Chen Toon. Her country was called China. Can you find her country on a map? What is our country called? Can you find it on a map, too? I thought you could!

All of Tu Chen Toon's friends called her "Tu". That was her nickname. Do you have a nickname? Tu loved ballet. She loved to dance in ballets. She was even called a ballerina. Do you know what a ballerina is? Tu loved to dance in all of the ballets in the city where she lived. And the people in that city loved to see her dance! She looked like an angel when she was dancing, as if her feet were never even touching the floor! She moved so softly and gracefully, like she was water flowing slowly down a little hill. But she had a problem!

Because she danced so many times in so many places, she didn't have enough tutu's. Do you know what a tutu is? I know that you know, but will you tell your friends that don't know, that a tutu is a costume that a ballet dancer wears? You are a good friend!

And then one night it happened. Tu had to stop dancing! She didn't have a tutu to wear. All of the people in that city were there the night she couldn't dance. They were so disappointed! They had wanted to see her dance. They wanted to see her dance every night. They did love her!

The next night, she didn't dance either, or the next. She had no costumes to wear. The people of the city decided that they had to do something! But, what could they do? Do you know what they could do? Of course, they could all help buy costumes for Tu. And they did! They wanted to see Tu dance again!

The people in Tu's city were really nice. I have no tutus to wear," she sobbed. "That is why we are here," one of the people said. "We love your dancing so much that we want you to dance for us forever!" Then, she handed Tu the tutus. Not just one, but two tutus!

Tu ran as fast as she could to the ballet. She wanted to put on her new tutu and dance once again. And dance she did! She loved that night. The people in the city loved that night, too! Tu seemed more lovely than ever. The people seemed to smile bigger than ever. All of Tu's dancing friends were smiling more and more. After all, they all had a new tutu, that the people had given them, and they could dance with Tu, too.

Yes, everyone in the city was so glad that they had given Tu's friends a new tutu. And they were very happy that they had given two tutus to Tu, too.

Tu is still dancing, but she asked me to tell you, "GOOD NIGHT!"

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OUR VIEWS

Be sure to attend Tuesday's kickoff for United Way

It's that time again — time for the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's annual "kickoff" luncheon, which will be held Tuesday at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

Tickets for the catered barbecue meal, priced at \$10 each, are available at the United Way office, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and First Bank of West Texas locations in Big Spring, Coahoma and Loraine. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Motivational speaker George Toone, who has been blind since birth, will keynote the affair with a blend of humor and music only a native Texan could deliver.

The luncheon kicks off the 60th United Way campaign that helps fund 15 local agencies — the American Red Cross; Boy's Club of Big Spring; Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America; CASA of West Texas; Council on Aging; Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center; Howard County Humane Society; Isaiah 58; Northside Community Center; Salvation Army; Victim Services; Westside Community Center; Westside Day Care Center; West Texas Girl Scout Council; and the YMCA of Big Spring.

We encourage everyone to make sure they attend Tuesday's luncheon, but more importantly, open your pocketbooks to make sure this year's drive is a successful one.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR,

Big Spring ISD has a new mentor program called TXBESS. This program involves new teachers and their mentors. The program is designed to help first year teachers. We have a wonderful school district and would like to keep our new teachers here.

WE had our first insert for the new program on Aug. 12. The merchants of Big Spring were very generous in donating items for door prizes. We appreciate your generosity and support.

List are Fayes Flowers, Master's Touch, Harris Lumber, Higginbotham Bartlett, Spanish Inn, Carlos Restaurant, Koshmore Kasual, Avis Lube, Franklin and Son, Taylor's Barber and Beauty Supply, Dakota's Flowers, Lady Bug, Merle Norman, W.C. Garver Barber Shop, Movies 4, Serendipity and Sears.

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TO THE EDITOR,

I am a former student of Coahoma High School and would like to thank all of the people for the prayers and care boxes that they have sent throughout all the military.

I am currently in Iraq and would just like to say thanks.

JOSHUA BROWN
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TO THE EDITOR,

I just wanted to let folks back at home know that

our daughter, Mariel Annette (Arriola) Porter recently graduated summa cum laude from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

Mariel was also named the top psychology student for the year. She and her husband, Daniel, will continue their masters degree studies at Liberty University and eventually plan to do missionary work in Russia.

Mariel is the daughter of Tony and Iris Arriola of Harrisburg, Pa., and granddaughter of Meliton and Eloisa Arriola of Big Spring.

MELITON (TONY)
ARRIOLA JR.
HARRISBURG, PA.

TO THE EDITOR,

I am looking for any information on my great uncle J.W. Carpenter (John William). He was born, I believe, in 1860 and died in 1949.

There was a large story in the January 1944 issue of the Big Spring Weekly celebrating he and his wife's 65th wedding anniversary.

He had a daughter named Nettie and his father's name was William. He had numerous siblings including my great-grandmother, Molly Virginia (Jennie).

If anyone has any information including photographs, letters or newspaper clippings, my family would greatly appreciate it. You can mail them to: Connie Tanner, 1031 Whitetail Trail, Van Buren, Ark. 72956

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A flood of Bush bashing

It is only a matter of hours now that, after any catastrophe anywhere in the world — a tsunami, a hurricane, a terrorist bombing on the London tube — Bush haters find ways to blame President Bush. Hurricane Katrina? Bush haters have pointed their fingers at global warming, the war on terror, the Bush tax cuts, the national dependence on oil — and in every category, Bush is the root of the evil.

Forget nature. George W. Bush is more powerful.

The German environment minister and U.S. envoy Robert F. Kennedy cited global warming as a cause for the hurricane. It doesn't matter if data show, as James Glassman of TechCentralStation pointed out, the peak for major hurricanes came in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s. Columnist Molly Ivins criticized Bush for cutting \$71 million from the New Orleans Corps of Engineers — even though the levee that broke had just been upgraded.

Are National Guardsmen in Iraq? Yes, some 35 percent are, but more are in Louisiana, and nearby police and firefighters can pitch in.

Bush haters who want to appear less rabid than their quick counterparts wait a whole day or so. Thursday, *The New York Times* editorial page hit Bush for delivering a bad speech about the hurri-

cane's aftermath, for grinning while he spoke and for asking Americans to donate cash but not asking them to sacrifice.

The day before, the paper opined, "This seems like the wrong moment to dwell on fault-finding, or even to point out that it took what may become the worst natural disaster in American history to pry President Bush out of his vacation."

It's not as pithy as some of the other anti-Bush slogans, but here's an idea for a T-shirt slogan: "Clinton vacationed at Martha's Vineyard, and nobody died." Others have lighted on left-leaning targets.

They blame residents of New Orleans for living in a city built largely below sea level. They fault homeowners who live near the beach. Of course, industries like shipping and tourism exist because of those locations. When you think about it, every locale has its hazard, be it hurricane, blistering heat, blizzard, earthquake or tornado.

Some blame families that did not heed the call to evacuate — including families that didn't have cars, money or places to go to.

On the right, there is triumph in how the left should be held accountable for America's failure to build more refineries — as the hurricane damage drives up the price of gasoline.

Some gloat that if the left had allowed drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the nation's oil supply would not be an issue. And what about all those liberal Californians who drive SUVs?



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The problems with American labor

Happy Labor Day, comrades. Hail to all who have yet to be outsourced, downsized, zero-budgeted, streamlined, cut back, laid off, globalized or otherwise pre-shrunk. Those of us who are lucky winners in the employment



MOLLY IVINS

lottery can still enjoy our stagnant wages, disappearing benefits and collapsing pension plans. What, us worry?

Not that I want to start off one of my favorite national holidays on a bumper note, but it's enough to make Joe Hill rise from the dead yet again. One of the handicaps Americans have when it comes to discussing labor is that about 90 percent of us think we're middle class. Upper-class people are quite as likely to self-identify as middle class as are working-class folks. And middle-class folks do not think of themselves as "labor."

How could you be part of labor when you don't wear a hardhat or carry a lunch bucket? When you live in a suburb and own a bass boat, as well as an SUV? When you wear a suit and tie or high heels to work? When you're management, for pity's sake? Because that's what American labor looks like now — just like you.

And American labor has some serious problems. Earlier this month, Treasury Secretary John Snow observed, "The fruits of strong economic growth are not spreading equally." Yo. Phillip Swagel of the conservative American Enterprise Institute explains: "The gains from the recovery haven't really filtered down. The gains have gone to owners of capital and not to workers." I'd say so myself.

For starters, we have a growing economic underclass. In 2004, 37 million Americans — 12.7 percent of us — lived in poverty, the fourth year in a row the numbers increased. Between one-fourth and

one-fifth of American children are being raised in poverty.

Next up, more Americans lack health insurance — 45.8 million. That's the fourth straight year that figure has gone up, too. Six million more people lacked health insurance in 2004 than in 2000. The proportion of Americans with employer-sponsored coverage keeps shrinking, and public insurance programs cannot make up the difference.

Meantime, the median income failed to increase for the fifth straight year, the first time that's happened since the feds started keeping records in 1967. Since the economy is "in recovery," where's all the money going?

Corporate CEOs moved up again, now making 431 times as much as the average worker. Our friends at the Center for American Progress calculate that if the ratio of CEO-to-worker pay had remained the same as it was in 1990, 301-to-one, the lowest-paid workers in the United States would be making \$23.03 an hour.

There is no great argument over why these things are happening. None of this is the result of any immutable economic law — it is the result of deliberate government policies. Allan Lichtman, professor of history at American University, wrote last month in *Newsday*: "Like a master pick-pocket, George W. Bush distracts the American people with one hand, while reaching into their pockets with the other. The distraction comes through the flash and bombast of explosive social issues like abortion, gay rights, public displays of religion, end-of-life decisions and creationism. ... The pilfering comes through initiatives that take from working- and middle-class Americans and give to Bush's corporate backers, to whom he has delivered the goods big-time."

Lichtman cites the media's preoccupation over whether Bush's pick for the Supreme Court will vote to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, while Congress passed an energy bill with \$14.5 billion in tax breaks, most of which go to com-

Say what you will, but all of the above arguments are a luxury. Alabama families are dredging water from their living rooms. In the Big Easy, women have had to wade through the nasty liquid clutching a few belongings.

And for them, the big issues were: Where do I go? What will I do for work? Where is my dog? Did my neighbor make it? How long will I have to sleep in a shelter? Do I even want to go back to the town that I call home? They aren't stranded because of politics, SUVs or climate change. They are stranded because a planet that graces us with sunshine and warmth also makes storms.

They are stranded because a powerful storm cut a swath through their universe. They thought they could handle it. They survived Camille, or some other storm, and they thought they'd be better off at home. They wanted to be near their families and their pets.

They never knew it could get this bad. They had made the same choice before, and it worked for them.

This time, what worked before failed. At times like this, Americans need to help each other.

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What ever happened to the good stuff from the good old days?

Well, it finally happened. I've become my father.

Despite years of resistance, the battle is lost. And woe to me, as I feel what's left of my youth running away, leaving me as empty as a Jack in the Box in downtown Seattle.

OK, so maybe it's not that bad, but it's not easy to accept.

How did it happen, you ask? It's not a pretty story, so brace yourself.

While pumping gas at a local convenience store — I shall name no names because I'm so sure they're just ripping us off on so many different levels — and struck up a conversation with a young man, probably 19 or 20 years of age.



THOMAS JENKINS

It really is funny how skyrocketing gasoline prices can turn people that wouldn't normally give each other a second glance, much less a kind word, into allies. Silent rebels, waiting patiently on the fringes of the economic battlefield for the order to rush the oil barons.

Of course the topic of conversation between myself and this young man was the same topic I would dare say dominates the gas-smelling electronic pumps all over the Lone Star State: Gasoline prices.

It was a friendly conversation, punctuated with the sounds of clanging gas nozzles and the clicking sound of those gas caps that won't let you over-tighten them.

That's when it happened.

Almost as if watching the conversation from a distance — an out of body experience, no less — I watched my lips part and those words fall out.

"I remember when I was a kid we used to ride

our bikes up to the gas station," I saw myself say. "Gas was under \$1 a gallon back then."

I froze, suddenly zapped back into my own body! Did I say that? Did that come from me?

Needless to say, the young man could clearly see he'd bitten off more than he could chew with the conversation and proceeded to get in his car and drive away quickly, leaving me frozen in place on the little gasoline island next to the pump.

Either way, I recovered.

So, while I'm feeling nostalgic, I figured I'd share a number of other "Hey there, I'm getting old and want to talk about the past" thoughts that have been racing in and out of my mind lately.

• Whatever happened to the little multi-colored pieces of gum that were emblazoned with the Ford Motor Co. logo? I know Chiclets are still being made. Did they put Ford out of the gum business? Are they piled up

in a warehouse somewhere? More importantly, why did they have a car maker's logo on them?

• Whatever happened to all of the wives' tales that made kids look really stupid? Are kids still wrapping pieces of Wrigley's gum in banana peels and placing them out in the hot sun all day, all in the hopes of creating a gum that yields results resembling thorazine? What about Pop Rocks and Pepsi?

• Whatever happened to Underoos? You'd think someone would make them in adult sizes by now.

• Whatever happened to having gray hair before you were a grandparent?

• Whatever happened to street musicians? When I was younger, a trip to

downtown Sumter, S.C., would yield at least two or three musicians "playing for their supper" on the street corners.

• Whatever happened to Channel 1 on cable TV? Is it still missing in action? Makes you wonder why that number is obviously sacred in the cable television industry.

• Whatever happened to baseball and football cards? I honestly remember just two companies making them — Topps and Dunlop — without all the frilly aluminum and stuff on them. Now we have a thousand different trading card games with name's we can't pronounce.

• Whatever happened to Magnum PI? I can find reruns of MTV's The Real World on 10 different channels, so where's

the Magnum Channel? What about an all-around tough guy channel? Is that too much to ask?

• Whatever happened to Atari game systems? Remember Missile Command? Asteroids? Better yet, what ever happened to board games?

Through years and years of abuse from their children — ranging from my sister stealing the car to me running over a road sign in the truck — my parents have proven a very important point to me. Some things really do get better with age. Thanks, Pop.

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U.S. hands over control of Najaf base to Iraqis amid chants of 'long live Sistani'

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — The U.S. Army handed over its base in Najaf on Tuesday, giving Iraqis full control of the city as a first step in transferring security across the country so multinational forces can begin to go home someday.

Lt. Col. James Oliver, the U.S. commander of Forward Operating Base Hotel, handed the ceremonial keys to the installation to the new Iraqi commander, Col. Saadi Saleh al-Maliky. About 1,500 Iraqi soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 1st Brigade, 8th Division marched by.

Before the ceremony, the Iraqi soldiers, all Shiites, chanted "long live Sistani," referring to top cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, and "Saddam is a coward."

U.S. forces have relocated to another base farther outside the city so they would be available to assist in a major security crisis.

Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad, is the holiest city in Iraq for Shiite Muslims and was the scene of heavy fighting last year between the U.S. Army and the militia of radical Shiite cleric

Muqtada al-Sadr.

The U.S.-led coalition plans to hand over control of other cities to the Iraqis, gradually reducing its security profile. If all goes according to plan, this would enable the United States and its international partners to begin drawing down their troops next year and focusing on the insurgency-ridden Sunni Arab areas to the north.

Gov. Asaad Sultan Attai thanked the American people "and its army" for ousting Saddam Hussein and for "their assistance since then."

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Floodwaters recede as New Orleans braces for what lies beneath

By **DOUG SIMPSON**
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — With a major levee break finally plugged, engineers struggled to pump out the flooded city Tuesday as authorities braced for the horrors the receding water would reveal. "It's going to be awful and it's going to wake the nation up again," the mayor said.

Mayor Ray Nagin said it would take three weeks to remove the water and another few weeks to clear the debris. It could also take up to eight weeks to get the electricity back on.

"I've gone from anger to despair to seeing us turn the corner," he said on NBC's "Today." Still, he warned that what awaits authorities below the toxic muck would be gruesome. A day earlier, he said the death toll in New Orleans could reach 10,000.

The Army Corps of Engineers began pumping the water out after closing a major gap in a key levee

that burst during Hurricane Katrina and swamped 80 percent of the bowl-shaped, below-sea-level city.

Efforts to evacuate hold-outs were stepped up, with boat rescue crews and a caravan of law enforcement vehicles from around the country searching for people to rescue.

"In some cases, it's real easy. They're sitting on the porch with their bags packed," said Joe Youdell of the Kentucky Air National Guard. "But some don't want to leave and we can't force them."

Nagin warned: "We have to convince them to leave. It's not safe here. There is toxic waste in the water and dead bodies and mosquitoes and gas. We are pumping about a million dollars' worth a gas a day in the air. Fires have been started and we don't have running water."

Patrick Rhode, deputy director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said evacuees would receive debit cards



A U.S. Navy crew plucks a woman from a flooded neighborhood near the Interstate-10 overhead in New Orleans Monday.

so that they could begin buying necessary personal items. He said the agency was going from shelter to shelter to make sure that evacuees received cards quickly and that the paperwork

usually required would be reduced or eliminated. "We're eliminating as much red tape as humanly possible," Rhode said on ABC's "Good Morning America." The Air Force late

Monday concluded its huge airlift of elderly and serious ill patients from New Orleans' major airport. A total of 9,788 patients and other evacuees were evacuated by air from the New Orleans area.

In neighboring St. Bernard Parish, officials expressed frustration that federal aid, slow to reach New Orleans, was even slower to get to outlying areas.

"This is Day 8, guys. Everything was diverted first to New Orleans, we understand that. But do you realize we got 18 to 20 feet of water from the storm, and we've still got 7 to 8 feet of water?" said Ron Silva, a district fire chief. "If you had dropped a bomb on this place, it couldn't be any worse than this."

A Canadian task force of firefighters and police arrived four days after the storm, St. Bernard Fire Chief Thomas Stone said.

"If you can get a Canadian team here in four days, U.S. teams

should be here faster than that," Stone said. Pointing to two large oil refineries, "When they're paying \$5 to \$6 a gallon for gas, they're going to realize what this place means to America."

The frustrations also were being felt along the Mississippi coast, where people who have chosen to stay or are stuck in demolished neighborhoods scavenge for necessities.

Some say they will stay to rebuild their communities. Others say they would leave if they could get a ride or a few gallons of gasoline. All agree that they need more help from the government just to survive.

"I have been all over the world. I've been in a lot of Third World countries where people were better off than the people here are right now," retired Air Force Capt. William Bissell said Monday. "We've got 28 miles of coastline here that's absolutely destroyed, and the federal government, they're not here."

VICTIMS

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to evaluate their long-range goals, he said.

"The worst time you want to make a decision is when you're under stress," McEwen said. "And these people were under a great deal of stress."

The evacuees were initially housed in local motels, but the process of finding more permanent lodging has begun. Some of the initial group of 75 have already left town to be reunited with family members, but many are considering whether to remain in Big Spring permanently, McEwen said.

"They've lost everything, and they're certainly not going back anytime soon," he said.

The Big Spring Independent School District began enrolling displaced children this morning. Superintendent Michael Downes did not have an exact count at press time, but said the process was going smoothly.

"We occasionally enroll homeless students who require additional resources, and we defi-

nately know how to do it," Downes said.

Officials with the relief effort have expressed gratitude for the response from local citizens. In fact, they've almost been overwhelmed by that response.

Kathy Lusk said several people who have offered their services on a volunteer basis have become frustrated because they have not yet been given specific tasks. She assured these people that work will be forthcoming soon.

Also, Lusk noted that relief officials are not in need of any further donations of clothing at this time. The "biggest need right now, she said, is for mattress covers, towels, sheets, small household items and gift cards.

For more information on donation needs or how you can volunteer for help, contact the Operation Big Heart hotline at 714-7641.

Over the next few days, housing and employment opportunities will be discussed with the evacuees. In addition, state officials have given their applications for food stamps and other social services the highest priority.

McEwen said more evacuees are likely to relocate here in the near

future, but no definite plans have been set as of today.

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September 29 • Thursday

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IN BRIEF

Cosmo sets booster club dates
The Cosmo Athletic Booster Club will meet each Monday at 7 p.m. in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom through the football season. The meetings after football season will take place only when needed.
For more information, contact Donna Wright at 267-6723.

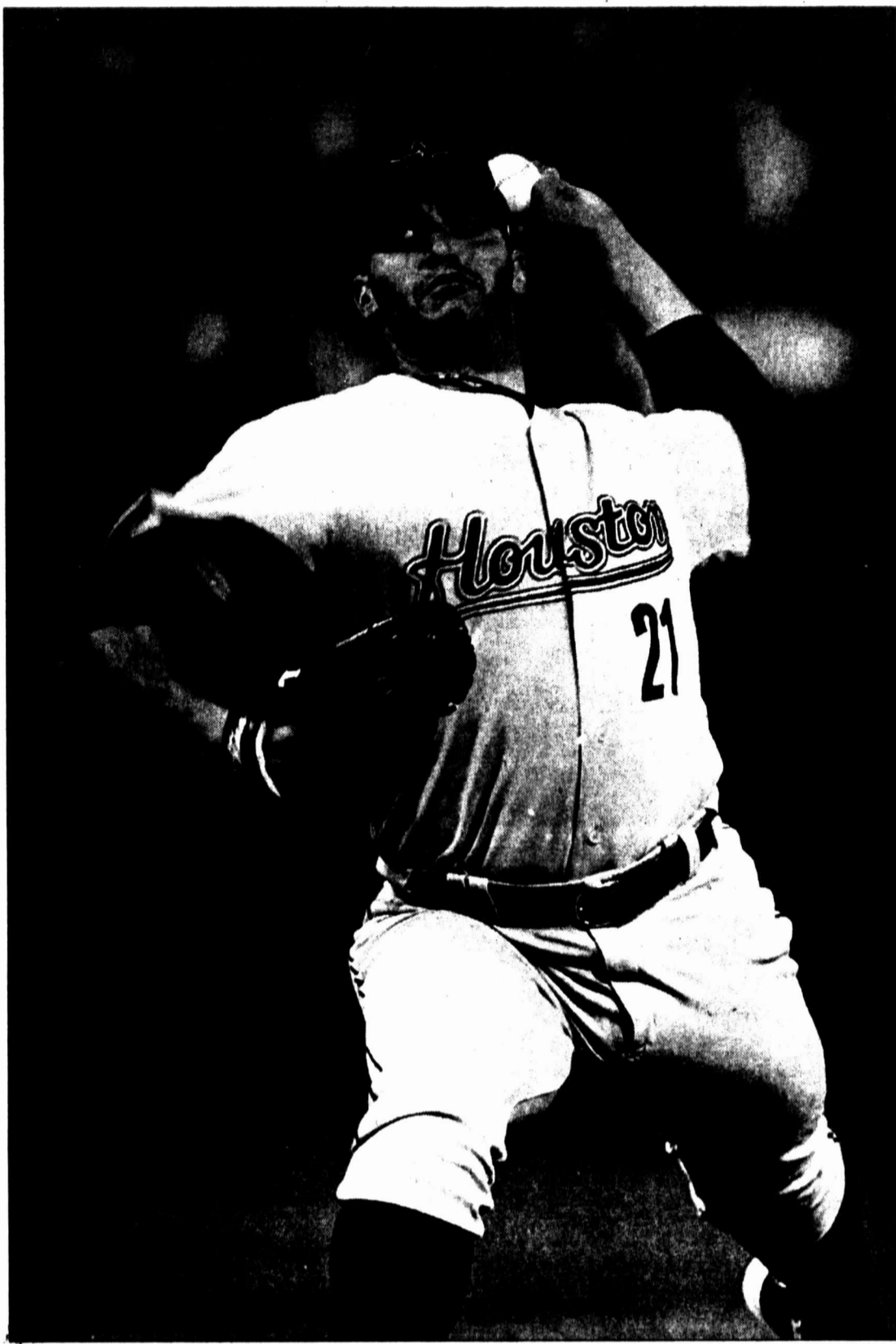
Quarterback club sets remaining weekly meetings
The Big Spring football booster club (quarterback club) will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATO through the football season.
For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

YMCA sets meeting for adult flag football league
An organizational meeting has been scheduled for adults wanting to field a team to play flag football this fall.
Participants must be 18 years of age or older to play.
The meeting will take place at the YMCA tonight at 6 p.m.
For more information, call 267-8234.

Henson Memorial fund-raiser set
The Second Annual Pfc. Clayton W. Henson Memorial Scholarship Fund-raiser golf tournament has been set for Saturday.
The tournament will be a four person scramble and will cost \$80 per person.
It will take place at the Phoenix Golf Club in Stanton.
For more information, contact Wally Hazelwood at 756-2424 or the Phoenix Golf Club at 756-2556.

Lady Steers Booster Club sets meeting for next Monday
The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster Club has announced a meeting for Monday.
It will take place at the Big Spring Athletic Training and start at 6 p.m.
For more information, contact Carol Policky at 466-3900.

Hunter Education Class announced
The date for the next hunter education course will be Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. in the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Building.
The cost is \$10 and each student will need his/her social security number and a parent or guardian is under 17.
Texas law requires this course to be taken if you want to hunt.



Houston Astros pitcher Andy Pettitte kept the Philadelphia Phillies bats quiet in the Astros' 4-3 win at Citizen's Bank Park in Philadelphia, Penn., Monday. With the win, the Astros are back in the lead by a half-game in the National League Wild Card race.

Pettitte helps get Astros back into NL wild card lead

• Houston downs Phillies, Pettitte suffers foot injury

By ROB MAADDI

AP Sports Writer
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Andy Pettitte's foot swelled, Morgan Ensberg's hand was wrapped and Lance Berkman wore ice packs around both knees.

Battered and bruised, the Houston Astros are alone atop the NL wild-card standings — for now.

Pettitte pitched 5 2-3 scoreless innings, and Berkman hit a three-run homer to lead Houston past the Philadelphia Phillies 4-3 Monday night.

The Astros moved a half-game ahead of Philadelphia and one game ahead of Florida with their 10th consecutive win over the Phillies. Washington is 1 1/2 games behind Houston, while the New York Mets trail by three games.

"It was a good win for us," said Pettitte, who left in the sixth because his left foot had swelled to the point where he was having trouble pushing off the mound.

Brett Myers' grounder up the middle in the third hit Pettitte's foot, but the left-hander stayed in a few more innings. Pettitte

isn't expected to miss his next start.

Ensberg left the game with a bruised right hand after striking out in the fifth.

He was hit by a pitch in the third inning, but X-rays on the hand were negative and he's day to day.

Pettitte (14-9) allowed three hits, struck out five and walked none. Dan Wheeler escaped a jam with the bases loaded in the seventh, and Brad Lidge pitched the ninth for his 33rd save, although he gave up one run and had the tying run at third and the winning run at second before getting the final out.

Kenny Lofton, who led off the ninth with an infield single, scored on a wild pitch to make it 4-3 with two outs.

Lidge then walked Ryan Howard, and Jimmy Rollins doubled into the right-field corner to put runners on second and third. Lidge struck out pinch-hitter Endy Chavez to end the game.

"We had a chance at the end, but couldn't get it done," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.

Berkman's drive in the first off Myers (12-7) gave Pettitte all the runs he needed. Pettitte lowered

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NFL's greatest WR retires from sport

• 42-year-old Rice calls it quits after 20 years in NFL

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP Sports Writer
DENVER (AP) — Jerry Rice spent 20 years making every sacrifice he could to play the game he loved. He knew his football career was over when all those sacrifices weren't enough to make him a key player in Denver for one, final season.

Relegated to reserve duty or nothing with the Broncos, Rice chose the latter, calling it a career Monday after two record-setting decades in the NFL.

"I think that's it for me," Rice said during his farewell news conference at Broncos headquarters. "I'm done and I'm looking forward to the next phase of my life now."

With that, the NFL reached the end of an era, saying goodbye to a once-in-a-lifetime player.

The 42-year-old receiver, a first-round draft pick out of tiny Mississippi Valley State in 1985, leaves the field with 38 league records, including the most career receptions (1,549), yards receiving (22,895) and touchdowns receiving (197).

But as much as the numbers, it was the way he did things that made the biggest impression — the right way. He was a master of details, a maestro of route-running precision, a good guy off the field and a workout junkie both in season and out.

Revered by fans and his

peers, Rice told his short-time teammates in Denver that he was retiring during a short meeting held after his public announcement. The Broncos gave him a standing ovation.

Shanahan said Rice is the best player to ever play the game, and there are many who would agree.

He led the 49ers to three Super Bowl titles and helped make Joe Montana and Steve Young look great. He mastered the West Coast offense and made a career of turning short catches into long gains, strutting into the end zone, his arms raised aloft.

His work ethic and attention to the little things gave an entire generation of receivers someone to look up to.

After 16 years with the Niners, Rice went to Oakland, where he had three fairly productive seasons. But it became clear the end might be near last season when the Raiders phased him out, prompting a midseason trade to Seattle.

He still averaged 14.3 yards a catch last season and scored three touchdowns, showing traces of the big-play capability he flashed so often earlier in his career.

"I think it's the right thing," said Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren, the last man to coach Rice in a real game. "I know how hard this was for him. He'd like to play until he's 60 if he could. I've never met anyone quite like that."

Rice added, "I never thought I'd ever see this day."



Andre Agassi returns a shot in the first set in the match with Xavier Malisse at the U.S. Open in Flushing Meadows Park, N.Y., Monday. Agassi took the match in five sets and will take on James Blake in the quarterfinals Wednesday.

Big 12 coaches favor replay after first week

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer
DALLAS (AP) — Nebraska coach Bill Callahan was one of the staunchest proponents for instant replay in the Big 12. He still is, even after five plays were reviewed in the Cornhuskers' season opener.

There were eight Big 12 home games in which instant replay was used for the first time over the weekend.

There were seven reviews, the five at Nebraska and one each in the Texas and Oklahoma games.

"They were possession calls and boundary calls and things of that nature. I think it was well done," Callahan said Monday during the Big 12 coaches conference call.

Two calls were overturned Saturday in the 25-7 victory over Maine. An interception by Maine's Daren Stone was called good after initially ruled an incomplete pass, and replay officials also overturned a reception by Nebraska's Terrence Nunn.

Texas and Oklahoma benefited from replays, though they didn't affect the final outcome.

In the Longhorns' 60-3 victory over Louisiana-Lafayette, the Ragin' Cajuns quarterback was ruled to have crossed the line of scrimmage. Instead of a completed pass, there was a penalty and a loss of down after the replay.

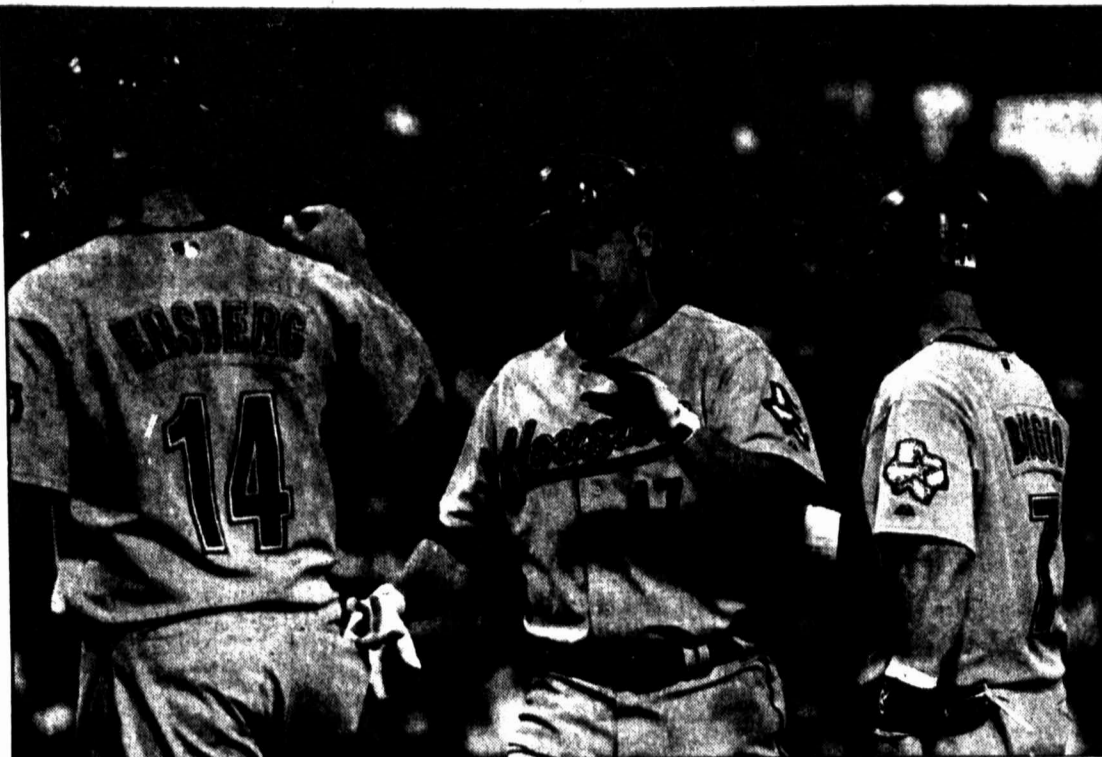
Officials at the Oklahoma game used a replay to determine that a

Sooners punt didn't break the plane of the end zone. That put TCU inside the 1 rather than the 20 to start a possession, but the Frogs still won 17-10 in the biggest upset of the opening weekend.

Under the Big 12 instant replay rule, coaches can't ask for a review.

Stoops was surprised that another play — in which he thought the Sooners had caused a fumble — wasn't looked at by officials.

Baylor got its first experience with instant replay in its opener at SMU, a member of Conference USA that is using a system similar to the Big 12. The Bears recovered a fumble after a SMU kick returner was stripped of the ball, and the replay upheld the turnover.



Lance Berkman (17) of the Houston Astros receives congratulations from teammates Morgan Ensberg (14) and Craig Biggio, right, after hitting a 3-run home run in the first inning off Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Brett Myers. The Astros defeated the Phillies, 4-3, at Citizen's Bank Park in Philadelphia Monday.

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his ERA to 2.42 and has allowed three earned runs or less in 15 straight starts. He has given up one run or less in 11 of those outings.

"He's pitched very, very good for us," Astros manager Phil Garner said. "I'm surprised his control has been better than most guys in their first year after surgery."

Pettitte, who had elbow surgery on Aug. 24, 2004, left after Jason Michaels doubled in the sixth, but Chad Qualls retired Bobby Abreu on a slow grounder on his first pitch to end the inning.

The Phillies cut it to 4-1 on an RBI single by Mike Lieberthal off Qualls in the seventh. Tomas Perez

NL Wild Card Standings

- 1. Houston —
- 2. Philadelphia -0.5
- 3. Florida -1
- 4. Washington -1.5
- 5. N.Y. Mets -3

Ensberg singled to left after Craig Biggio walked. Berkman followed with a liner deep into the right-field seats, giving the Astros a 4-0 lead. It was Berkman's 17th homer and the third straight game he's connected.

"We know it's an important series and they know it's important," Berkman said. "A lot of times you can get to a guy before he settles in and gets his good control. A lot of times that's how you beat a good pitcher, get to him early."

Myers allowed four runs — three earned — and five hits in seven innings. He struck out six and retired the last 10 batters he faced.

"I was trying to keep us in the game so we can rally," Myers said. "We showed a lot of heart coming back."

Florida State ends losing streak with arch rival Canes

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP Sports Writer
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Another blown field goal try decided a Florida State-Miami game. Nothing new there.

The difference Monday night was the Seminoles were the team celebrating when Miami messed up, instead of the other way around.

The Hurricanes botched a short, potential game-tying field-goal attempt in the final minutes to hand Florida State a 10-7 victory that snapped Miami's six-game winning streak against their bitter rivals.

In a series that has seen Bobby Bowden and the Seminoles lament more costly missed field goals than they care to count, Florida State wasn't about to feel guilty about catching a break.

"We finally stole one from them like they've been stealing from us," Bowden said. "It's about time."

Jon Peattie lined up for the pivotal 28-yarder with about 2:30 left, but holder Brian Monroe dropped a low snap that bounced off his hands and rolled back into the pile, never giving Peattie a chance.

"It was like, 'Did that really just happen? That's supposed to happen to us,'" Florida State running back Lorenzo Booker said, laughing at the irony.

Failed field goals by Florida State have played a major role in six Miami victories since 1987, some costing FSU national title shots. Four times, Seminoles kickers went wide right, once wide left and last year they had one blocked.

"It made up for a lot of them, but not all of them," said Bowden, who improved to 12-19 against Miami with FSU.

After Miami's gaffe Monday night, all Florida State had to do was run out the clock to secure its first victory over the Hurricanes since 1999.

"When the law of averages goes against us, I don't like the law," Miami coach Larry Coker said. "I think it was just poor execution on our parts. Maybe it was just

Florida State's time."

Florida State overcame its own inept offense (170 total yards) with a defense that registered nine sacks by seven players, two by Kamerion Wimbley.

Both Florida State's Drew Weatherford and Miami's Kyle Wright were making their first collegiate starts at quarterback and, at times, neither looked ready to lead a team to victory in one of college football's fiercest rivalries.

Weatherford was awful, going 7-for-24 for 67 yards with an interception. He was pulled early in the fourth, but fellow redshirt freshman Xavier Lee had no luck moving the "Noles, either.

"The only thing I didn't like was that our freshman quarterbacks couldn't hit a receiver," Bowden said.

Wright wasn't much better until the final Miami drive, when he completed six passes and converted three third downs to put the Hurricanes in position to beat the Seminoles for the seventh straight time.

Wright hooked up with tight end Greg Olsen four times in the 19-play drive that started on the Miami 3 and got the Hurricanes to the Florida State 3.

"I knew we were about to win," Wright said. But the Seminoles pushed Miami back with a sack and another tackle behind the line to force the Hurricanes to go for three to tie.

Wright finished 16-for-28 for 232 yards and a touchdown pass. Olsen caught eight passes for 137 yards.

"I don't mean to say anything bad about Florida State," Wright said. "But I don't think the better team won."

Wright shook off two early interceptions and a few dropped passes to guide an 81-yard touchdown drive in the second quarter. The sophomore's first career TD pass was a 34-yarder to Ryan Moore to make it 10-7.

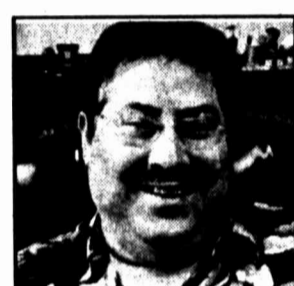
The Seminoles had grabbed a 10-0 lead in the first quarter on a 1-yard TD run by James Coleman.

Pigskin Picks Football Contest



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- 3. Hawley
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- 6. Michigan
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- 9. Cowboys
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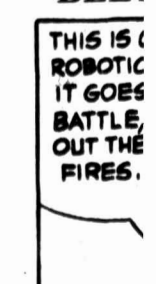


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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The Libra moon is like the fluffy nougat in a chocolate bar that holds the whole thing together. People relate in a light and sweet, if not clingy, manner. To make the most of this energy, involve yourself in someone else's projects and involve others in yours. Teamwork (particularly teams of two) achieves four times what can be achieved alone.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you don't fear being wrong, foolish or unpopular, then you are able to do what few people can accomplish these days — that is, talk less and say more. What a difference you'll make!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Because you know what it means to struggle, you have an increased appreciation for the people who touch your life. Suddenly, all the effort you put into a relationship seems worthwhile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Banish habits that block your potential. Recreate yourself, if that's what it takes. Rewards for your self-improvement efforts may include rapturous love. You can make an impact on Scorpio.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A scenario in your love life could make you feel rather smug. (Cue up the Pussycat Dolls lyrics "Don't cha wish your girlfriend was hot like me?" in the background ...) You'll never be sorry about doing the righteous thing!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're hard to resist now, so make requests and issue invitations. You need allies. Projects with group support take off like wildfire, bringing recognition and artistic validation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Business as usual gets boring, but as long as a Capricorn is involved, you'll still make money. Spice it up in the p.m. by acting on a whim — even an unreasonable one will

bring luck.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Returning to a more playful and carefree time may be just what relationships need. Trust the intuition that comes from the periphery of your mind. Your amazing perceptive abilities will impress everyone, including you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The spark of romance finds you yet again, but this time, there is no way you can get burned. The Cancer or Leo you meet has a true and beautiful heart. Share your love as if you've never been hurt.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're a guide and a chief. You do this not by inspiring fear but by rousing confidence in your peers. When you know that others think highly of you, you act in such a way as to support their belief in you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're willing to sacrifice, particularly when it comes to family. The gift of time is far more precious to these people than money, but your current resources are limited. Still, they'll be happy with your best effort.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are two sides to every story, and while your dramatic side sees financial crisis as inevitable, your logical side knows that all you need is a little planning to set things straight. A Virgo or a Capricorn is happy to help.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you love what you do, your bank account grows exponentially. When you merely like what you do, the growth is predictable. When you hate what you do, no matter how much you make, it slips through your fingers.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My son is an Aquarius and has been engaged to a Scorpio girl. The wedding was set for January 2006, and all the plans have been made. Now, they have had an incident between them that may result in canceling the wedding or at least postponing it. I haven't bought a dress yet. What future do you see for them? (Birthdates withheld to protect the innocent!)"

I see a lot of passion and shared ambitions that have enough "umph" to drive this couple over the little blips and obstacles. I also see questions of fidelity, jealousy over things that didn't happen and tendencies to push each other to the limits to test the relationship. All these issues can be overcome — the fewer people involved the better! The last thing this couple needs is to be pressured any which way regarding their relationship. Your best bet is to wait until the end of December to buy your dress. In the meantime, keep so far out of it that they have to come and find you if they want your opinion, and even then, don't give it!

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Keanu Reeves is a Virgo with a soul-searching Cancer moon. His chart is dominated by earth and water influences — the fire and air influences are conspicuously missing. This indicates that Reeves believes what he sees and displays passion in practical ways. Tangible results are important to him, and ideals are only as good as their real-world outcome. When he gives his word, it's true.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

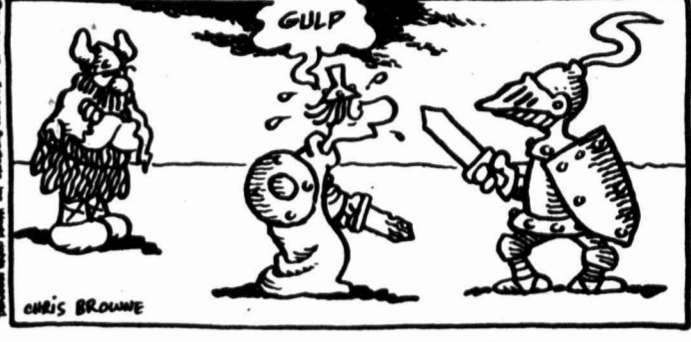


"If we were home-schooled, it would be good for our backs."

HAGAR



REMEMBER, TO WIN A SWORD FIGHT YOU MUST WATCH YOUR OPPONENT'S EYES TO SEE WHAT HE'LL DO NEXT!



GULP

BC



FROM NOW ON YOU WILL ADDRESS ALL TEACHERS AS "MA'AM" OR "SIR." YOU GOT THAT, CLASS?



YES, SIR!



SIGH. IT'S GONNA BE A LONG YEAR...

WIZARD OF ID



WHAT DID THE DOCTOR SAY?

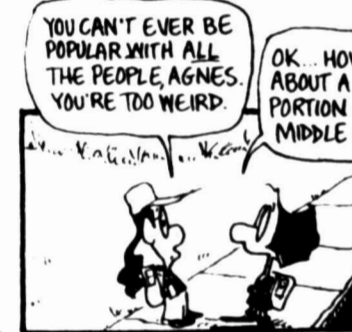


HE SAID I'M SUFFERING FROM BURNOUT



GEE... LUCKY FOR US YOU DIDN'T SET THE SOFA ON FIRE

AGNES



YOU CAN'T EVER BE POPULAR WITH ALL THE PEOPLE, AGNES. YOU'RE TOO WEIRD.



OK... HOW ABOUT A HUGE PORTION OF THE MIDDLE CLASS?



NOPE... YOU'RE TOO WEIRD FOR THAT, TO.

HI AND LOIS



IS THAT HOW YOU'RE PRESSING FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?



THEY CAN MAKE US GO BACK NOW...



...BUT IT'S STILL SUMMER FOR TWO MORE WEEKS!

THE OTHER COAST



IT'S AMAZING, TOULOUSE. EVERY TV SHOW EVER BROADCAST IS BOUNCING AROUND OUT THERE IN SPACE. SOAPS, GAME SHOWS, REALITY SHOWS...



ESSENTIALLY, WE'RE DUMBING DOWN THE UNIVERSE.



VIP. ONE PLANET AT A TIME.

SNUFFY SMITH



GRAMPY, HOW COME TH' GRASS IS GREENER ON TH' OTHER SIDE OF TH' FENCE?



WELP, I AIN'T SHORE, JUGHAID, BUT I ALWAYS FIGGERED...



IT'S GOT A LOT TO DO WIF THEM COWS !!

BEETLE BAILEY



THIS IS OUR NEW ROBOTIC SOLDIER. IT GOES INTO BATTLE, SEEKS OUT THE ENEMY FIRES...



IT DOES EVERYTHING YOU TELL IT TO DO



NOW I DON'T WANT YOU TALKING TO IT, BEETLE!

This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 6, the 249th day of 2005. There are 116 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 6, 1901, President McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y. McKinley died eight days later; he was succeeded by Theodore Roosevelt.

On this date:

In 1837, the Oberlin Collegiate Institute of Ohio went co-educational.
In 1939, South Africa declared war on Germany.
In 1941, Jews over age 6 in German-occupied areas were ordered to wear yellow Stars of David.
In 1948, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands was coronated.
In 1966, South African Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd was stabbed to death by a deranged page

during a parliamentary session in Cape Town.

In 1970, Palestinian guerrillas seized control of three jetliners which were later blown up on the ground in Jordan after the passengers and crews were evacuated.

In 1985, all 31 people aboard a Midwest Express Airlines DC-9 were killed when the Atlanta-bound jetliner crashed just after take-off from Milwaukee's Mitchell Field.

In 1997, Britain bade farewell to Princess Diana with a funeral service at Westminster Abbey. Weeping masses gathered in Calcutta, India, to pay homage to Mother Teresa, who had died the day before at age 87.

Today's Birthdays:

Comedian JoAnne Worley is 68. Country singer David Allen Coe is 66. Rock singer-musician Roger Waters (Pink Floyd) is 62. Actress Swoosie Kurtz is 61. Comedian-actress Jane Curtin is 58. Rhythm-and-blues musician Claydes Smith (Kool & The Gang) is 57. Country singer-songwriter Buddy Miller is 53. Country musician Joe Smyth (Sawyer Brown) is 48.

Actor-comedian Jeff Foxworthy is 47. Rock musician Perry Bamonte is 45. Actor Steven Eckholdt is 44. Pop musician Pal Waaktaar (a-ha) is 44. Country singer Mark Chesnut is 42. Actress Rosie Perez is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Darryl Anthony (Az Yet) is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Macy Gray is 35. Rock singer Dolores O'Riordan (The Cranberries) is 34. Actor Justin Whalin is 31. Rock singer Nina Persson (The Cardigans) is 31. Rapper Foxy Brown is 26.

Thought for Today: "We live in a fantasy world, a world of illusion. The great task in life is to find reality." — Iris Murdoch, Anglo-Irish author and philosopher (1919-1999).

Answer to previous puzzle

SCAM	ABBOT	CZAM
HOME	DEUCE	ROE
ARIA	HAREM	IDEA
RATTLE	TRAP	BELL
PLAYER	NOON	
DEAR	MOCMA	
ARAB	SWAP	ATLAS
BONUS	ADO	REELS
CONGA	VALE	BOOT
STAGS	RIENT	
YEAR	DOGMAS	
SHAW	BOTTLENECK	
OUCH	ADORE	ALOE
ANTI	SEMI	ALOE
RSVP	HEBOS	SENT

Newsday Crossword

LETTER CLOSERS by Sally R. Stein

Edited by Stanley Newman

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Like-minded voting group
 - 5 Young hooting bird
 - 10 Den furniture
 - 14 Capital of 64 Across, to natives
 - 15 Main idea
 - 16 Certain Jerusalem resident
 - 17 Actor Baldwin
 - 18 Prepared a file
 - 19 Banister
 - 20 North Pole VIP
 - 22 Letter-ending word
 - 24 Notion
 - 26 Workout rooms
 - 27 Little bite
 - 30 T-shirt size
 - 32 Deputized group
 - 36 "It's the end of an...!"
 - 37 Conversation filler
 - 38 The one here
 - 39 Letter-ending words
 - 44 _spumante
 - 45 Reverse or drive
 - 46 Wide shoe
 - 47 Chicken part
 - 49 Puccini opera
 - 50 Dentist's deg.
 - 51 Sewing-machine inventor
 - 53 Skinny
 - 55 Letter-ending word
 - 59 Polite refusal
 - 63 Sandwich cookie name
 - 64 Boot-shaped nation

- 66 Female horse
 - 67 Garage occupants
 - 68 Emphatic refusal
 - 69 Stratford's river
 - 70 Tie, as a tie
 - 71 Lawn material
 - 72 Fender-bender result
- DOWN**
- 1 Swimsuit tops
 - 2 "Whatever _ Wants" (*Damn Yankees* tune)
 - 3 Sign of the future
 - 4 Arizona plants
 - 5 Wagering place: Abbr.
 - 6 Apathetic comment
 - 7 Late-night TV host
 - 8 Come out of hiding
 - 9 First President Roosevelt
 - 10 Florida city
 - 11 Kind of vaccine
 - 12 Come up short
 - 13 In a competent manner
 - 21 Off-the-cuff remark
 - 23 Little devil
 - 25 Make simpler
 - 27 Unpracticed in
 - 28 From Dublin
 - 29 Singer LaBelle
 - 31 Beginning, so to speak
 - 33 Destroy, as documents
 - 34 One_ (biased)
 - 35 Road curves
 - 40 Budget-busting price level
 - 41 Creates a new hard
 - 42 Piece
 - 43 Smidgen of sand
 - 48 Garden tool
 - 49 Balance precariously
 - 52 Get water out of a mop
 - 54 Wanderer
 - 55 Argyle, e.g.
 - 56 Teheran's country
 - 57 Infamous Roman emperor
 - 58 Molten rock
 - 60 Preserve
 - 61 Metal in steel
 - 62 Take an apartment
 - 65 Many mos.

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Wacky Facts

Honeybees are the only insects that produce food eaten by humans. They've been making honey for at least 150 million years. U.S. honey production averages more than 200 million pounds per year.
— World Almanac for Kids

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Chatter Box

"We've always got different types of soda, Red Bull and guacamole Doritos. I am obsessed with them. I love strawberry Gushers, too. We just have normal food for everybody. Nothing snobby!"
— Hilary Duff, on the snacks in her dressing room, in *ym* magazine.

In The News

Rare woodpeckers make some noise

Bird lovers were chirping back last spring when scientists from Cornell University announced they'd rediscovered the ivory-billed woodpecker. The rare bird species was thought to have been extinct since 1944. It was rediscovered at Cache River National Wildlife Refuge in eastern Arkansas.

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DOUBTERS SILENCED BY BIRDS' SONG

This summer, a small group of ornithologists (scientists who study birds) said they weren't sure the ivory-billed woodpecker really had been rediscovered. They said a blurry videotape of the bird wasn't enough evidence. Researchers decided to send the

doubting ornithologists more evidence. They shared an audio recording of the ivory-billed woodpecker's one-of-a-kind, double-rap.

"Some sounds were explainable only by being an ivory-billed woodpecker," said John W. Fitzpatrick, director of the Cornell ornithology lab.

The unique sounds made believers out of the ornithologists. "The thrilling new sound recordings provide clear and convincing evidence that the ivory-billed woodpecker is not extinct," said Richard Prum, a scientist from Yale University.



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The ivory-billed woodpecker was spotted in the Big Woods area in Brinkley, Ark. The area has cypress-tupelo swamps that are home to many creatures.

PROTECTING THE RARE IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKER

The ivory-bill is the largest woodpecker in the United States and has a wingspan of about 3 feet. The ivory-billed woodpecker began to disappear as loggers cut down forests across the southeast between 1880 and the 1940s. Soon after the bird was rediscovered, the U.S. government announced a \$10 million plan to protect the rare bird.

Conservationists are trying to help the woodpecker by killing trees so that the birds will have more food. Sound strange? The woodpecker feeds on beetle larvae found under the bark of dead trees. When the trees are killed, more beetles will likely be attracted to the trees. With more food for the woodpeckers, the species will have a better chance at recovering.

Only about 35 to 50 trees will be cut on four 4-acre sections of land. There are 2,000 to 2,800 trees on each section. In about two or three years, scientists hope the trees will have lots of beetles for the woodpeckers and the double-rap will be a common sound. — Jill Egan

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Beatin' the heat



Chill out this fall with these cool albums

By Allison Stewart / Chicago Tribune

Other than Hilary Duff's new CD and Kanye West's album, the flow of music releases has slowed to a trickle. So what are you going to listen to as you head back to books and homework? Old reliables such as Coldplay and the Black-Eyed Peas?

It's the perfect time to take a look at some recent CDs you may not have heard. With suggestions for the best tracks to download, our new music guide should make these last few hot days a lot cooler.

▲ KEYSHIA COLE

"The Way It Is" Keyshia Cole's debut album is R&B with a hip-hop edge: Think of her as a female version of Usher. Eve and Kanye West make guest appearances. For fans of: Mary J. Blige. Best cut: "(I Just Want It) To Be Over."



VIVIAN GREEN, "Vivian" Soul-pop singer Vivian Green hasn't yet reached the level of fellow diva Alicia Keys, but it's only a matter of time. Her second album is a scary-good mix of poppy R&B and slow jams. For fans of: Jill Scott. Best cut: "I Like It (But I Don't Need It)."



▲ HOT HOT HEAT, "Elevator" Canadian former indie rockers Hot Hot Heat deliver non-stop new wave you won't be able to get out of your head. Their latest features 15 punchy, hook-filled tracks in slightly more than 30 minutes. For fans of: The Killers. Best cut: "Pickin' It Up."

ANTIGONE RISING, "From the Ground Up" You may have seen "From the Ground Up" on sale at your local Starbucks next to the Van Morrison CDs, but this girl group's debut is anything but mellow. A blend of rock, country and folk, it'll take up permanent residence in your player. For fans of: Sheryl Crow. Best cut: "Don't Look Back."



BLAINE LARSEN, "Off To See The World" At 19, Blaine Larsen is one of country music's rising stars — and this major-label debut features a song he wrote with his high school geometry teacher! With an album this great, he deserves extra credit. For fans of: Tim McGraw. Best cut: "How Do You Get That Lonely."

▲ JACKSON UNITED, "Western Ballads" Fronted by Foo Fighter Chris Shiflett, the punky-poppy Jackson United would sound right at home on an episode of "The O.C." (and that's a compliment). For fans of: Foo Fighters. Best cut: "Here Comes Hollow."

B5, "B5" Discovered by P. Diddy, boy-band B5 combines the famous harmonies and onstage acrobatics of the Jackson 5 with "TRL"-style cool. Added bonus: The group's five members are all brothers. For fans of: B2K. Best cut: "All I Do."

THE CLICK FIVE, "Greetings From Imrie House" The guys in C5 are best known for wearing matching suits, and for their opening stint on Ashlee Simpson's recent tour. Their new debut album is a blast of pure pop you'll be humming for months. For fans of: Fountains of Wayne. Best cut: "Just the Girl."



▲ NATASHA BEDINGFIELD, "Unwritten" New Zealand-based singer Natasha Bedingfield is one of the biggest pop stars in just about every country but America. Her attitude-filled U.S. debut is a danceable mix of pop, R&B and hip-hop that should make her a star stateside as well. For fans of: Gwen Stefani. Best cut: "These Words."

SNOW PATROL, "Final Straw" OK, we fess up: This technically doesn't count as one of the year's best albums (it actually came out in 2004), but we're betting anyone who's worn out a copy of Coldplay's "X&Y" won't be able to resist the latest from this amazing Scottish group. For fans of: Keane. Best cut: "Run."

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