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INSIDE

Redskins end streak in Dallas with two late TDs.

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Mineral values hike helps county bottom line

By THOMAS JENKINS

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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

By THOMAS JENKINS

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 it's annual Memory

Nancy Jones, local coor-

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

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

"The money we raise

for

Staff Writer

Walk Saturday

dinator

home.

Memory Walk

Organizers hope 500 will

participate in Alzheimer's

Association annual event

August, there was no comment decrease. However, if their from taxpavers.

The court had approved the county's 2005-2006 operating budget the previous week. Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said the lower tax rate will

for property owners. "If the valuation of their property didn't go up, they should see a small decrease in the

services

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Alzheimer's

Association

provides. A

percentage of

the money is

also used to

fund

recent

help

said

progress in research on

Alzheimer's shows just

how much can be accom-

plished with the money

"It' 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

research

Jones

Jones

raised.

the disease."

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 outmean lower or static tax bills

"I'm pleased with the outcome of our budget, and our tax rate. essentially because we didn't amount of taxes they pay," said have to raise taxes and we do See COUNTY, Page 3A

commissioners agreed on in Kilgore. "It's slight, but it's a 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.

"Hopefully, if we can keep the expenditures down and don't

"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."

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 Brekenridge had an outstanding tournament, placing second in domesextemporaneous 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.

'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

and group services they still under investigation, but does appear "extremely suspicious." See BSHS, Page 3A need. It funds the differ-See WALK, Page 3A 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

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 onthe-ground briefing about

cleanup efforts there. He was beginning the tour in Gulfport, Miss., holding a meeting with leaders from local businesses and govern-

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 See HURRICANE, Page 3A

Chertoff is secretary of home-

land security. appointment The 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 indepen-

dent 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 estaurant Friday for United Way of Big Spring

United Way.

and Howard County. A portion of the restaurant's proceeds that day will be donated to

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'

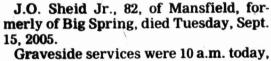
A special screening of nationally recognized filmmaker Susan Smiley's documentary on schizophrenia, "Out of the Shadow," will be shown today in the Dora

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.

Obituaries

J. O. Sheid Jr.



Sept. 20, 2005, at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, with military hon-

He retired from a rewarding 40-year career as a newspaperman in West Texas, including Big Spring Herald where he worked for 15 years. He

attended the New York Avenue Church of Christ in Arlington.

During World War II, he served with the Medical Detachment 163rd Infantry in the Asian-Pacific Theater. He earned citations and decorations including the Purple Heart.

J.O. is survived by his wife of 63 years. Bonnie May: daughter Jolene Wasson and husband Jack and grandson Jody, all of Arlington; other surviving family include three sisters, Eileen Stringer, Cloma Teaff, Mary Burt and husband, Jim; brother Bill Sheid and wife, Betty; and several nieces and nephews.

Granddad will be greatly missed. Arrangements were under the direction of Blessing Funeral Home in Mansfield.

Lenora Hill Goodlett



Mrs. Goodlett died Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005, in Georgetown. She was born Aug. 7, 1917, in Aquilla, Hill County to John D. Hill and Fannie Welch Hill. She attended school in West, McLennan County and Maple, Red River County.

She finished high school in Dunn, Scurry County and attended one semester at John Tarleton College, now Tarleton State University. She was a housewife and was married to W.S.

Goodlett Jr. March 22, 1940. He preceded her in death July 24, 1984, in Temple.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Friendship Sunday School Class and the United Methodist Women in Temple. She was also a member of the Temple Garden Club for 29 years.

Mrs. Goodlett moved to Georgetown in July 2001. She was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church, active in Sunday school, Methodist Women and the Quilters.

Survivors are daughter, Sena Goodlett Leese and husband, Mike of Georgetown; and son, Robert Hill Goodlett and wife, Marsha of Austin; four grandchildren, Stuart W. Goodlett, Brad M. Leese, Noelle Leese Garstka and Andrea W. Niles; and great-grandchildren, Sebastian Walker Goodlett, Birdie Jean Niles and a third great-grandchild to be born to Noelle this week; numerous Goodlett and Hill family members; and her special Georgetown friend, Anna Reed.

A celebration of life service will be held for Lenora Hill Goodlett at 6 p.m. today, Sept. 20, 2005, at the Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home in Georgetown with visitation to follow until 8 p.m. Graveside services will follow at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005, in the Dunn Cemetery in Dunn.

Honorary pallbearers will be Stuart Goodlett. Brad Leese, Shane Niles, Jim Garstka, Steve Hill, John Hill, Bruce Hill and Gary Goodlett.

Memorials may be made to St. John's United Methodist Church, 311 E. University, Georgetown 78626, the Temple First United Methodist Church. 102 N. Second St., Temple 76501, or to the Goodlett-Hensarling Scholarship at Tarleton State University, Box T260, Stephenville 76402.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.mem.com.

Arrangements by Cook-Walden/Davis Funeral Home,

2900 Williams Drive, Georgetown.

Weather

Tonight-Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. Southeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light and variable.

Wednesday-Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday night-Clear. Lows in the upper 60s. Light and variable winds.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-6-7-25-37. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$30,543.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday

Winning numbers drawn: 20-26-27-31. Bonus Ball: 20. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-4-6

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Sam Becker



Sam Becker, 82, of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005, at his residence. Funeral services aew 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial is in Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 1, 1923, in Pueblo, Colo., to Mattie and Albert Becker. He married Joyce Marie April 8, 1971, in

Big Spring. She preceded him in death Nov. 9, 2003. He first came to Big Spring in 1936, and spent most of his life in Howard County. Sam had owned a mechanic shop on West Third. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by three sons, Fred Becker, Marvin Becker and Frank Becker, all of Albuquerque, N.M.; three daughters, Ann Becker, Peggy Becker, both of Albuquerque, N.M., and Mary Becker of Florida; two stepdaughters, Ila Mae Beebe of Colorado and Patricia Smith of Roanoke; four stepsons, James Northcutt of Snyder, Willis Watson of Perryton, Donny Watson of Chappell Hill and Morgan Watson of Big Spring; several grandchildren; two sisters, Mabel Chute and Margaret Atwell, both of Big Spring; one brother, George Becker of Snyder; and one sister-in-law, Christine Baker of Big Spring.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one son, Carl Wayne Becker and 13 brothers and sisters.

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

Fern Wells Ellington



Fern Wells Ellington, 102, of Big Spring died Sunday, Sept. 18, 2005, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Dave Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

She was born Feb. 14, 1903, in Hopkins County and married Dr. E.O. Ellington in August, 1961 in Midland. He preceded her in death Oct. 10, 1972.

Mrs. Ellington had lived in Big Spring since 1928. She was a dental hygenist and homemaker. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one brother and sister-in-law, C.D. and Jo Wells of Houston; one stepdaughter, Dorothy White of Newport Beach, Calif.; two stepgrandchildren, Bruce White and Barbara White, both of Newport Beach, Calif.; two nieces, Bonnie Blankinship and husband, Robert and Nancy Lemke and husband, John, all of Richmond; one nephew, John Wells and wife, Karen of Atlanta, Ga.; and seven great-nieces and

She was preceded in death by her parents, W.H. and Julia Wells, one sister, Connie Gossett and one brother, William D. Wells.

The family suggest in lieu of flowers memorials be made to First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, Big Spring 79720 or Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh, Ste A, Big Spring 79720 or a favorite charity.

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

Paid obituary

Police blotter

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

• LINDA NORMAN, 46, of 3906 Gail Highway, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• LINDA STEGMAN, 44, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct - language.

• DARLENE SHELDON, 47, of 410 Davis, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication and consumption of alcohol licensed for off-premise consump-

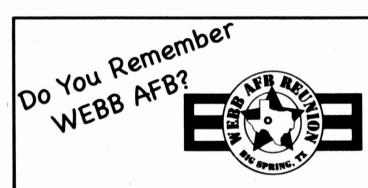
 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1500 block of Fourth Street.

THEFT was reported:

- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street. - in the 4800 block of Highway 80.

Take note

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



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Sheriff's report

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

 BILLY JACK SHAW, 22, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance (two counts), bondsman off bond for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, bondsman off bond for possession of a controlled substance, bondsman off bond for possession of a prohibited weapon - switchblade/knuckles, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, theft

• TERRANCE JEROME PORTWOOD, 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for fraudulent use of identifying informa-

by check, Class A assault, burglary of a building and

criminal mischief.

while intoxicated.

 WILLIAM TOMMY REEVES, 22, was arrested Saturday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

· ROSEMARY ALVAREZ, 32, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle, failure to identify - giving false information, fictitious/counterfeit inspection/insurance document for display and driving while license invalid.

• EPIFANIO JOSE JOE GUZMAN, 34, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, possession of a controlled substance and a parole violation.

 DAVID ORTIZ, 36, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of bondsman off bond for driving while intoxicated (two counts) and driving while license invalid.

• MATHEW LUIS ALMAZAN, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.

 ANDRES LOZANO LOZANO, 55, was arrested Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxi-• JOSEPH EDWARD OLVERA, 18, was arrested

Sunday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for consumption of alcohol by a minor - third offense. • EMZIE WOODARD, 84, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving

 ROMAN WOLFE HINES, 32, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

 JESSE JAY JUAREZ, 21, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and abandonment of a child - criminal negligence.

• DAVID FRANCO, 27, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of interfering with public duties and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

 ROBERT NEAL SCOTT, 33, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear. ROSALINDA FLORES, 41, was arrested Monday

by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for theft. BRYAN NICK HARBOUR, 34, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of

theft by check. • IRMALINDA MORIN, 32, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of dri-

ving while license invalid with a previous conviction. • JOSHUA NOBLE, 18, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for possession of a controlled substance.

• LUIS C. RIOS III, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest, a capias warrant for evading arrest or detention and charges of criminal mischief and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the follow-

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to the VAMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of Johnson. One person was transported to SMMC.

· MEDICAL was reported in the 1300 block of Harding. Service was refused. MEDICAL was reported in the 400 block of

Hillside. One person was transported to SMMC. MEDICAL was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

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

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Returning to moon will cost \$104 billion

Fla. (AP) — It will cost \$104 billion over the next chief said Monday, defending the price tag as an investment the nation can afford despite the expense of Hurricane Katrina.

Described as "Apollo on steroids," the new moon exploration plan unveiled by the space agency will use beefed-up shuttle and Apollo parts and aims to put people on the moon by 2018.

more hurricanes and a lot more other natural disasters to befall the United States and the world in that time, I hope none worse than Katrina," Administrator NASA

CAPE CANAVERAL, Michael Griffin said at a jects, he said. news conference.

"But the space program decade to send astronauts is a long-term investment back to the moon, NASA's in our future. We must deal with our short-term 13 years, represents 55 problems while not sacrificing our long-term investments in our future. When we have a hurricane, we don't cancel the Air Force. We don't cancel the Navy. And we're not going to cancel NASA.

Griffin said he is not seeking extra money and stressed that NASA will live within its future "There will be a lot annual budgets of \$16 bil-

> Funding within the human spaceflight program will be redirected to achieve this goal, and not "one thin dime" will be taken from science pro-

The \$104 billion price tag, leading up to an initial four-person lunar landing and spread over percent of what the Apollo program would cost in today's dollars, Griffin said. Apollo development spanned eight years, from 1961 to the first manned moon landing in 1969.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said the nation can fight the war on terror and deal with a disaster like Katrina while developing space technology for the future.

"It is expensive, but at the same time it's incredibly important because the return to the people of the United States and the

world is also very important," DeLay said.

The new space vehicle design uses shuttle rocket parts, an Apollo-style capsule and a lander capable of carrying four people to the moon. The rockets there would be two, a small version for people and a heftier one for cargo — would eclipse the 18-story space shuttle. The larger one, in fact, would come close to the 36-story Saturn 5 moon

rocket. They would be built from shuttle booster rockets, fuel tanks and main engines, as well as moon rocket engines. The socalled crew exploration vehicle perched on top would look very much like an Apollo capsule, albeit larger.

Benedict XVI should be given immunity from a lawsuit accusing him of conspiring to cover up the sexual molestation of three boys by a seminarian, court documents

Assistant U.S. Attorney

show.

government has told a

Texas court that Pope

U.S. government says

pope immune from suit

General Peter Keisler said in Monday's filing that, as pope, Benedict enjoys immunity as the head of a state — the Vatican. He said that allowing the lawsuit to proceed would be 'incompatible with the United States' foreign

policy interests.' There was no immediate ruling from Judge

ROME (AP) — The U.S. Lee Rosenthal of U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas in Houston, who has been presiding over the case. However, the Supreme Court has held that U.S. courts are bound by such "suggestion of immunity' motions submitted by

> ler's filing says. In fact, a 1994 lawsuit against Pope John Paul II was dismissed after the U.S. government filed a similar motion.

the government, Keis-

The Vatican Embassy in Washington had asked the U.S. government to issue the immunity suggestion and do everything it could to get the case dismissed.

BSHS

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Horton placed sixth in both dramatic and prose interpretation.

Josh Acuff notched a first place finish in UIL Lincoln-Douglas debate, a third place in humorous interpretation, fourth in domestic extemporaneous and sixth in original ora-

Fellow Senior LeAnn Brumley took home the mores Malle Carrasco, first place prose interpre-

tation trophy as well as Simer and Antonette eighth places in both ora- Tubera; and freshmen tory and poetry.

The team of Logan Victoria finished second in crossdebate. examination Wright also finished third in dramatic and fifth in poetry. Shipman placed seventh in impromptu speaking.

Others who contributed to the team's finish included: Junior Brittainy Horton; sopho-Roger Kauss, Amber

Pete Covar rubias, Granados, Wright and Will Shipman Carlita Green, Bianca Suraj Patel, Mireles, Rodriguez, Theresa

Jennifer Vincent.

Over the Labor Day weekend, the team attended the Texas Tech Invitational Speech and Debate tournament. In Student Congress, Big Spring did well with LeAnn Brumley placing second, Josh Acuff placthird, Rebekah ing

Horton in fourth, and Brittainy Horton was in eighth place. Individually, Brumley

placed in prose interpretation (eighth) and original oratory (fifth).

Acuff placed eighth in humorous interpretation, but had better results when he brought home a second place trophy in U.S. extemporaneous speaking. He was joined in that event by Logan Wright and Roger Kauss, who placed third and fifth, respectively.

Jones said Saturday's

event — which will begin

at the Old Settler's

Pavilion in Comanche

will get

Trail Park

COUNTY

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have any major emergencies, we'll be able to build the fund balances up,' said Kilgore. "It's gotten lower, where we really didn't have enough to operate toward the end of the year. This tax rate could possibly bring in between \$400,000 and \$450,000 more to help build them up.

"Some expenses have really gone up this year.

"We have to main

courses we'll walk," said

Jones. "The long course is

about two miles, while

the short course is about

a mile. Of course, that

Gas is a good example of the kind of increases we've seen this past year. If it will go back down some, we'll be in a lot better shape next year."

Crooker agreed that the additional funds will help the county's struggling budget, but said a great deal still depends on the oil industry.

should "It help. However, a great deal depends on our oil values," said Crooker. "If they remain high we'll be in better shape.'

WALK

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avenues."

Area residents who want to participate in the annual walk but think they're too late have

HURRICANE

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White House, "If it were

to rain a lot, there is con-

cern from the Army

another thing coming, according to Jones.

"It's never too late," said Jones with a laugh. "Never. People can still sign up to walk Saturday morning. If someone wants to walk and raise the money for it later,

Orleans, even though

they were beginning to

come home at the mayor's

invitation. Six hours

course and said he was

suspending his plan to

later, Nagin reversed

they can do that as well. We still have team packets here at the RSVP office if someone wants to put together a team as well.

"Last year we had about 400 people walk. This year I'd love to top 500 people."

in New Orleans' famed

French Quarter. This

week he continues his

effort with more trips to

the hurricane zone.

under way at 9 a.m. sharp, with registration set from 8:30 a.m. until 9 cal damage with a speech enormous amounts of debris left by the storm.

He said he was working to cut through the red "There are piles and Bush said local officials piles of homes and buildings just in rubble," Bush

doesn't mean anyone has to walk any particular distance. We have some After his stop in Mississippi, he was traveling to New Orleans for the briefing and to visit a business recovering from

House wouldn't disclose which business ahead of Bush planned to return Friday and Saturday to

the storm. The White

people that come out and support by just walking a short distance. It's all for a good cause."

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Stella Mallory, 90, died Friday. Private services will be held at a later date.

Sam Becker, 82, died Saturday. Funeral Services will be at 2 Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

in the hurricane-damaged bring as much as a third Corps of Engineers that of the city's population area have told him repeatsaid. "And in order to time. the levees might break." back over the next week. help this region get edly that they were frus-Bush suggested it was In his last trip to the trated by bureaucratic rebuilt, first things first, not the right time for resregion Thursday, Bush hurdles that were slowing and that's to get rid of the visit Alabama, Texas and idents to return to New tried to repair the politithe effort to get rid of debris. Arkansas.

Let's be friends

you friends? Do you what friends are? Would you like to have more friends? Listen closely to this story, and I will tell you how to have lots of friends! Are you all tucked into bed and ready for this story? Did you brush your teeth? Of course you did! Did you h u g

everyone in your family a n d tellnight!?

Will you hug the person reading this story to you right now, and then again

with the story? Promise? The best way to make new friends is by being a friend yourself. Do you know what that means? When you see someone who feels bad, try to help them feel better. If they

have there is anything they need, such as a glass of water, or even a cookie! Have you ever done that? If you have, you are already on your way to having a new friend.

When you see someone who is sad, ask them if they would like to talk to you about why they are sad. Sometimes, just talking to another person will help a sad person smile just a little bit more. Have you ever made a sad person smile? Try that sometimes, and you know what? You will want to smile more, too! It will make you feel good



inside!

If you ever see someone being treated unkindly at school, will you be their friend? Will you be kind to them? You would like are sick, then ask them if someone to be kind to you



badly, wouldn't you? Sometimes, it takes a



very brave person to do this. And I think you are a very brave person, aren't you?

Is there someone in your neighborhood who doesn't have a bike to ride? Do you have a bike? Have you ever asked that person if he or she would like to ride your bike for a little while? This is called "sharing." Do you share your toys with other friends? Do your friends share their toys with you? If you already do this, then you are

making a friend.

unkind! That little puppy needs friends just like a friend you and I do. And all the little puppy ever wanted was to be friends. Do you y o u have a little puppy? Does he wag his tail when he



sees you? That means that he is already your friend!

Do you have a little kit-'ten? Does he purr and



like to sit next to you? Do make you feel good Have you ever seen you pet him and give him someone being mean to a all the food and water he little puppy? That is so needs? If you do, he probably loves having you for

> Have e v e r had birthd a y party?

already!

Have you ever seen someone who is your age and never gets invited to a birthday party? Do you ever think about how sad that person might be? Will you invite that person to your next birthday party? Remember, it will probably make that person smile, and you will

smile too, because it will

inside!

Do you do all of these things that I have asked about? If you don't, will vou make a promise to me? Tomorrow, will jour smile at a sad person? Will you try to be nice to someone? Will you pet your little puppy or kitten? Will you loan your bike to

someo n e w h o

doesn't have a bike? If you

already

do all of these things. then you have lots of friends, because you are a friend!

I would like to be your friend, too! May I? Now friend, I would like to tell you "Good Night!"





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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

Now's the time to contribute to United Way

t's time. That's right, it's time for all of us to do our part in helping reach the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's 2005 fund-raising campaign goal of \$275,000.

Clearly an ambitious task, United Way officials increased this year's original goal of \$250,000 in response to the growing needs of 15 member agencies and the needs of Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

Last year's campaign fell just short of its \$275,000 goal and the only way to keep that from happening again is if each one of us remembers that we need to do our part for those less fortunate here in our community.

Agencies that receive funds from the United Way are the West Texas Chapter of the American Red Cross, Boys Club of Big Spring, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, Council on Aging, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Humane Society, Northside Community Center, Victim Services, The Salvation Army, West Side Community Center, West Side Day Care Center, West Texas Girl Scout Council, Isaiah 58, CASA of West Texas and the YMCA of Big Spring.

Remember, the donations or pledges you make to the United Way don't leave our community. Every dollar raised by this year's campaign will be used to help a friend or neighbor needing a hand.

That's why it's so important that our focus be on reaching that goal, so those agencies will be able to better serve the public.

Obviously, that's where we all come in. The United Way's campaign can only be successful if each of us does his or her part.

Over the years and in the past weeks, Howard Countians have proven they're capable of opening their hearts to the less fortunate — even those thousands of miles away.

We believe you will again.

As we have continually noted at this time of year, none of us needs to give until it hurts, but simply what we can honestly afford. If we do, raising \$300,000 won't be such a tall order.

More importantly, by funding these agencies, all our lives will be richer.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We are wise when we discuss what we need and what our concerns are with You, Lord.

Random musings and observations

imon says: If you have to find a job for a political hack, why put him in charge of emergency management? Whatever happened to postmaster general?

Plantains are highly underrated. (Just don't forget to cook them.)

In my next life, I intend to be a flair bartender. John Roberts could

put on a ski mask and stick up a 7-Eleven, and he would still get 65 votes in the U.S. Senate.

People will collect anything. The Hurricane Katrina tragedy has coined a new word: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says it will "de-water" New Orleans. Whatever happened to Pong? I

coulda been a contender! Cheap wine tastes better if you chill it.

It is amazing how many people talk to themselves while driving. Paperback Pick of the Month: "Cataclysm: The First World War as Political Tragedy" by David

Stevenson. Pretty cool website (though I am not exactly sure what you do with it): technorati.com.

Don't say I didn't warn you: Your refrigerator magnets will not stick to that fancy new refrigerator you've been eyeing.

Response to Baffled in Buffalo: If it's outside your apartment, it's a rat; and if it's inside your apartment, it's a field mouse.

I can't help it. I'm just a fool for Gore-Tex.

Two more phrases I never knew Shakespeare coined: "Foregone conclusion," from "Othello" and, "Off with his head," from "Richard III." (I think he also coined, "The last one to leave Cleveland, please turn off the lights!" but that may have been Marlowe.)

If you're looking for a new car, but don't know what you want, just go to any shopping center and drive through the parking lot to see all different makes and models.

If we're not supposed to compare Iraq to Vietnam, how come President Bush gets to compare it to World War II?

If you don't know how to "muddle" a drink, you don't know any-

I apparently am the last person on the planet to get high-speed Internet service. Yes, I like it. And, no, it's not worth the money.

I don't understand those people who say they never read the fiction in the New Yorker. Almost without exception the fiction is excellent.

Things We Are Tired of: The use of the word "destination," as in "Simon Says" is a destination col-

If you've shopped for a mattress lately, you know they are now divided into "stomach sleepers," "back sleepers" and "side sleepers." I guess you could just simplify your life and become a "floor sleeper."

Why didn't I buy HBO when it was a nickel a share? "Entourage," "The Comeback" and "Rome" are all well worth watching. (Although I am still wondering why everybody in Ancient Rome spoke with a British

accent.) I hate people who send e-mails with those little red exclamation points to indicate the message is urgent. It never is.

Never trust a man who owns his own pool cue or a woman who says she never wore a scrunchy.

President Bush says we should not play the "blame game" over the Hurricane Katrina response. But isn't the "blame game" just another phrase for "accountabili-

A lot of people who have tattoos today will regret them tomorrow.

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Driving while still economizing

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push the pedal to the metal as I challenge another journalist driving down Folsom Street in San Francisco to see who can make it back to the Sierra Club convention first. She's driving an SUV, a 2006 Mercury Mariner with a gasoline/electric hybrid engine. I'm in Ford Focus with a hydrogen fuel cell. There's no

provocative "vroom, vroom" when I jam the accelerator at a standstill. I have to lower the windows to issue my dare. I win.

"Awesome driving," says Sierra Club spokesman Eric Antebi from the backseat, as I pull

into the staging area. He's already tickled at the odd convergence of Ford, Honda and Toyota at the Sierra Club's eco-convention. So he's happy to humor a Republican global-warming agnostic with a lead foot.

Detroit has joined Japan in recognizing a market for more fuelefficient cars, as all automakers are looking now at putting hybrid engines in bigger cars.

Later, I drive the Mariner and find that what the folks at Ford say is true: The hybrid Mariner may cradle a four-cylinder engine, but, as the show-floor crew intoned, "with the performance of a six-cylinder." The Mariner hybrid boasts 33 miles per gallon in the city/29 mpg on the highway a big boost from 22 city/26 highway stats for the all-gas version.

Finally, Ford and its divisions are looking to improve fuel econo-

Except now — talk about a bad timing — the Bush administration is poised to poison the well. It has proposed questionable changes in federal fuel-efficiency standards for SUVs and light trucks.

I should note, the Bushies have not proposed changes in CAFE (corporate average fuel economy) standards for sedans, which would remain at 27.5 mpg. Also, Bush already has raised standards for SUVs, light trucks and minivans - the 2005 standard is 21.2 mpg for light trucks; it will rise to 22.2 mpg in 2007.

Now, alas, the Bush administration is pushing for what it calls tougher standards for SUVs, with different standards based on size. The bigger the SUV, the more gas the Bushies will allow it to guzzle. Under this plan, the fuel-economy standard for the smallest SUV models would be 28.4 mpg by 2011, while the CAFE standard for the largest vehicles — like a Dodge Ram truck — would be 21.3 mpg in 2011. For now, Team Bush would exempt Hummers and other monster trucks that weigh more than 8,500 pounds, because they

are so big they are considered

commercial vehicles.

The enviros are suspicious and rightly so — because the new rules would enable the Big Three to get around the new Bush standards simply by making bigger cars. Thus Dan Becker, the Sierra Club's global-warming czar, dismissed the new Bush plan as "allowing the auto companies to decide whether we save gas or

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.. was one of five U.S. senators who responded by asking Bush to end the "SUV loophole" and make all vehicles meet the 27.5 mpg fleet average — rather than create a more elaborate SUV loophole. While Detroit complains about niggling federal regulations, closing the loophole would allow car manufacturers to decide how best to meet a universal standard. Selling more hybrid models might well be the ticket. The technology exists. The cost is reasonable and getting better.

One problem, one of the car guys tells me: The public has to want fuel-efficient cars. We are standing on Howard Street, watching SUVs dominate the streets of San Francisco. If consumers in this haven of the left choose to buy

gas-guzzlers and refuse to exercise personal responsibility when they shop for wheels, they have little business blaming Bush for not being strong enough on the environment.

Bush should end the SUV loophole, if only to increase America's energy independence and air quality.

And Dubya should end the pricey program that he claims will innovate America out of a future energy pickle. Specifically, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, with federal spending about to go boom, Bush should pull the plug on his Freedom CAR — CAR stands for Cooperative Automotive Research program, which is supposed to develop hydrogen fuel-cell cars after the taxpayers plunk down up to \$2 billion on research.

I drove a hydrogen car Friday and had a fun ride. But with a price tag of \$1 million to \$2 million per fuel-cell car, it's pie-inthe-sky stuff. A Ford executive admitted it would be "a decade or two" before hydrogen fuel-cell cars are commercially viable. Sorry, but one or two decades is

what they always say. Why not? In a decade, there will be another president who can propose a different program.

Meanwhile, taxpayers shouldn't have to foot the bill for fuel savings that may or may not happen ever. As the Sierra Club's Antebi noted, hybrid "technology is on the shelf and it can be applied to almost any car." Now.

As gasoline pushes \$3 per gallon, Bush would be doing Detroit a favor. He'd even be helping out gas-guzzlers. Then again, these days they need a break.

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

enternet 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.

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Tuesday, September 20, 2005

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.

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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 from existing customers as well as intrigued service providers. Could this technology

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.

be used to block Vonage

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

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 mush-

room — 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

an update ping to a service like weblogs.com. In addition, Google explained that it will "soon" be providing a forum that bloggers can use to manually enter their online journal if it is not found automatical-

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 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, saving the quote was inappropriate at a Baptist University.

Aramark, which oversees the coffee outlet, consulted with Starbucks' district office and pulled from Baylor 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 pointblank to pull the cup,"

Baylor spokesman Larry Brumley said.

"I think they were tryto be sensitive. ing 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:**

have their cases resolved.

being gay is that I repressed it for so long. I the people I feared when I short."

"My only regret about could have been out there loving someone. Don't make that mistake yoursurrendered-my youth to self. Life's too damn

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.

22-year-old The reservist, who appears in

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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.

soldiers charged with Abu Ghraib abuses to

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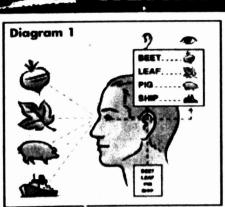
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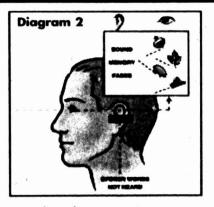
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Diagram 1 shows how the eye and ear cooperate to build up a "sound vocabulary" in the brain. From early childhood the sounds of words are conveyed to the brain to gather visual images of things; this information is stored in memory



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

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 reeducation. 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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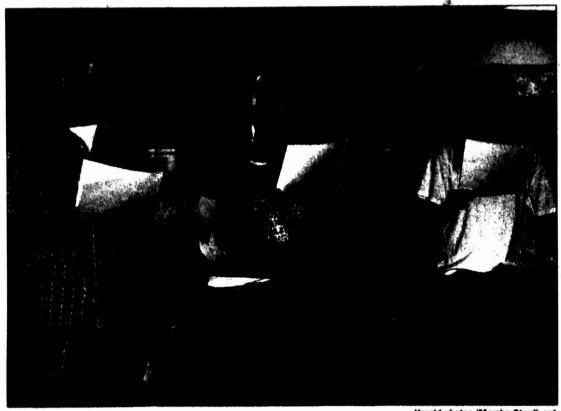


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Area Spanish classes visit Heritage Museum for Dies y Seis de Septiembre celebration



Area Spanish classes, taught by Sheila Abusaab, Big Spring Independent School District, Melinda Marquez, Coahoma Independent School District and Consuela Morales, Forsan ISD. attended a Dies y Sels 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 Shiloh 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 Rosie Martinez. Mendoza was one of the first teachers for the Hispanic students at the Kate Morrison school, which was located on Lancaster

Forsan students Mitchell Murray, Consuela Morales, Tyler Phillips and Casey Huitt, 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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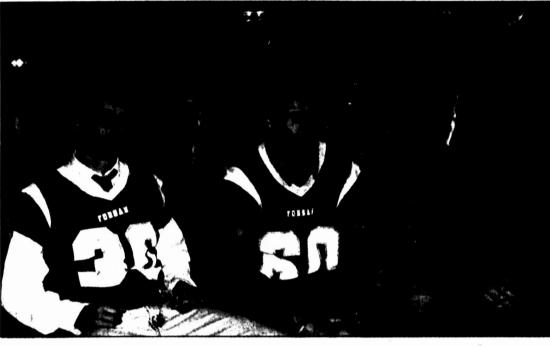
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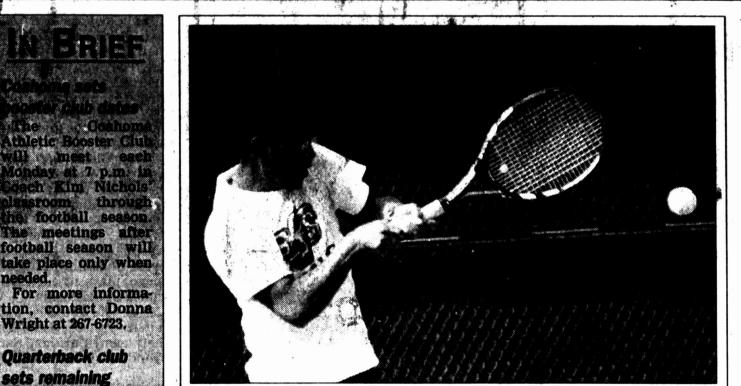
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Page 1B Tuesday, September 20, 2005



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde Big Spring's Jeremy Landin sends a backhand return back to his opposition in a match this year. The Big Spring tennis team lost its District 4-4A opener to Lake View Saturday. Final results were unavailable at press time.

Zubiate runs strong at Big Lake

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

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pro Ted Olesen has

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ing of a junior tennis

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Texans pull trigger

HOUSTON (AP) -

The Houston Texans

fired offensive coordi-

nator Chris Palmer

following the team's

Joe Pendry, the

team's offensive line

coach, was introduced

The Texans lost to

Sunday after losing to

Buffalo 22-7 in the

Palmer joined the

Texans after being

fired after two seasons

as coach of the

NASCAR dishes out

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

(AP) — Robby Gordon

and Kasey Kahne

avoided suspensions

when NASCAR penal-

ized them for road-

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\$35,000 and docked 50

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Big Spring starts

football season.

BIG LAKE - Kevin Zubiate finished in the top 15 again as the Forsan cross country team traveled to Big Lake over the weekend.

Zubiate finished the boy's varsity race in 15th Kassi Wash just missed

with a time of 18:07.

The boy's junior high division was led by Evan Burton and Dillon Walker. Burton took 12th in 13:08, while Walker finished in 14th with a time of 13:12.

Alyx Pappajohn and



medalling as they placed 24th and 25th, respective-

Big Spring downs defending champs

 Lady Steers take down Lake View with strong finish on road

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor SAN ANGELO — The Big Spring volleyball team took a

huge step toward a District 4-4A championship Saturday as the Lady Steers downed the

defending champion Lake View Maidens on

the road in five games. The Lady Steers dropped first the game 25-23

and then came back to even the match at 1-1 with a 25-20 victory in Game 2. The Maidens took the advan25-22 win, but the Lady Steers grab control for good with two decisive wins in the final two games. Big Spring (9-15, 1-0) won the final two games 25-12 and 15-7, respectively.

"I am extremely proud of the way our girls played this weekend," said Big Spring head coach Jason McAden. "We knew Lake View would be tough, especially at its place."

Four players reached double figures in kills for Big Spring, led by senior Carmen Lewis' 19. Senior Raegan Ritchey added 16, while seniors Krista Chesworth and Brenn Swinney added 15 and 12. respectively.

Junior Katy Abner finished with a team-high 26 digs from her libero position. Ritchey added 23 and Lewis had 20. Freshman Shelbi Stewart had 10 blocks in the match, while Ritchey added seven. Chesworth,

tage in Game 3 with a big See BIG SPRING, Page 2B

Redskins end long losing streak in big 'D' with late scores

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer IRVING (AP) — The Washington Redskins picked a good time for their first touchdown of

the season. They picked an even better time for the second.

Mark Brunell hit Santana Moss in stride for TD passes of 39 and 70 yards in the final 3:46 on Monday night, and the Redskins won on the road against the **Dallas** Cowboys for the first time in 10 years, beating their longtime NFC East rivals

14-13. "People have been talking about the Redskins not scoring," said Moss, who finished with five catches for 159 yards. "But we got in the end zone."

The Redskins, who won their season opener over Chicago with three field goals, hadn't crossed the Cowboys 27 — and only got that far on the first drive. Faced with fourthand-15, Brunell threw a spiral that Moss ran under in the end zone for

the first touchdown. Dallas then managed a quick first down, but Washington used its final two timeouts and a holding penalty against Flozell Adams erased another first-down play before the Cowboys punted. The Redskins got the ball back at their own 20, and on the second play, Brunell found Moss streaking past the Cowboys secondary again for another TD with

2:35 left. "I saw Moss blaze down the seam." Cowboys safety Roy Williams said. "I wasn't able to take the right position."

The Redskins (2-0) ended a four-game losing skid to Dallas and won for just the second time in 16 meetings. This was the first time Joe Gibbs beat Dallas coach Bill Parcells in their last nine games.

"It was one of the greatest moments in sports for me," said Gibbs, who has

won three Super Bowls and two NASCAR championships.

Brunell, who in the second week already replaced Patrick Ramsey as Gibbs' starter, finished 20-of-34 for 291 yards and was sacked five times. But he had 178 of his yards on the two TD dri-

"There was a perfect example there with Mark," Gibbs said. "In the beginning of the game, you say, 'It's just not going to happen.' But we've got a bunch of people that worked hard and made it happen in the end."

When Jose Cortez kicked his second field goal, a 33-varder with 5:58 left, the Cowboys (1-1) led 13-0. And that seemed safe.

The Redskins had lost 25 straight games when trailing after three quarters. And Parcells had never had a team lose when leading by at least 13 in the fourth quarter (77 games over 17-plus seasons before Monday).

Those streaks ended as quickly as Moss ran down the field.

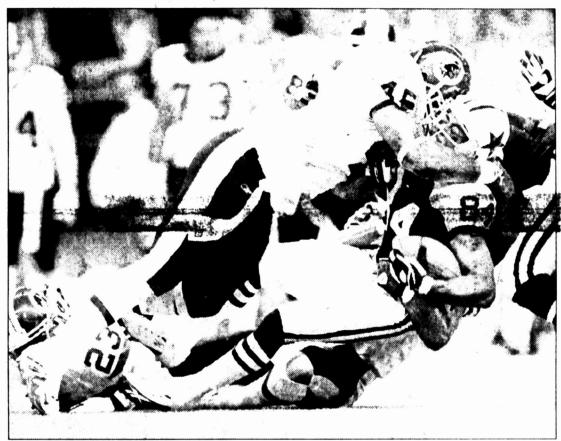
"They thought they had the game won. We kept fighting," receiver David Patten said.

"You've got to learn to close the show. We didn't do that," Parcells said. "It's very disappointing, but it's early in the season. We'll see where we go from here.'

Making this victory even sweeter for the Redskins was spoiling what had been a festive night for Cowboys fans. The largest crowd in 10 years — 65,207 — was lured out partly by Washington, but mostly to watch Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin join the team's Ring of Honor.

"It was like a (college) homecoming with their celebrations," defensive lineman Phillip Daniels said. "We felt disrespect

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Mike Sellers, center, and Omar Stoutmire (23) of the Washington Redskins stuff Patrick Clayton (84) of the Dallas Cowboys in the first half at Texas Stadium in Irving Monday. The Redskins defeated the Cowboys, 14-13, on two fourth quarter touchdown passes from

Giants down Saints in New York

By BARRY WILNER AP Football Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — In the cramped visitors' locker room, the "home" team tried to find room to get dressed and then get out of the stadium. It wasn't

Mark Brunell to Santana Moss.

Nothing is easy for the New Orleans Saints these days, and never will that be more magnified than in Monday night's 27-10 loss to the New York Giants.

At Giants Stadium.

"It felt like an away game," Saints receiver Joe Horn said. "The crowd, obviously, was cheering for their home

"That's irrelevant. We lost a football game I felt we should have won."

the their city and stadium, at least they won't be repeating the bizarre circumstances of this game.

Efforts to make this resemble something akin to home appeared minimal at Giants Stadium, where — surprisingly, considering the local team's popularity about 10,000 seats went but it was way overdone.

unoccupied. Those in the Setting up a stage, travelcrowd of 68,031 generally were dressed in Giants blue and, except for mild applause when the entire Saints came onto the field before the coin toss, they rooted for the Jersey guys.

One end zone had SAINTS painted in white and a few Saints banners were scattered along the blue bunting on the lower level. Other than a http://www.saintshurricanefund.org sign on the message board, everything about the night said New Jersey, not New Orleans.

"They can give you friendly gestures, pat you on the back and rub your head all they want to," defensive end Darren Howard said. "When it While the Saints need to comes down to it, there get used to being nomads are 50-60 thousand New damage York Giants fans in the Hurricane Katrina did to stadium. It was clearly not a home game." Clearly.

"They made this seem like the Super Bowl," quarterback Aaron Brooks said of the NFL and the hoopla after New Orleans (1-1) had six turnovers and 13 penalties. "We played a team that outplayed us today,

ing out here, was uncalled for.

"Try not to patronize us next time, traveling us to New York, saving we're playing a home game.

The Saints have been surprisingly potent on the road and have a 25-17 away record under Haslett. But any team that commits 13 penalties, has six turnovers and allows four sacks has just about no chance.

The Giants (2-0) took advantage of Orleans' sloppiness from the first play, a fumbled kickoff.

"It was supposedly their home game, but we just played like it was our home game," said Giants DE Osi Umenyiora, who had two sacks:

At least the Saints' other seven home games will be played closer to home: four in Baton Rouge, La., and three in San Antonio, where they train. Still, it's not truly home.

"It could go on and on like this, we have to take is one week at a time," Brooks said. "At some point, it is going to wear down on us. We've got to

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 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 after Carlos plays 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 21yard 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 30varder 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



By ALAN ROBINSON

AP Sports Writer PITTSBURGH (AP) -This figured to be as easy as it gets for Roger any problems, despite Clemens. Opposing pitcher Ian

Snell had zero victories in the majors, or 340 fewer Clemens. than Pittsburgh Pirates owned the NL's worst record and 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

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 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.

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Michael Irvin (left), Troy Alkman (center) and Emmitt Smith were inducted into the Dallas Cowboys' Ring of Honor during halftime of Dallas' game with the Washington Redskins at

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led 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.

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support happening. Much is accomplished, and fast, because everyone does a part. Be open asking for help and helping when asked.

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ber, 2005. JUNE KENNEMER Independent Executor of the Estate of U. M.

Boatler, Deceased #4708 September 20, 2005

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 splendiferous 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 although this, potentially difficult, your brings many day 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

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 osing that 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. 227) 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

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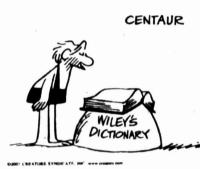
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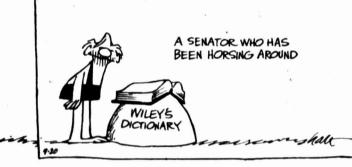






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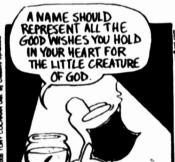
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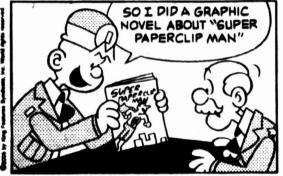
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This Date In History

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, navigator Portuguese 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

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

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 Meredith James blocked from enrolling at University 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 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 peo-

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. Jäzz 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 (1883 1963). 2005 The Associated Press.

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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



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.





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 or 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 vear'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 are just for boys, think again. 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 outsmart 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

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 Mus. um 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."

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

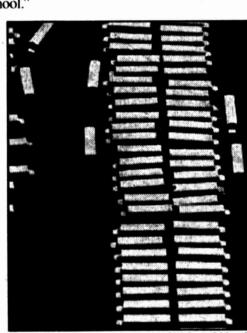
"Almost all of our schools have been underwater, and we will not, in all likelihood, be fully operational this school year," said New Orleans' St. Bernard Parish Superintendent Doris Voitier.

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."



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 — Jill Egan friends."

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