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Mineral values hike helps county bottom line

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners put the finishing touches on the county's financial plan for 2005-2006 during a special Monday morning meeting, adopting a tax rate slightly below last year's rate.

Commissioners approved the tax rate at 54.546 cents per \$100 valuation. Despite a pair of public hearings on the rate, which

commissioners agreed on in August, there was no comment from taxpayers.

The court had approved the county's 2005-2006 operating budget the previous week.

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said the lower tax rate will mean lower or static tax bills for property owners.

"If the valuation of their property didn't go up, they should see a small decrease in the amount of taxes they pay," said

Kilgore. "It's slight, but it's a decrease. However, if their property value went up they could see an increase. The oil industry should see the majority of the increases in Howard County."

Commissioner Bill Crooker said he's pleased with the outcome.

"I'm pleased with the outcome of our budget, and our tax rate, essentially because we didn't have to raise taxes and we do

have additional funds with which to operate this year," said Crooker. "That's always nice to have."

While the rate, which is right at the rollback limit, is lower than last year's 55.337 cents per \$100 valuation, it's expected to bring in \$465,933 more thanks to elevated mineral values.

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"Hopefully, if we can keep the expenditures down and don't have any major emergencies, we'll be able to build the fund balances up."



Kilgore

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Memory Walk

Organizers hope 500 will participate in Alzheimer's Association annual event

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is doing its part in the fight against Alzheimer's — one step at a time — as the group prepares to hold its annual Memory Walk Saturday.

Nancy Jones, local coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association and director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), said the money raised by the annual trek — which includes both one- and two-mile walks — stays where it's needed most, at home.

"The money we raise each year stays right here in Howard County," said Jones. "It goes to help the families that are dealing with the disease and offers them the education and group services they need. It funds the differ-



Jones

ent services at the Alzheimer's Association provides. A percentage of the money is also used to help fund research on the disease."

Jones said recent progress in research on Alzheimer's shows just how much can be accomplished with the money raised.

"It's a really exciting time right now," said Jones. "There are a lot of new drugs out that are used to treat the disease, including different drugs for the different phases of Alzheimer's. Researchers have also been able to identify some of the genetics that play a role in the disease. All of this is really opening new

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'SUSPICIOUS' FIRE



Local firefighters put out a structure fire at 2908 Sherman Road late Tuesday afternoon. Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan said the cause of the fire is still under investigation, but does appear "extremely suspicious."

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Debaters stand out in tourney

By **CLINT ADAMS**

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring High School Speech and Debate team returned to its winning ways, bringing home the second place trophy at this past weekend's tournament at San Angelo Central High School.

"We did really well," coach Jennifer Adams said. "We had eight people who have never even seen a tournament with us. They all contributed and we are excited about the future of our program."

Senior Lara Brekenridge had an outstanding tournament, placing second in domestic extemporaneous speaking, eighth in dramatic interpretation and sixth in brown bag duet with her partner Rebekah Horton. Brekenridge and Horton also placed third in cross examination debate.

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With eye toward Rita, Bush returns to Gulf Coast



Church member Micah Forbes plants a kiss on the nose of hurricane evacuee 3-year-old Ronea Sylve during lunchtime at a hurricane shelter at Judson Baptist Church in Walker, La. The classrooms of the church have been converted to temporary accommodations for families displaced by Hurricane

KRT photo/Norman Ng

By **NEDRA PICKLER**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Tuesday embarked on his fifth trip to survey hurricane recovery efforts amid worries that Hurricane Rita, lashing the Florida Keys with 75 mph winds, could bring new misery to the devastated Gulf Coast.

A day after helping pressure New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin to stop the reopening of the city, Bush was getting an update on Rita and an on-the-ground briefing about cleanup efforts there.

He was beginning the tour in Gulfport, Miss., holding a meeting with leaders from local businesses and government.

The White House said Bush had named Frances Fragos Townsend, his in-house

"There is deep concern about this storm causing more flooding in New Orleans. If it were to rain a lot, there is concern from the Army Corps of Engineers that the levees might break."

—President George W. Bush

homeland security adviser, to lead an administration investigation of "what went wrong and what went right" in the sluggish federal response to Hurricane Katrina. Townsend will call a meeting with Cabinet secretaries in the next few days to determine how to move forward, presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said. Michael

Chertoff is secretary of homeland security.

The appointment of Townsend, a former federal prosecutor with a reputation as a tough adversary, is unlikely to satisfy Democrats on Capitol Hill who are demanding a fully independent investigation.

Crews were busy clearing debris and pumping the water out of New Orleans while anxiously watching the path of Rita. Forecasters warn that Rita could enter the Gulf of Mexico and possibly hit some of the same areas wiped out by Katrina three weeks ago.

"There is deep concern about this storm causing more flooding in New Orleans," Bush said Monday after meeting with his homeland security council at the

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UW DINE OUT DAY

The Spanish Inn at 200 NW Third is the Dine Out Day restaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.

A portion of the restaurant's proceeds that day will be donated to United Way.

The following Friday, Sept. 30, the Dine Out Day restaurant will be Domino's.

Other restaurants participating include Christene's, Oct. 7; Greg's Grill, Oct. 14; Gale's Sweet Shoppe, Oct. 21; and La Posada, Oct. 28.

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County serves 15 local agencies.



LEAVE IT TO BEAVER

XENIA, Ohio (AP) — A man convicted of stealing a 250-pound beaver statue has been ordered to start doing exactly the opposite: Guard 25 similar beaver statues for the next few weeks.

Common Pleas Judge Stephen Wolaver also sentenced Michael Ledford, 18, to five years' probation Monday and ordered him to pay part of the cost a city committee paid to put tracking devices on the beaver statues. Ledford, who earlier this month pleaded no contest to a theft charge, will guard the statues on weekends until they are auctioned Oct. 15. He will be given a chair while on duty, but police will monitor him, officials said.

'OUT OF THE SHADOW'

A special screening of nationally recognized filmmaker Susan Smiley's documentary on schizophrenia, "Out of the Shadow," will be shown today in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The event is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

A panel discussion of mental health professionals will follow the film to answer questions. The presentation is being sponsored by West Texas Centers for MHMR and the Howard County Mental Health Center. The film is intended for an adult audience.

How did all those student ID numbers get on that drive?

Internet news from around the globe... A laptop computer which contained the personal data of more than 98,000 current and former UC Berkeley students, has turned up on eBay.

A college student, Shuki Alburati, 18, faces charges of buying the computer from a woman who stole it from a UC Berkeley office in March.

Analysis of the computer at a Silicon Valley forensic lab showed someone had reformatted the computer, making it hard to discover whether anyone had accessed the names and Social Security numbers of 98,369 graduate students.

However, the university said there is nothing to prove that any identity theft or credit card theft happened. So that is OK then.

Alburati claims he didn't know the laptop was stolen. However, he admitted buying the computer for only \$300 or \$340 from an unknown woman outside his apartment on Leavenworth Street in San Francisco. He later sold it for \$1,195.50.

Last week, Verso Technologies (www.verso.com)

announced the roll-out of a "carrier-grade applications filter" that can block so-called bandwidth drains such as Skype, P2P messaging, streaming media, and instant messaging.

Verso CEO Monty Bannerman says service providers are gung-ho about his new product offering. As a "free" service, Skype is raiding the business model of service providers that want to roll out VoIP services for their customers.

"They're all telling me they hate Skype and they're telling me that they want to do something about Skype," said Bannerman. "If you have something in your network that is costing you money and raiding your business model, I assure you you're going to do something about it."

Bannerman claims that Skype and other P2P applications were generating up to 30 per cent of existing network traffic load as of last year according to presentations at the North American Network Operators Group (NANOG). Since a revenue-based service provider isn't making any money off that traffic load, it's not a good thing, especially if they plan to offer their own flavor of VoIP to their customer base. Since making the announcement, Verso has received a number of phone calls as well as intrigued service providers.

Could this technology be used to block Vonage service? "Sure," said Bannerman. "But we wouldn't do that." Bannerman drew a distinction between the more heavily US-regulated Vonage and Skype, saying that they were "different," with Vonage required to provide emergency and 911 service and abide by other FCC regulations, while Skype had no such state-side regulation. He believed he had a shot at selling some of his boxes to Vonage in order for that company to monitor traffic flow.

Figuring how to measure and block Skype has been a significant challenge, since the application has been difficult to measure. Verso has spent over a year and four engineering attempts to develop a platform capable of detecting, managing, and controlling Skype. "We are better than anyone else at this moment in time in detecting Skype and doing something with it, including turning it off."

When asked if current FCC rulings and upcoming American federal legislation to prevent application blocking of any type would affect selling the Skype-blocker in the States, Bannerman didn't seem to be worried. "The World Wide Web isn't just about America, plunk yourself anywhere else," he said. "This is a product for the world market."

Speaking of Skype, it seems that eBay has, after all, acquired the company in a deal estimated to be worth \$2.6 billion. The deal was done after hefty interest from other sectors including News Corporation and Yahoo, claims the Financial Times.

So what does it mean? Well, it certainly cures one of Skype's major headaches — namely, how to bill people for low cost voice services. In order to gain major revenues, Skype needs to promote its paid-for services like SkypeIn and SkypeOut.

And if there's any service on the Net which surfers are prepared to trust to take their payments perhaps it's the eBay/PayPal combo. Particularly since the former now owns the latter. Since this acquisition has been widely anticipated, there has been plenty of speculation as to new services which eBay/Skype might develop. The most obvious one being live voice auctions where participants can bid without having to pay a single cent for the call.

So eBay has the customers to rapidly expand Skype's already impressive userbase. It also has the billing mechanism. That just leaves one problem — technical support. One of the pair is going to have to put together a massive online call center to handle the impending technical queries. The number of queries will inevitably mushroom — especially after Skype increases the number of platforms that its client can run on — such as Windows Mobile and Symbian smartphones. And where's the obvious place to locate a call center which has plenty of experience with dealing with VoIP technology? India, of course. Can everyone jump for joy now?

Last week Internet giant Yahoo began a limited beta test of a new Web mail system, which includes a redesigned interface that mirrors desktop-based clients like Microsoft Outlook. Drag and drop features are supported through Dynamic-HTML, and a new search engine brings added support for attachments.

Yahoo said in June it was planning to launch a new version of Yahoo! Mail that would feature an instant preview pane. Many of the changes in the beta were taken from the company's acquisition of Oddpost last year. Users who dislike the new version will be given an option to switch back to the traditional interface.

At blogsearch.google.com, search engine provider Google has released the beta version of its search function designed especially for web logs. The blog search looks through blogs worldwide. According to the FAQs, Google automatically finds all blogs that have

The blog search is designed like the other search services that Google offers. As a special feature, Google also provides the results in the RSS or Atom format and provides special operators. For instance, inblogtitle: looks for the terms in the blog title. Google has only been indexing postings since July, but the company claims that it will also be able to include older postings. For current topics, the Google search already seems to be able to keep up with other blog search engines, at least when it comes to the number of units.

Google's special blog search is long overdue. It is a well known secret that Google pays great attention to blogs, even in the hits for the "normal" full text search engine. At the beginning of 2003, Google took over Pyra Labs, the operator of the blog service at Blogger.com.

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Cups with gay author's quote pulled from Baylor Starbucks

WACO (AP) — Coffee cups with a gay author's quote about growing up homosexual have been pulled from Baylor University's Starbucks.

Dining contractor Aramark pulled the cups earlier this month from the campus store following an e-mail sent to Baylor's dining service, saying the quote was inappropriate at a Baptist University.

Aramark, which oversees the coffee outlet, consulted with Starbucks' district office and removed the cups to avoid offending others, Baylor officials said Monday.

"My understanding is it was a decision made by Baylor dining services staff, and I've not yet been able to trace it back to any Baylor administrators telling them point-blank to pull the cup,"

Baylor spokesman Larry Brumley said.

"I think they were trying to be sensitive. Obviously, Baylor is a Baptist-affiliated institution, and Baptists as a denomination have been pretty outspoken on the record about the denomination's views about the homosexual lifestyle," he added.

The quote from novelist Armistead Maupin reads:

"My only regret about being gay is that I repressed it for so long. I surrendered my youth to the people I feared when I

could have been out there loving someone. Don't make that mistake yourself. Life's too damn short."

Lynndie England plans to fight Abu Ghraib charges

FORT HOOD (AP) — Four months after she tried without success to plead guilty, Army Pfc. Lynndie England is digging in to fight charges that she played a key role in abusing detainees at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison, her lawyer said.

The 22-year-old reservist, who appears in

several graphic photos taken inside Abu Ghraib, goes on trial here this week on two counts of conspiracy, four counts of mistreating prisoners and one count of committing an indecent act.

She will be the last of a group of junior enlisted soldiers charged with Abu Ghraib abuses to

have their cases resolved. Two have been convicted at trial, while six others made plea deals and received prison sentences of up to eight years. Most were members of the Maryland-based 372nd Military Police Company.

A final hearing is scheduled Tuesday to resolve any last-minute motions.

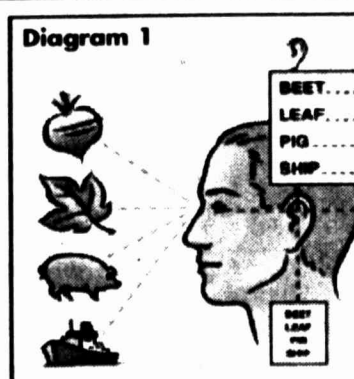
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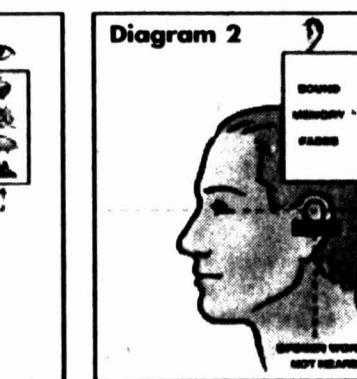
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Diagram 1 shows how the eye and ear cooperate to build up a "sound vocabulary" in the brain. From early childhood the sounds of words are conveyed to the brain to gather visual images of things; this information is stored in memory



compartments. Ability to make instant association depends on repeatedly hearing the word. If we do not hear a word for a long period of time, difficulty connecting the word to its meaning occurs.

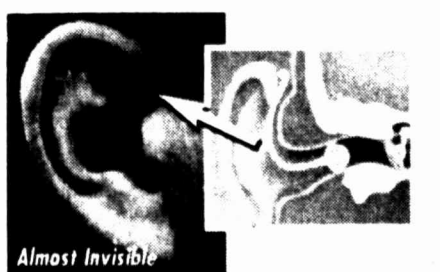
Diagram 2 illustrates what happens after a long period of not hearing. The sound memory fades, yet the visual memory remains. Consequently, the person is con-

fused when he again hears speech and natural background sounds. He must go through a period of re-education. If the person's hearing loss is greater in the higher frequencies (speech), then the period of re-education will probably take longer. This is one of the important reasons for early use of hearing aids: to keep alive the memory of natural sounds and to keep the association faculties exercised so that sounds and their meanings can be quickly recognized.

"A person may or may not be able to understand all of a conversation at first, but with patience, practice and persistence, he will understand more with the new Open Ear hearing aid in one month than in the first week," said Richard Davila, practice administrator of Livingston Hearing Centers. "There is no doubt that,

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Area Spanish classes visit Heritage Museum for Dies y Seis de Septiembre celebration

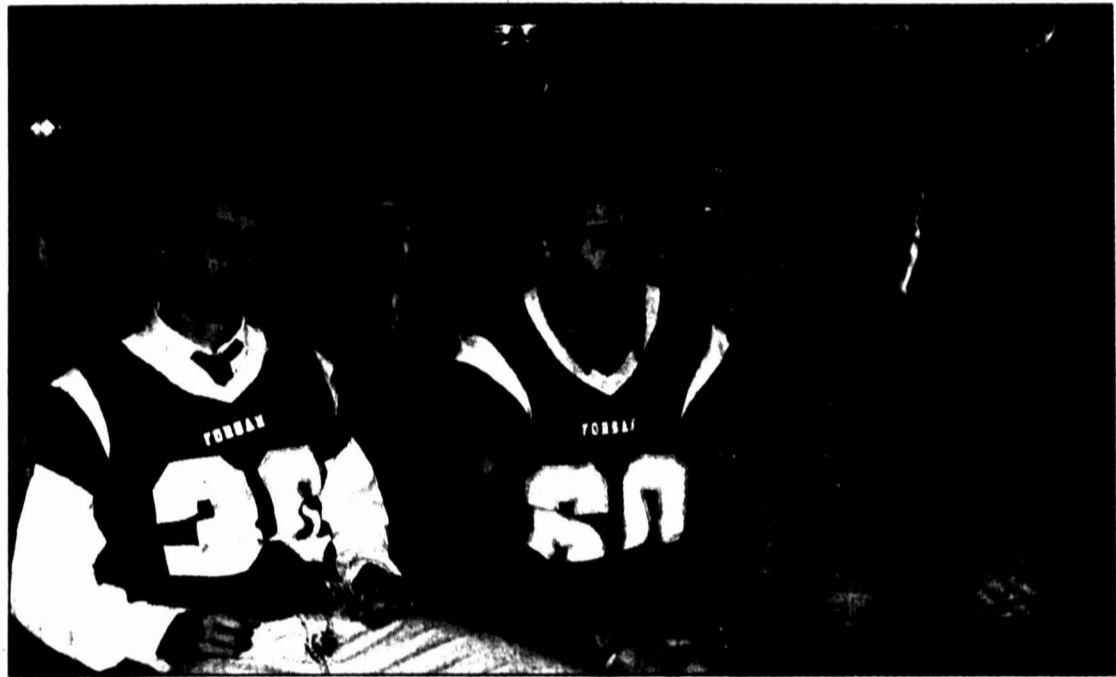


Herald photos/Marsha Sturdivant
Area Spanish classes, taught by Shella Abusaab, Big Spring Independent School District, Melinda Marquez, Coahoma Independent School District and Consuela Morales, Forsan ISD, attended a Dies y Seis de Septiembre celebration at Heritage Museum Friday.

Ola! Que Tal, a skit in Spanish, was performed by Matt Posey, above, Samantha Flores, Jonathan Moore and Shloh Pool. This is the second year the teachers have gathered their advanced Spanish classes together to provide practical Spanish application and celebration of Spanish culture.

Part of the festivities included traditional Mexican food, a piñata and entertainment. Special guest of honor was Carmen Mendoza, above right, shown receiving flowers from Forsan students Samantha Flores and Rosle Martinez. Mendoza was one of the first teachers for the Hispanic students at the Kate Morrison school, which was located on Lancaster in 1942.

Forsan students Mitchell Murray, Consuela Morales, Tyler Phillips and Casey Hultt, below right, watch as Margarita Durand-Hollis and Billie Miles, below, perform traditional Spanish music. Durand-Hollis used castanets and sang the songs, explaining the history of each song before her performance.



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• Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
• Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am

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City Park - 9:00 am

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be strong enough and mature enough to handle this situation and accept the responsibilities given to us."

In the first half alone, the Saints committed 11 penalties for 72 yards, including an illegal contact by Sedrick Hodge that negated a third-down sack and set up the Giants' third touchdown.

"We've been in four complexes in four weeks, I've been in three hotels, now an apartment," Haslett noted. "But that (performance) had nothing to do with where we live or what we do."

The Giants benefited in every way from the NFL's decision, beginning with the opening kickoff. Some Saints trickery immediately backfired. Michael Lewis handed off the return to Fred McAfee, who fumbled at the 10, with Chase Blackburn recovering. Three plays later, to tumultuous cheers for the "visitors," rookie Brandon Jacobs squeezed into the end zone for a 7-0 lead.

Hardly the start the Saints needed, and it didn't get much better. The Giants took a 14-0 lead on Tiki Barber's 6-yard reception.

But the Saints came back with an 86-yard drive that was almost all Horn. He had two catches

of 15 yards, then a 21-yard touchdown reception. It was Horn whose cell phone antics in a game against the Giants two years ago drew him a measure of fame — and a \$30,000 fine.

"They didn't just beat our butts and drag us all over the field," Horn said. "We gave them the ball and they capitalized."

Hodge's penalty three plays after Carlos Emmons' interception led to Barber's 12-yard run for a 21-7 New York lead. While the Saints got closer on John Carney's 21-yard field goal near the end of the half, their miscues continued in the second half.

Brooks' fumble set up Jay Feely's 39-yard field goal. And when his pass deflected off Donte Stallworth to safety Brent Alexander, the Saints were done.

Carney, who kicked the winning field goal last week at Carolina, even missed a 29-yarder, hitting the left upright. Feely then made a 30-yarder for New York.

When Horn fumbled as he was stretching for the end zone with 3:40 to go, most of the fans headed home, quite happy to see the visitors' victory.

"That's one of the loudest I've heard the stadium in a long time, and it wasn't even full," Giants tight end Jeremy Shockey said. "As players, we hear that and it really helps us out."



Michael Irvin (left), Troy Aikman (center) and Emmitt Smith were inducted into the Dallas Cowboys' Ring of Honor during halftime of Dallas' game with the Washington Redskins at Texas Stadium in Irving Monday.

COWBOYS

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ed that they chose to do it tonight."

The Cowboys had one last drive, starting on their 21 with 36 seconds left. They got to their 41, then went to a desperate measure on their last play — Bledsoe hitting Julius Jones and him pitching it.

Terry Glenn was tackled at the Washington 43, then rose to his knees and threw the ball up in disgust.

Dallas, which won its season opener by scoring in the final minute at San Diego, plays its next two games in California.

The Cowboys will remain there between their games against San Francisco and Oakland.

Pittsburgh roughs up Clemens, Astros still lead wild card chase

By ALAN ROBINSON

AP Sports Writer PITTSBURGH (AP) — This figured to be as easy as it gets for Roger Clemens.

Opposing pitcher Ian Snell had zero victories in the majors, or 340 fewer than Clemens. The Pittsburgh Pirates owned the NL's worst record and had never beaten Clemens. Their lineup had four rookies and two second-year players, including one with eight career at-bats and two others with fewer than 210.

Snell pitched like the Clemens of old, limiting the Houston Astros to three singles over eight innings. Clemens pitched like, well, an old Clemens in the Pirates' 7-0 victory Monday night that ended Houston's five-game winning streak.

The Astros fell back into some old habits as their NL wild-card lead over idle Philadelphia was trimmed to one game. They were shut out for a major league-high 17th time, nine with Clemens on the mound, and a third time in Pittsburgh.

In the only other NL game Monday, San Diego beat Colorado 8-7.

Snell (1-2) didn't have any problems, despite previously being 0-3 with a 12.38 ERA in four major league starts. He cruised through the Houston lineup, leaving only because he threw 103 pitches through eight innings.

Clemens (12-8), never throwing harder than 92 mph, didn't last nearly as long as Snell. He fell behind 2-0 on Jason Bay's RBI single in the third and Freddy Sanchez's third homer, in the fourth, then gave up four more runs — two earned — before leaving with two outs in the sixth.

The customary lack of run support didn't bother Clemens nearly as much as his own inability to keep the game close. He allowed 11 hits, the most he's permitted since giving up that many on April 15, 1999, against the Orioles for the Yankees.

Clemens beat Florida 10-2 Wednesday, hours after his mother, Bess, died. Despite the emotional stress and sadness, he said his mother's death didn't affect his preparation for this start.

BIG SPRING

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Swinney and Lewis added four blocks apiece. Junior Mallory Dunn had a season-high 41 assists.

"As you can see by the stats, everyone contributed to the win," said McAden. "It is great to knock off the defending

champions, but we can't be satisfied. We've got nine more to go."

The first of nine matches remaining in District 4-4A will be played tonight in Big Spring as the Lady Steers tackle arch rival Andrews at the Steer Gym.

The match will begin at 7:15 p.m. as the varsity follows the junior varsity.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You appreciate when partners, colleagues and loved ones address you in a respectful tone. Reinforce their positive behavior with praise. Establish what is worth fighting for before jumping into the ring.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's a bureaucratic and automated world, but you need the knowledgeable human touch - how novel! A miracle happens: The first person who answers the phone also answers your question.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll find a loved one very difficult to rein in, so focus your incredible disciplinary powers on yourself. There are so many ways to cut the nonsense out of your life, and cut it you must if you're to reach your splendid goal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The stars urge you to resist the temptation to judge and the need to change others. If you can do this, although it's potentially difficult, your day brings many unexpected but richly deserved gifts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your creative limits are self-imposed. Someone in the past told you that you couldn't do it, and you're still in the habit of believing that. Now the only way to prove to yourself that you CAN do it is to do it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Events of the day have a high potential to be misperceived, but even the sturdiest misperception can be corrected. Your best bet is to settle down and take it all in without reacting right away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What's stopping you from getting what you want is the other thing you want... your desires are in direct competition with each other. Figure out which you want more, and give up all things of lesser desire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Work gets a tense, but that's nothing compared to your personal life! What causes stress is not the situation itself but your thoughts about it. With a little help, you can manage those. Read or listen to something inspirational.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's out with the old and in with the new. Ditch the thing you've been chasing for the past couple of weeks, and take some time to get to know yourself. "You time" is much appreciated by your mind and body.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't let the haters get you down. People aren't thinking before they speak to you, and even if they are, it doesn't guarantee they're right. Your latest decision is best deliberated with inner wisdom alone. You

can't go wrong.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Meetings, memos and e-mails help you maintain an open flow of communication. You can and should say "no" often. Believing that others won't like you if you don't agree is fallacious thinking.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Steal the spotlight, but don't hog it. You're the gracious star who knows when to let someone else have the chance to shine. Friends compete for your affection.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I want to marry my boyfriend, who is also a Scorpio, but I don't want to end up divorced like our parents. Please tell me if two Scorpios are a bad combination."

Astrology is a fabulous timing tool and an aid to understanding ourselves and others. But it is a mistake to allow the generalizations that we read about the 12 basic "types" of the zodiac to override or overly influence our personal judgment - you and your boyfriend are individuals, special and one-of-a-kind, just as each of the rest of us is.

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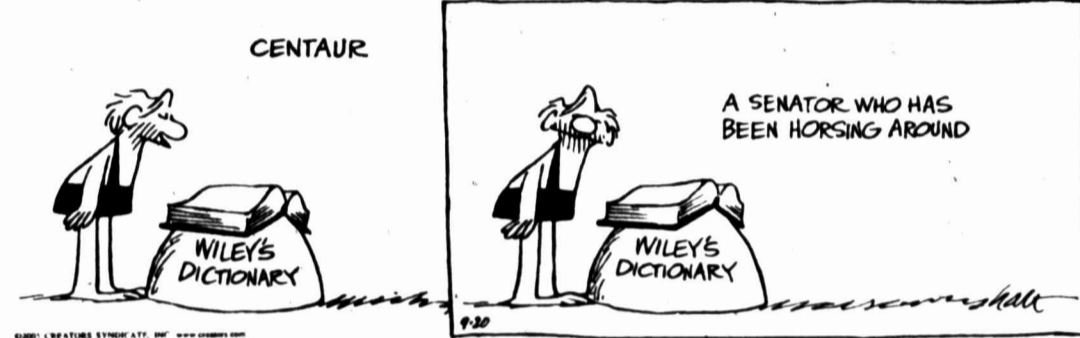
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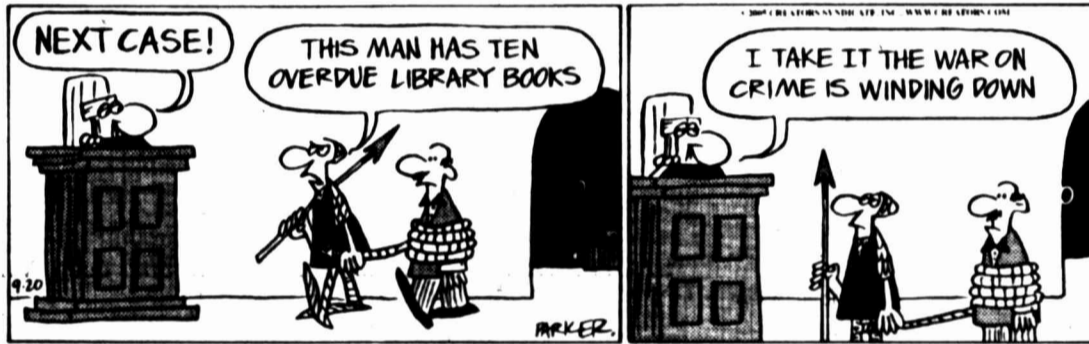
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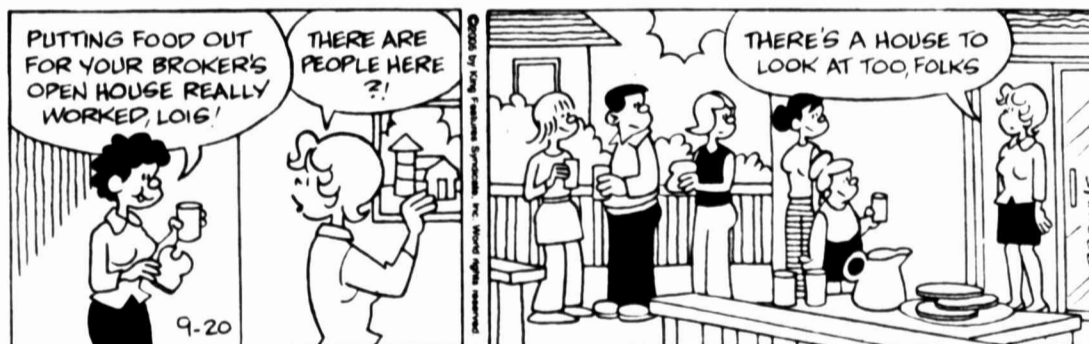
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 20, the 263rd day of 2005. There are 102 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 20, 1519, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan set out from Spain on a voyage to find a western passage to the Spice Islands in Indonesia. (Magellan was killed enroute, but one of his ships eventually circled the world.)

On this date:

In 1870, Italian troops took control of the Papal States, leading to the unification of Italy.

In 1873, panic swept the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in the wake of railroad bond defaults and bank failures.

In 1881, Chester A. Arthur was sworn in as the 21st president of the United States, succeeding the assassinated James A. Garfield.

In 1958, civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. was seriously wounded

during an appearance at a New York City department store when an apparently deranged woman stabbed him in the chest.

In 1962, black student James Meredith was blocked from enrolling at the University of Mississippi by Gov. Ross R. Barnett. (Meredith was later admitted.)

In 1973, in their so-called "battle of the sexes," tennis star Billie Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3, at the Houston Astrodome.

In 1980, "Spectacular Bid," ridden by Bill Shoemaker, ran as the only entry in the Woodward Stakes at Belmont Park in New York after three potential challengers dropped out in horse racing's first walkover since 1949.

In 1984, a suicide car bomber attacked the U.S. Embassy annex in north Beirut, killing a dozen people.

One year ago: CBS News apologized for a "mistake in judgment" in its story questioning President Bush's National Guard service, saying it could not vouch for the authenticity of documents featured in the report.

Today's Birthdays:

Basketball Hall of Fame coach Red Auerbach is 88. Singer Gogi Grant is 81. Actress-comedian Anne Meara is 76. Actress Sophia Loren is 71. Rock musician Chuck Panozzo is 58. Hockey player Guy Lafleur is 54. Jazz musician Peter White is 51. Actor Gary Cole is 49. Rock singers Matthew Nelson and Gunnar Nelson are 38. Rock musician Ben Shepherd is 37. Rock musician Rick Woolstenhulme (Lifehouse) is 26.

Thought for Today: "History must stay open, it is all humanity." William Carlos Williams, American author and poet (1893-1963).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

JOIN THE CHORUS by Sally R. Stein
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- ACROSS**
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 - 5 Dominican Republic neighbor
 - 10 Bride's dress
 - 14 Airplane stunt
 - 15 Zeal
 - 16 A Great Lake
 - 17 Much-welcomed words
 - 20 Shorthand pro
 - 21 Cunning
 - 22 South Pacific spots
 - 23 Slangy refusal
 - 25 Wide shoe width
 - 26 Elate
 - 29 Ewes' mates
 - 31 Denver clock setting: Abbr.
 - 34 Ore deposit
 - 35 Magic charm
 - 37 Doctors' org.
 - 38 Compliment a person
 - 41 Magazine execs.
 - 42 Except if
 - 43 Young horse
 - 44 Father's Day gift
 - 45 Danson and Turner
 - 46 Not in secret
 - 48 Kept out of sight
 - 49 Be confident about
 - 50 Brother of Moses
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 - 55 Piece of stationery
 - 59 Alters an opinion
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 - 66 Carbonated drinks
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 - 13 Loch monster
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 - 19 Snooze, in Mexico
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 - 28 Twirling around machine step
 - 29 Ploys
 - 30 Swiss mountains
 - 31 Brick worker
 - 32 One of the senses
 - 33 Delicious
 - 36 Playing-card combo
 - 39 Day trip
 - 40 Freebie restaurant drink
 - 47 Balloon-bursting sounds
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Wacky Facts

The pyramid on the back of a dollar bill symbolizes something that last for ages. It is unfinished because the United States is growing. The pyramid has 13 levels for the original 13 colonies; at its base are the Roman numerals 1776, the year of American independence.
—World Almanac for Kids

KID NEWS

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Chatter Box

"It is hard to sit in silence, to watch one's youth wash away. New Orleans is my essence, my soul, my muse, and I can only dream that one day she will recapture her glory. I will do everything within my power to make that happen ..."
—Harry Connick Jr.



In The News

Kids head back to school after Katrina

In most communities across the country, students have gone back to school. But in areas of the Gulf Coast hit by Hurricane Katrina, many schools were damaged or destroyed. The Department of Education estimates that 300,000 students were forced to quickly find new schools because of the storm.

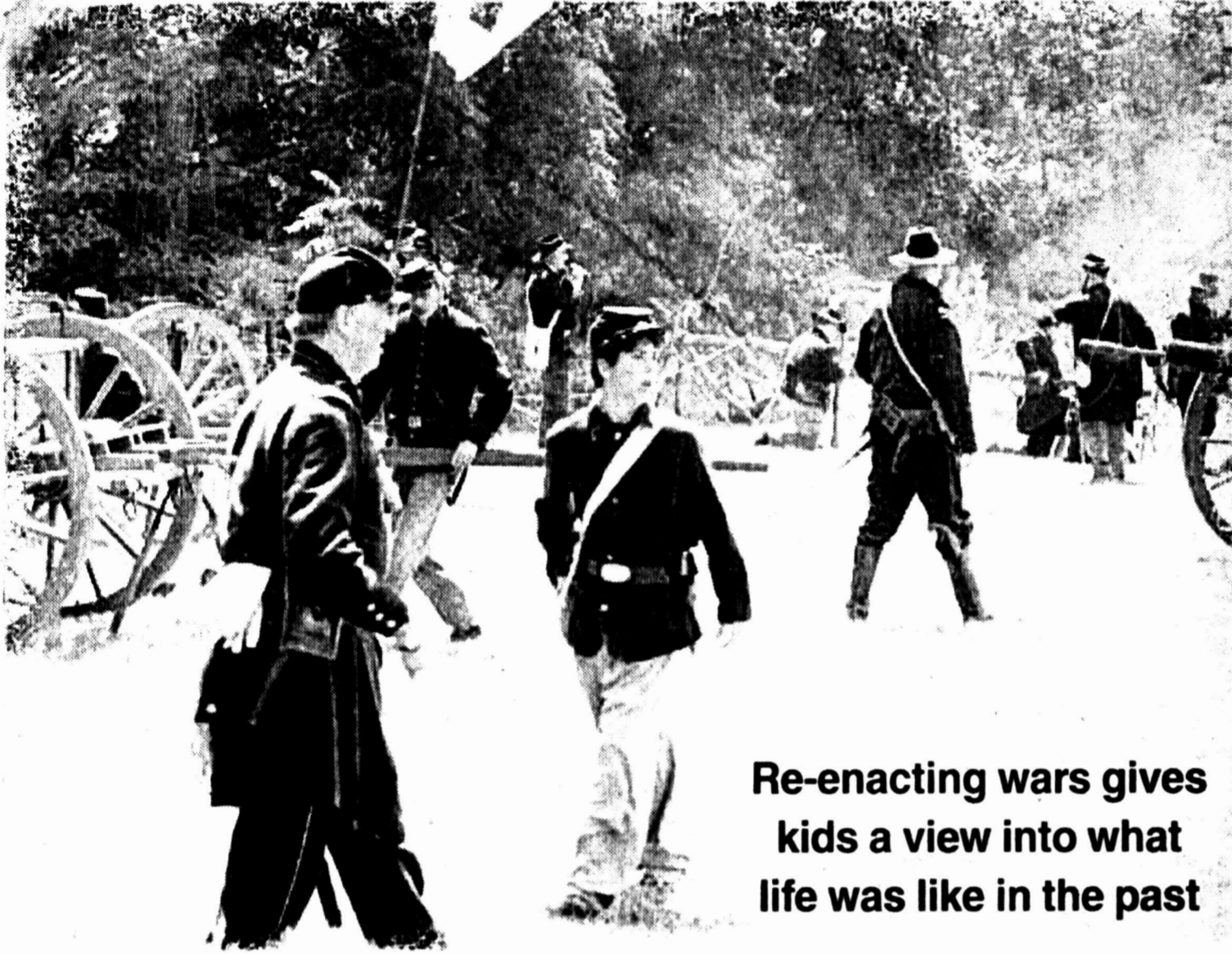


NEW SCHOOLS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

"Almost all of our schools have been underwater, and we will not, in all likelihood, be fully operational this school year," said New Orleans' St. Bernard Parish Superintendent Doris Voitier. The Louisiana Department of Education has encouraged students to enroll in schools in the communities where they are seeking shelter. It will take a while before officials have a clear idea of when schools in the hardest-hit areas can reopen. Schools in New Orleans may not open for the entire year. At least 20 states, including states far from the disaster zone, such as Michigan, New York and California, have offered housing, medical care, and schooling for new students. State officials also are hurrying to find extra books, supplies, school buses and even teachers.

"We have said if you bring 'em, we'll teach 'em," said Mississippi state Sen. Mike Chaney. President George W. Bush met with Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings on to discuss how to best help students. Bush thanked people who have "made extraordinary efforts to make sure that the children who have been upset by this hurricane are able to find some comfort and some solace in the midst of their anguish by being able to go to a school."

Living history



Re-enacting wars gives kids a view into what life was like in the past

Alex O. (center) says the Civil War battle re-enactments he participates in are not just a show for the public, but a game of strategy.

BY MERRY MAYER
Chicago Tribune

For Alex O., 15, the historic war that divided the country's Northern and Southern states isn't just something he's read about. That's because he is part of a group that re-enacts Civil War battles and life during that period.

"Last year I was a messenger, relaying messages on the battlefield," says Alex, who spends several weekends a year doing the re-enactments. When Alex is old enough, he wants to be a rifleman. "In our group, there are guys who are leaders," he says. "I think it's more fun to be in the action, firing."

During last year's re-enactment, Alex was "shot" and "wounded."

It's not just the Civil War that kids are reliving; other times in history also are being re-created. Sara D., 13, for instance, plays Lady Dorothy Devereaux, daughter of an earl who lived during the Elizabethan era. She dons her Lady Dorothy persona at the Bristol Renaissance Faire in Kenosha, Wis., each summer.

"When I am walking around as Dorothy, I stand differently. I don't slouch. Way different than Sara," she says.

There are those who re-enact the Revolutionary War, and not all choose to side with George Washington and the rebels.

Chris C., 12, portrays a Hessian — that's a German — soldier in the elite regiment of Gen. von Knyphausen in the American Revolution. The German government was paid to fight on the side of

the British. The Hessians were involved in the Battle of Trenton, which was a turning point in the Revolutionary War, he says.

But re-enacting isn't just putting on a performance for an audience, say the kids involved. It's about gaining a better understanding of what life was like back then.

Chris drills with his regiment from April to July. "It's a very intensive hobby, marching around in woolen uniforms for four hours — 10 miles total. At the end of the day, your feet hurt," he says.

In the Civil War battle re-enactments,



In Revolutionary War re-enactments, Sarah H. (right) takes the role of a camp follower.

the battle itself is not always planned. Alex says. "It's not just a show for the public, but a game to see who can out-smart whom," he says.

Both Alex and Chris also do encampments, in which the armies camp out and live as they did during the period. "I enjoy the lifestyle of today, but (it's nice) when you are at camp, talking with your buddies and have nothing to do," Alex says.

And lest you think battle re-enactments

are just for boys, think again.

Sarah H., 15, plays the daughter of a soldier farmer who had to leave her family's land when it was destroyed. "Loyalists had burned down our home," she says of her character. So Sarah plays a camp follower.

In the Revolutionary War, there were a lot of camp followers, says Vivian Lea Stevens, curator of the Old Barrack's Museum in Trenton, N.J., and a Loyalist in re-enactments. These camp followers would be people providing services — such as laundry and cooking — or be merchants supplying the army with goods.

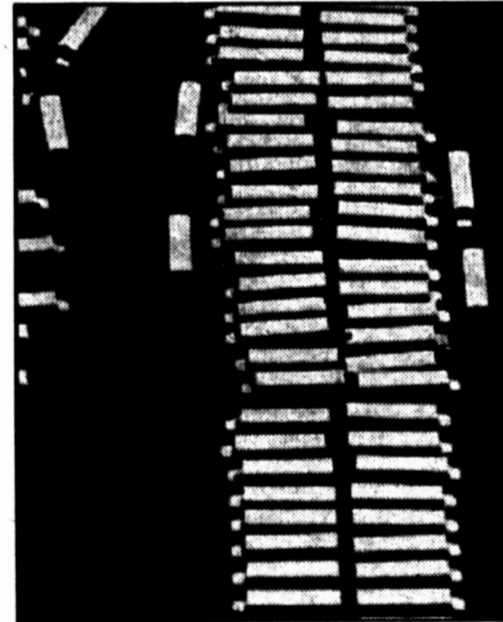
Sarah usually demonstrates the crafting and weaving done at the time. Although girls can choose to participate in firelock matches (period gun shooting contests), she says she doesn't have any interest in being a soldier.

But camp followers do get involved in the heat of battle. Stevens recalls how she was once caught in the middle of the river during a siege of a town because she refused to surrender to the rebels.

"I can read (about history) from now until doomsday and I won't really experience it," Stevens says.

"But you put on your 18th-century clothes and shoes, grab some food and go into the woods. It gives me the closest (experience) I can of being a Loyalist refugee."

Alex agrees: "It gives you a full flavor of what it was like back then. It's a great experience even if you are not shooting off a musket."



Flooded school buses are seen in an aerial view of damage from Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

GOING BACK TO SCHOOL IN A HOTEL

Tyrienisha Smith, 10, was getting ready for fifth grade in New Orleans when Katrina hit. Her parents say that her school is probably underwater. Now, she's starting school at a hotel in Detroit. School districts across the country are scrambling to find space for students.

"As long as they're getting their education, it doesn't matter where they're at," said Tyrienisha's father, Sterling Adams. "We could be in Timbuktu as long as they're in school." What's the hardest part about transferring to a new school in a new community? Said Tyrienisha: "I really miss my friends."
— Jill Egan

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