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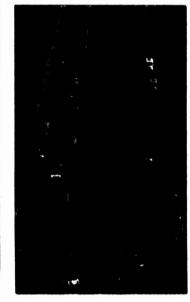
Nathan Corrick unpacks some last-minute items at a family member's home in Big Spring after being evacuated from Lake Jackson, a small town south of Houston. Corrick, along with his wife, Melinda, son and granddaughter left their homes on the coast prior to mandatory evacuations in preparations for Hurricane Rita, expected to hit the Gulf Coast this

Lake Jackson family happy to be healthy, safe

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With images of the destruction recent Katrina Hurricane wrought along the Gulf Coast still fresh in their



KRT photo/Smiley N. Pool **Hurricane evacuation traffic** creeps north on I-45 toward Dallas near Corsicana Thursday afternoon.

minds, one Lake Jackson family made the trip from the Houston area to Big Spring Wednesday night to avoid Hurricane Rita.

Nathan and Melinda Corrick, along with their son Christopher and granddaughter Skyler Roberts, made the arduous journey to Big Spring to stay with family members while the fate of Lake Jackson — a small city on the outskirts of south Houston — hangs in the balance.

Nathan Corrick said the trip out of town was a long one, with traffic backed up bumper to bumper much of the way.

"We stayed on spur roads off the main highways, and it still took us six hours to make a three hour trip from Brazoria County to San Antonio," said Corrick. "The trip to Big Spring, which would normally take us less than nine hours coming from Lake Jackson took See FAMILY, Page 3A

"Neighbors were looking out for each other, asking questions and trying to make sure everyone got what they needed. Mostly it had to do with preserving life and preserving one another."

-Nathan Corrick

us just short of 12 hours. "Traffic was thick and there was some silliness on the road, mainly people not paying attention to the road because they're worried about their families and property. So their focus wasn't

Hurricanes aren't negatively impacting Big Spring Refinery

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

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Here's some advice you already know. Fill up your vehicle's gasoline tank. Now.

"Definitely, if things continue the way they are, gasoline prices will very likely go up," said coast. It's supply and



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Concienne, plant demand. You already

manager for have three or four refiner- down. Officials have esti-ALON USA's ies in Louistana shut mated that the shutdowns availability of gasoline in Spring down. So you've probably hurricane aren't producing right than 3 million barrels a greatly reduced in reason.

> As Rita nears landfall, almost all of the refineries and oil and natural gas rigs along the Gulf Coast have been shut

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actual damage to any of term thing. the plants from the massive storm.

"But if they are off-line

for months, things are See REFINERY, Page 3A

"It has to impact the more difficult."

Aside from the refining - precautionary at this the United States unless and oil and gas rigs, the Refinery, got about 17 refineries in point — could cut the the storm turns away industry itself could suf-**"You've got a the United States, that refining capacity by more** from those plants or it is fer setbacks for another

that's assuming there's no it's just a blip, a short-refining in, well, really world," the

Stressed? Relax Saturday on a hay ride at the state park

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

What could be better than starting off the fall season with old-fashioned hayride around Big Spring's historic Scenic Mountain?

Alton, who is gearing up for the annual Harvest park's Saturday.

"We've been doing this for about 10 years now," said Alton. "It's a fun family time. Of course, the kids like sitting on the hay bales and looking off Not much, according to Big the bluff, which is about a mile Spring State Park Manager Ron drop. We make a circle of the



area.

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top of the mountain Saturday, beginning near the can see the sunset from atop park's main office, located atop during the hayride and we'll have a Scenic Mountain. Alton said "hayriders" willing speaker system set

> to take the 4:30 p.m. tour and hang around shortly after will be in for a real treat.

"If they decide to take the 4:30 Rides are set for 3 p.m. hayride and stick around the mountain," said Alton. "Watching the sun set from there is almost like being on the coast and watching it set over the ocean because we have

such a panoramic vista. "There's also a playground

p.m. and 4:30 p.m. for a little while afterward, they See HARVEST, Page 3A

Heritage Festival boasts food, fun, lots of music; gets under way tonight

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

With a heavy emphasis on food and music, the Big Spring Heritage Festival is to get under way this evening at the Heart of the City Park downtown.

"We're going to have all kinds of food and really great music," said Kelly Zant, spokesperson for the event. "And, admission is free."

Organizers have planned street dances for tonight and Saturday from 8 p.m. to midnight. The festival — a combination Diez y Seis and

Octoberfest celebration opens at 6:30 p.m. today with vendors offering food and crafts, and music provided by Paul Landin. Cooking demon-

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Festival schedule

Today

6:30 p.m., Festival opens, music by Paul Landin 7:30 p.m., Cooking Demonstration

8 p.m.-midnight, Tejano dance

Saturday

7 a.m.-noon, Farmer's market

10 a.m.-midnight, Open air vendor's market

10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Havlak-Batla polka band 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Demonstrations

1 p.m., Washer tournament

2 p.m., El Perico DJ

3 p.m.-4 p.m., Adrian Calvio

4 p.m.-8 p.m., Conjunto Hilario

5 p.m., Folklorico de Guadalupe 8 p.m.-midnight, La Fuerza

Alzheimer's Walk □ Register at 8:30 a.m. **Saturday** at

Still time to join

Saturday at the Old Settlers Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents are lacing up their walking shoes and getting ready, as the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association prepares to hold its annu-Memory



Old park's Settlers Pavilion, local coordinator for Alzheimer's Association and director

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Eagles Lodge sets fund-raiser for VMC By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

The place to be Saturday evening will be Big Spring's Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie No. 3188 lodge, as its members offer local residents an opportunity to enjoy a good meal and help benefit the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial.

The Eagles Lodge will team with Eagles Bingo to hold a hamburger and hot dog sup-

Vietnam Memorial Committee's latest project placement of an "All Veterans Monument" at the memorial.

The All Veterans Monument will be approximately nine feet tall and constructed of black and white granite — a six-sided cone with a lighted prism on top. Each branch of the armed forces — Army, Navy, Air

per starting at 6 p.m. Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Saturday to raise money for and the Merchant Marine – will be honored with their emblem placed on one of the six sides.

As was the case earlier this year when the Eagles held a dinner and dance to provide funds for the memorial's maintenance and operation, members of the VMC are already expressing their thanks for the Eagles' support of the project. "We really are excited about See VMC, Page 3A

this project because it's an opportunity to place a monument that honors veterans of all wars — past present and future," said VMC President Gene Wilson. "And we appreciate that the Eagles are wanting to do this again - to help raise money so that we can expand the memorial. There's really no way to thank them enough.'

The Eagles will be serving

Obituaries

Jo Reynolds

Jo Reynolds, 95, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Terry Don Roberts

Terry Don Roberts, 45, of Coahoma died Friday, Sept. 23, 2005, at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Lottie V. Morgan

Lottie V. Morgan, 81, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 23, 2005, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support groups

FRIDAY

 AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

 Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

 The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

- · Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

Around town

- RAILROAD MUSEUM at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.
- POTTON HOUSE, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.
- HERITAGE MUSEUM, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee. which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.
- HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

Police blotter

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

• DAVID EUGENE KOKOLY, 65, of 701 E. 14th Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• EDWARD HURRINGTON, 51, of 4100 Dixon, was arrested Thursday on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Fifth

POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARA-PHERNALIA was reported in the 300 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.

 ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad.

ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 300 block of Tulane.

 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 200 block of Washington.

Sheriff's report

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

• RUPERTO REFUJIO RAMOS JR., 34, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated - third or more

DAVID EUGENE KOKOLY, 65, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

· RICARDO GARCIA, 26, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

 ANDREA DENISE ALENDER, 33, was transferred to the county jail Thursday by the BSPD on a charge of bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana two ounces or less.

RICHARD LEE OLIVAS, 18, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on five counts of burglary of a habitation.

• VALENTEN QUINTERO ROJO, 23, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear.

• RANDI LYNN LONG, 24, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

• KENNETH MAURIZE DAVIS, 31, was arrested Thursday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

 UNATTENDED DEATH was reported in the 300 block of Jill Road.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following activity:

• TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of East Sixth Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Birdland. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 1000 block of Highland. One person was transported to SMMC.

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Fifth Street. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAUMA was reported in the 5700 block of West Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to

SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported near the 182 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported

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

 MEDICAL was reported in the 300 block of Jill Road. Service was refused.

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

Take note

- OF THE MONTH AT HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM are due Sept. 30. Call the museum at 264-1999 to make a nomination.
- BEGINNING SEWING CLASS presented by the Society for Creative Anachronism begins at 9 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth streets. Call 816-3144 for more information.
- DENISE ZUBER was born Aug. 8, 1968, to a Gonzales family in Big Spring and placed for adoption. She now lives in Minnesota and hopes to contact relatives in Big Spring. Anyone with information may email her at nan_del@earthlink.net with Big Spring Adoption in the subject line. Or write to her, Denise Zuber, 9173 Vincent Ave So., Bloomington MN 55431-
- THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY need good condition books for an annual sale. Paperbacks and large print items are especially needed. Donated books can be delivered to the library weekdays during regular operating hours. If unable to bring the books to the library, call 263-4980 and request a pick up. All money

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• NOMINATIONS FOR OCTOBER'S VETERAN from the sale goes to purchase items not included in the library's regular budget.

- THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.
- · ROAD TO RECOVERY, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.
- SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

InHome Care Inc Come See us at the Heritage Festival **Friday & Sat. Sept. 23 & 24** at the Heart Of The City Park

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For More Information Traci Martinez - 213-5471

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

TODAY

· Heritage Festival in the Heart of the City Park begins at 6:30 p.m.

 Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

 Heritage Festival in the Heart of the City Park. Alzheimer's Memory Walk starts at 9 a.m. in the

Old Settlers Pavilion registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Beginning sewing class presented by the Society for Creative Anachronism begins at 9 a.m. at the

First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth streets. Call 816-3144 for more information. • Harvest Saturday at Scenic Mountain State Park.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

MONDAY

 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

 Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

 Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500 S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

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

TUESDAY

· Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

 The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

· Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

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Tonight-Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. East winds around 10 mph. Saturday—Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

Highs in the lower 90s. Light and variable winds. Saturday night-Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Lows in the mid 60s. Light and variable winds. Sunday—Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Highs in the upper 80s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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Thursday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 18-21-23-35-37. Number matching five of five: none. Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 15-16-30-35. Bonus Ball: 5.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing:

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-4-7

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really on the road. We really didn't see many accidents, however. which was a huge blessing.'

Corrick said the family didn't see a thinning of traffic until they made it to the San Antonio area.

"We really didn't see a difference in the traffic until we were headed toward Comfort, on Interstate 10 just outside of San Antonio," said Corrick. "You could begin to see the traffic peel away. People were traveling at the posted speeds and when you turned up into the Hill Country it began to thin a lot more.

We were laughing last night as we left San Angelo. We were bumper to bumper most of the day — all the way up through

San Antonio — and by the time he passed through San Angelo we were the only ones on the road. That was also a blessing."

And while the family spends much of its time watching the storm develop on television, wondering if they will have a home to return to, Corrick said there are things much more valuable than stone and wood.

'Melinda and I have almost two decades of our life on our property in Lake Jackson. We have several hundred thousands of dollars at risk, along with hours and years of your lives that you can't get back," said Corrick. "It's a worry, of course. But we really have the most important things. We have our lives. There are things you can't take away from you. We're alive and we have our relationships with

God, and you can't take

that away. My family is safe, and that's paramount.

"Should our house be flattened and we live in a tent on the property — if there's any property left that's certainly one side of the coin. But that's not the most important thing. The most impor-

tant things are safe and

can't be taken away."

And while government officials — all the way from the mayor of New Orleans to the President of the United States continue to play the blame game for damages and lives lost in Katrina, Corrick said Houston and the outlying towns have had their acts together for

about four years. "I think Texas would have done a superb job of preparing for this hurricane even if Hurricane Katrina hadn't just hit the Gulf Coast," said Corrick. "You play like you prac-

tice and Texas has been Hurricane Rita is having practicing a lot during the last four years."

However, the wake of damage left by Katrina has most certainly had an impact on the way people on the Gulf Coast view the storms, with people who would have normally tried to ride out the storm choosing instead to follow mandatory evacuation orders.

"With Katrina, and everyone seeing the devastation that's occurred in New Orleans, I think it gave people a fresh picture in their minds," he said. "One gentleman said he was leaving Galveston because he didn't want to stay and die in his attic, and I certainly think that was an allusion to Katrina

Even now, when panic and fear are most certainly a part of the coastal landscape near Houston, Melinda Corrick said

at least one positive impact on the communities in its path.

"There were a lot of people in Lake Jackson who work at the nuclear power plant and chemical plants, and they had to get their families out and then come back to help man the plants," said "People are Corrick. scared. They watched what happened with Katrina, and they're scared.

"People who haven't spoken to each other in their entire lives were actually coming out and helping each other. People standing in line at Wal-Mart were talking to one another, reminding one another about things they needed to do before the evacuation. And even though they were scared, everyone seemed to be acting more friendly toward one another. The

difference in personalities was very noticeable."

Nathan Corrick said he's seen the community come together as well, as area residents were preparing to make the trip to somewhere safe.

"Neighbors were looking out for each other. asking questions and trying to make sure everyone got what they needed," said Corrick. "Mostly it had to do with preserving life and preserving one another. Preserving your memories. People were moving things of value up to their second floors and doing all the things that the list that was out suggested, but the main concern was with

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REFINERY

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Concienne. "If you need something related to refining, a major piece of

equipment, for instance, that's where you would get it. So if Houston is under water, it could present another issue."

While Katrina and Rita have shaken up the oil-refining industry nationwide, the storms are not expected to have any impact on the Big Spring Refinery,

which has been operating at capacity for stocked up on supplies. some time now.

Concienne said local refinery officials, anticipating that Rita might strike near the heart of the nation's energy infrastructure, have tried to envision any needs the refinery might need and have

The refinery continues at its maximum rate of approximately 70,000 barrels of product a day.

The refinery is using all West Texas crude so it is not impacted by the Gulf Coast.

HARVEST

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and if folks want to pack their supper, that's a really nice family thing to do at the park during the evening."

Alton said there's plenty of other activities for area residents to take advantage of before or after the hayrides.

trail, which is about a two-third mile walk," said Alton. "It's on a bit of a slope, but even kindergarten students and first graders can make it. It's a good way to wear them down at the end of the day

"There are a lot of horned lizards running around right now. They only eat one variety of ant

as well.

"We also have a nature monly called the red ant — and we have a plethora of those, so the population is really up.

> The only charge for the event will be the normal entrance fee for the park - \$2 for adults with children 12 and under free money and attendance that's desperately needed at the Big Spring park, according to Alton.

— the harvester ant, com- a donation," said Alton. of people actually visiting

"This year we're just our site is critical. So charging normal entry into the park. With the state park system possibly facing a \$2 million shortfall and the same next year, every little bit is really going to help.

"With it now down to seven state parks being on Harvest Saturday or looked at to possibly be shut down, attendance is key. Not just financial "In the past we've taken numbers, but the number

we're really hoping people will come out and spend some time outdoors with the family and help out the park. It's an important investment for everyone."

For more information the Big Spring State Park, contact Alton at 263-4931. The entrance to the state park is located at 1 Scenic Drive, near the intersection of FM 700 and Wasson Road.

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FESTIVAL

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strations will take place at 7:30, followed by a tejano dance at 8 pome dotte

Saturday's fare begins early – 7 a.m. — with the traditional farmer's market that takes place—the trimmings. and fall months. A large vendor's at 1 p.m. will be among the other no matter what kind of music 816-4540.

market will open to the public a little later in the morning and run throughout the day. The Havlak-Batla Polka Band will be performing off and on from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It's during those hours that festival-goers will have the opportunity to purchase homemade German sausage by the pound, or as plates with all

activities going on.

Music will include performances by DJ El Perico and Adrian Calvio, Folklorico de Guadalupe and Conjunto Hilario. La Fuerza will play for the enjoy. evening dance, which begins at 8

"They are awesome," said Zant. "They have lots and lots of brass Council No. 4791. and they really do a wonderful

you prefer."

In addition, there will be a covered seating area for those wanting to eat or just take a break, and various rides for children to

The festival is being sponsored by the West Texas Producers and Farmers Market and LULAC

For more information on the every weekend in the summer. A washer-pitching tournament job. You don't want to miss them, Heritage Festival, contact Zant at

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Elnora Morrison, 87, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Aubrey Lankford, 82, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The friends from 5:00 until 7:00 PM Friday at 1008 Hickory.

WALK

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Volunteer **Program** Nancy Jones said the walk isn't just for those who are athletically inclined.

"We have two 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 doesn't mean anyone has to walk any particular distance. We have some people who come out and support by just walking a short distance. It's all for a good cause."

Area residents who want to participate in the annual walk but think they're too late are mistaken, according to Jones.

"It's never too late," said Jones with a laugh. "People can still sign up to walk Saturday morning. If someone wants to walk and raise the money for it later, they can do that as well. Last year we had about 400 people walk. This year I'd love to top 500 people."

Jones said funds raised by the annual event stay in Howard County, providing assistance and education to families battling the disease.

For more information on the walk, contact Jones at 264-2397.

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



CINEMA 4

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Just Like Heaven (PG-13) Daily: 4:40 & 7:20 Fri. & Sat. 9:50

Sat. & Sun. 2:10 The Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13)

Daily: 4:30 & 7:10 Fri. & Sat. 9:40 Sat. & Sun. 2:00 **Brothers Grimm (PG-13)**

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Daily: 5:00 Sat. & Sun. 2:30 **ADULTS: \$6.00** \$4.00 ALL MATINEES,

CHILDREN & SENIOR CITIZENS

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VMC

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hamburger and hot dog plates priced at \$5 per plate for adults and \$3 for children under the age of 12.

In addition, a silent auction and donation prize drawings are planned, according to VMC spokesman Jerry Groves, who noted that a number of Big Spring businesses and individuals have donated items ranging in value from \$10 to \$500.

Items donated to date include: two caps, a beanie, a ladies' sweater and a leather vest from Harley-Davidson Shop; a battery charger from Auto Trend; a 4-inch grinder from Big Spring Welding Supply; a gas Casey's from grill Campers; two silver dollar coins from Paul Aguilar; a men's Seiko watch from Blum's Jewelers; a coffee table book from KBST; an assortment of tools from NAPA Auto Parts; a U.S. flag kit from the Big Spring Herald; a men' watch from Chaney's

Amy E. Reese D.D.S., P.C. 132-267-4102

Jewelry: Case/Ruger colknife from lector's Dibrell's Firearms; a \$50 savings bond from State National Bank; jewelry from Kay Porter; an aircraft print from Pauline Long; a coin jar from Faye's Flowers; a crystal bowl from Gaze Crystal Kitchens; a bench grinder from Harris Lumber; a hedge trimmer from Higginbotham Bartlett; a ladies' diamond watch and travel case from the Karat Patch; custom signs from Skip Burcham; two bronze eagles from Yes Business Specialists; a framed print from The Vietnam

Master's Touch; a Merle Norman creme selection; a custom pen from Wilson Money; a strap wrench from Sears; a book and compact disc from Tumbleweed Smith; scented candles from Suggs Hallmark; and meal gift certificates from Big John's Feed, Sky's Cafe, Dell's Cafe, KC Steakhouse, Casa Blanca, Cowboy's Restaurant and Greg's Grill.

Anyone that will be unable to attend the event but would like to make a tax-deductible contribution can mail them to: Memorial

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Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79720.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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John A. Moseley Managing Editor **Bill McClellar News Editor**

OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

- All of the Big Spring High School, Stanton High School and Sands High School exes who made it back home last weekend. We enjoyed seeing you again!
- Jessica Bravo and Paul Diaz, Big Spring High School homecoming queen and king; Karyl Thames Dunne, Big Spring coming home queen; Karen Chandler, Sands high School roundup queen; Tiffany Tarango, Stanton High School homecoming queen; and Sherry Kelly Nichols, Stanton coming home queen.
- The Big Spring Model Airplane Club on another interesting Don McKinney Float and Fly.
- Everyone who helped with the Jesus Jams for Jayde fund-raiser Saturday at Comanche Trail Park..

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

Talk about price gouging. Last Friday (Sept. 16), I bought gasoline in Lubbock for \$2.44.9 cents a gallon. At this time gasoline in Big Spring was \$2.77.9 a gallon.

Even in Lamesa it was \$257.9. It is still more than that here today.

This is price gouging at its worst. We have a local refinery here that we give tax breaks to (our tax dollars) and what do they do? Stick us with their high profits.

It seems that at least they could keep us at or slightly below prices in

this region, but no. It has to go into their profits.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Texas Attorney General asking for an explanation.

Sure is nice having such fine folks as our neighbors. They will probably say that most sales go to tourists. But if you watch tourists fill up here, you'd see that they get only a few bucks worth of fuel to get them to cheaper gasoline or diesel.

> ROBERT STAPP **BIG SPRING**

LETTER POLICIES

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we hear Your voice loud and clear, Lord.

Hinckley will never be a free man

nce again, John Hinckley wants to spend more time outside the mental institution he has been locked up in since 1982.

He wants to visit his parents and, one of his psychologists now says, "to have a girlfriend" and "intimate contact with a female."

And you can't blame him. Which is the problem. You can't blame him for anything.

Hinckley shot Ronald Reagan and three other people on March 30, 1981. But Hinckley was found not guilty by reason of insanity and has been locked up in St. Elizabeths mental hospital in Washington, D.C., for the last 23 years.

This is far longer than most murderers are locked up, let alone attempted murderers, but Hinckley, 50, can (and may) be kept locked up forever, even though most people accept the premise that if you don't know the difference between right and wrong, you ought not be punished for your acts.

In our society, we cure sick people. We treat them therapeutically, not punitively.

Unless they shoot the president

of the United States, that is. After Hinckley was found not guilty, Congress and half the states enacted laws making it more difficult to use the insanity defense.

Even before the new laws were passed, however, insanity was a very rare defense that failed about 75 percent of the time.

(It is also a defense largely restricted to middle- and upperclass defendants. You rarely see a poor person, represented by a public defender, using the insanity defense because psychiatric research and testimony cost a lot of money.)

As a reporter, I covered one famous insanity defense case on a daily basis: the trial of John Wayne Gacy, who strangled 33 young men and boys and buried 26 of them beneath the floorboards of his home in suburban Chicago. He was found guilty and was executed on May 10, 1994.

Another famous killer, Jeffrey Dahmer, who dismembered and partially ate 15 young men and boys in Milwaukee, also tried an insanity defense. It, too, failed, and Dahmer was murdered in prison on Nov. 28, 1994, while serving 15 consecutive life sentences.

Insanity defenses are a big gamble, because they require the defendant to admit he committed the crimes.

And most insanity cases fail for the same reason: If a defendant truly cannot distinguish between right and wrong, then he should not do what most criminals do: try to cover up the crimes, lie about them, hide from the police, etc.

In Hinckley's case, however, he was arrested immediately and did not deny his actions.

So his insanity defense "worked" but he has been locked away for a long time. In the past, the Reagan family has opposed Hinckley's trips outside St. Elizabeths and the Secret Service has tailed him.

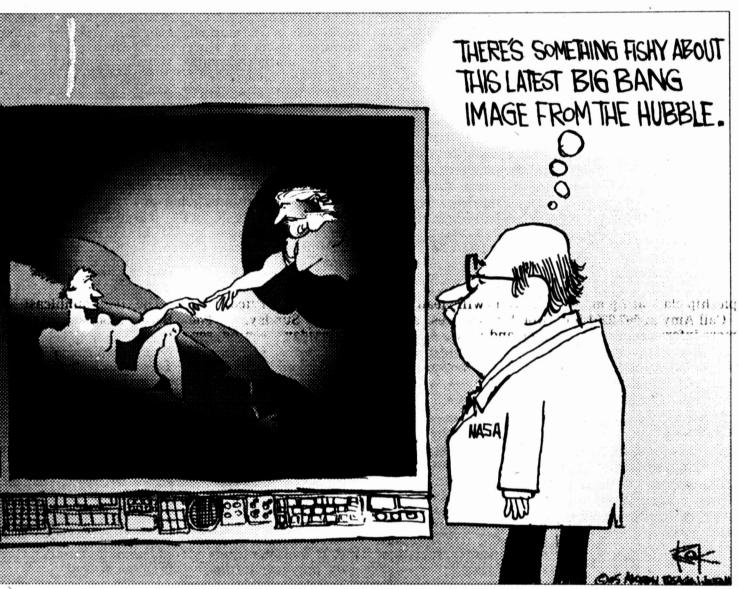
The therapists at St. Elizabeths say Hinckley's insanity is in "full remission" and that time outside the hospital and normal relationships will help him.

Which doesn't mean he will ever be released. Even though he is no longer front-page news, there is usually negative public reaction every time he asks for time away from his institution.

Just because the law says he is an innocent man, that doesn't mean he will ever be a free man.

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Giving lousy teachers a message

roponents, most notably Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, have dubbed California's Proposition 74 the "Put Kids First" act. Opponents call it the "Punish New Teachers" act. The measure,

which will appear on the November special-election ballot, would extend the probationary period for new teachers from two years to five years and would allow districts to fire permanent teachers after they receive two bad performance reviews. Alan Bersin,

SAUNDERS

Schwarzenegger's public-school point man, supports the measure. As a former superintendent of San Diego public schools, Bersin sees the measure as a way to put an end to "the proverbial dance of the lemons."

The first step of the dance comes when administrators realize a teacher isn't cutting it. The "informal bargaining," as Bersin put it, ensues, as administrators try to ease a poor teacher out of the classroom. Because it is expensive and difficult to fire an incompetent teacher, administrators shuffle the teacher around. Some teachers quit. Others look for work in other districts. Some agree to be shuffled elsewhere, rather than leave the profession.

"Where do those teachers end up?" said Bersin — a man who Amen should know. "They end up in the

inner city." That is, the lemons end up teaching the students who need strong teachers the most. This is one reason I plan on voting for Proposition 74. I don't harbor illusions that the measure will transform bad schools into top-performing schools. It's not a panacea. Even if it passes, my guess is that some public school districts are so mired in inertia that they won't use it to oust incompetent teachers.

I'll vote for it because I remember how it felt to be caged in a classroom led by an inept teacher. and I find it unthinkable to vote against a measure that might free some students from that slow tor-

I also will vote for it for all those great teachers who are ill-served when they are forced to educate children who didn't learn last year the building blocks needed to help them learn this year.

Now for the caveats. First, I suspect local school boards will feel pressure to bargain away some of the measure's powers. I asked both the yes and no campaigns about that possibility, and neither campaign had an answer before my deadline. Just know that, in politics, where there is little will, there is a way - around a law.

Second, I am not thrilled that the fate of poor teachers is the stuff of a special election. Polls show sup port for Proposition 74 softening although a plurality of voters support it. Those who have changed their position, however, may be opposed to it because they are opposed to this off-year elec-

Proposition 74 also could fail because of the deceptive no campaign, which places the blame for poor performance on "under-funding'' - yawn - and, well, underfunding. The California Teachers Association has poured millions of dollars into efforts to efeat this and other Schwarzenegger initiatives. It has flooded the airwaves with anti-Arnold propaganda that tells voters Schwarzenegger is simply trying to scapegoat teachers - or cops, or nurses - for all the state's woes.

In fact, Schwarzenegger is blaming the groups that represent teachers, cops and state employees. They have driven up the cost of government — by winning excessive pension benefits. demanding growing chunks of state revenue and opposing efforts needed to achieve real reform. The Legislature has been their willing tool — which is why Schwarzenegger has gone to the

The last reason I'll vote for Proposition 74: It will send the message that lousy teachers have jobs for life — and I'm OK with that.

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East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Sunday school sta 9:45 a.m. for all groups, and the mo worship service beg 11:00 a.m. Challengers, Ambassadors, Gir Action, Mission Fr and Mission Babie offered for children youth of all age Sundays at 5 p.m. practice begins Sunday at Wednesday, Sept there will be a praye Bible study service f adults and a youth pleship class at 7 p.

Call Amy at 267-22 more information. **Berea Baptist Church** Joe Whitten and Children are in con-Berea Baptist Sunda

Berea Baptist C will recognize express appreciati the law enforcemen the emergency se departments of Big and Howard Count a.m. Sunday, inc the Big Spring Department, Big Fire Department **Howard County Sh** Office, area Depai of Public Safety tro Victim Services an emergency departn Scenic Mountain N Center.

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Bible study beg 9:45 a.m. Worship time is at Berea is located a Wasson Road in Spring. For more mation, call 267-843 office is open M through Thursday a.m. until to noo pastor of Berea



What's the 'one thing' important in your life?

ost of us remember the story of Mary and Martha. Mary was sitting at Jesus' feet while Martha was laboring in the kitchen. Because Mary wasn't helping, Martha became distraught and sought Jesus' intervention. Jesus' response is contained in Luke 10:41-42. "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken from her."

In every life we have the same opportunity.

We can emphasize the major or we can emphasize the minor. Jesus forces Martha to look at the priority in her life as he chides her.

"You are worried and upset about many things." Those many things are minor. Just because they are many doesn't mean they are to take prece-

Matthew 6:31-33 says. "Do not worry," saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' For the pagans run after all right mind," (Lk. 8:35).

these things and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Focus with me on the minors for just a moment.

In Jesus' temptation, Satan took him to a high place and promised him all the kingdoms of the world in return for the Savior's worship. That's the minor. The major? "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only," (Lk. 4:8)

When Jesus entered the synagogue, he found a man with a shriveled hand. The Pharisees watched closely to see if he would heal that man on the Sabbath. That's the minor. The major? "Stretch out your hand,' he did so, and his hand was completely restored," (Lk. 6-10).

Demons were sent into a herd of pigs. Then Jesus was asked to leave the area. That's the minor. The major? "They found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his has put in more than all the

One who was invited to a wedding banquet excused himself by explaining that he was newly married. That's the minor. The major? "Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame," (Lk. 14:21).

Pastor's Column **By Dennis Teeters**

An elder son is defiant toward his father at the return of a wayward brother. That's the minor. The major? "This brother of yours...was lost and is found." (Lk. 15:32)

Praying, a Pharisee lists his spiritual attributes — giving and fasting. That's the minor. The major? A publican praying, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner," (Lk. 18:13).

Coins dropped from the hands of the rich and mighty, clink their way into the offering receptacles. That's the minor. The major? "The poor widow others...(she) put in all she had

to live on." (Lk. 21:4)

That's the lesson Jesus was teaching Martha. It's not that the minor is always bad; it's just that the major is always best. "Only one thing is needed." Martha was busy with many things in the kitchen. Mary was occupied with one thing at the feet of Jesus.

Consider the rich young ruler. Did he lack for anything? Was there nothing that his riches could not purchase for him? But what did Jesus say to this young man? "You lack one thing." That one thing was the major thing in his life.

Let me ask you about that "one thing" in your life. What is it? What drives you above all else? I'm sure many of you have seen the movie called "City Slickers." Two of the main characters are Mitch, played by Billy Crystal, and Curly, played by Jack Palance. Mitch and two of his buddies decide to vacation on a working dude ranch to, in effect, find themselves. Curly is a crusty old cowboy in charge of the crew. In the midst of a cattle drive, Curly takes Mitch with him to round up Spring.

some strays. And interesting conversation ensues. Curly asks Mitch his age which is 38 or 39. He tells Mitch, "You all come out here about the same age. You spend 50 weeks getting knots in your rope and then you think two weeks up here will untie them for you.'

Curly goes on to ask Mitch a question. "Do you know what the secret to life is?"

Mitch bites, "No what?" Curly answers, "One thing." With that he holds up his index finger for Mitch to see.

Mitch replies, "Your finger?" Curly, ignoring Mitch's sarcasm, continues, "One thing, just one thing. You stick to that and everything else don't mean (nothin')."

interested. Mitch. now "What's the one inquires. thing?"

Curly concludes, "That's what you've got to decide."

And that is what each of us has to decide.

Dennis Teeters is the pastor at the First Baptist Church in Big

East Fourth Street Baptist Church

Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. for all age groups, and the morning worship service begins at 11:00 a.m. Acteens, Royal Challengers, Ambassadors, Girls in Action, Mission Friends and Mission Babies are offered for children and youth of all ages on Sundays at 5 p.m. Choir practice begins on Sunday at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, there will be a prayer and Bible study service for the adults and a youth discipleship class at 7 p.m..

Call Amy at 267-2291 for more information.

Berea Baptist Church

Joe Whitten and HIS Children are in concert at Children's Choir rehears-Berea Baptist Sunday.

Berea Baptist Church recognize express appreciation to the law enforcement and the emergency services departments of Big Spring and Howard County at 11 a.m. Sunday, including the Big Spring Police Department, Big Spring Fire Department, the Howard County Sheriff's Office, area Department of Public Safety troopers, Victim Services and the emergency department of Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

These men and women take risks every day that both protect and enhance lives in this area.

Following the recognition, Joe Whitten Prison Ministry and Children are in concert. This group has done concerts and ministered to men and women in prison all over the Southwest.

Bible study begins at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Worship time is at 11 a.m. Berea is located at 4204 Wasson Road in Big Spring. For more information, call 267-8438. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until to noon. The pastor of Berea Baptist

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Church is Dwayne Wheat. Fax 432-714-4307 or e-mail pdwheat@crcom.net.

First United **Methodist Church**

Miss Texas 2005 Morgan Matlock and Pierre Moranza are the featured speakers at the District Youth Rally beginning Saturday. Youth from the Northwest Texas District will meet in Big Spring from 4 p.m. until to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 2 p.m. until to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Sunday is Youth Sunday. The youth of First United Methodist vice is at 11 a.m. Church will lead both Evening service is 6 worship services, at 8:30 parts. Sunday. The Beth Moore's "Living a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday and es at 4 p.m. The Handbell Choir rehearses Wednesday at 6 p.m. and Chancel Choir at 7 p.m.

The first rehearsal for The Living Christmas Tree is Oct. 24 from 6:30 p.m. until to 8:30 p.m. The performances are scheduled Dec. 3-4.

The Lord's Acre Family Festival is Oct. 29. The day will feature a fall festival, bake sale and silent auction from 10 a.m. until noon. The live auction begins at 1 p.m. Tickets for the Lord's Acre meal from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. will go on sale soon.

Disaster relief for hurricane and flood victims along the Gulf Coast is led the Missions Committee. They are currently preparing Flood Buckets to be distributed. Monetary donations are needed for this important

mission. First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry. For more information on any of these programs, call the church office at 267-6394.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Sunday from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. is youth night. They will bring testimonies, devotionals and special music.

Sunday worship services are at 10:55 a.m. and at 5 p.m. Midweek service family atmosphere of is at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. For further information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

Salem Baptist Church

Sunday school is 10 a.m. and morning worship ser-

Centered in Praise vice is at 6 p.m. at New York City is Oct. 7-8. rehearses at 3 p.m. Parkplace, 501 W. 17th St. Tickets are \$25. Call the Holy Communion cele-

Life Church

There are two contemporary worship services Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Children's ministry is

provided during both services, such as Noah's Ark for children age 0-3, Zoe Land for children age 4-9, and God's Squad for preteens age 10-12. Church meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. Small groups, including college, young adults and senior high meet throughout the week.

Call Life Church for more infomation at 432-263-7714. Life Church is located at 600 E. FM 700.

YoungLife

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www.hangar25airmuseum.com for more information and registration form.

YoungLife is a non-profit Christian organization for high school students. Volunteer adult leaders are needed for the school year. For more information or to contribute to YoungLife, call 213-4819.

Cornerstone Church

Cornerstone Church, an **Every Nation Ministries** church, has worship service beginning at 10:30 Do You Remember

a.m. Sunday.

Children in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to Sunday children's activities. Cornerstone, located at

the corner of 12th and Owens streets, offers a praise and worship. Childcare is available for newborns through preschool. Call Pastor Craig or Cherise Felty at 263-3072 with any questions.

First Baptist Church, **Big Spring**

The live simulcast of Wednesday evening ser- Proof" broadcast church at 267-8223 reserve a ticket.

Another Beth Moore Bible study, Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob" begins Monday. This study will be led by Nancy Spurgin. Pre-school childcare will be provided.

Sunday services begin with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:50 a.m., Sunday Night Live at 4:30 p.m. with activities for all ages and evening worship at 6 First Baptist Church is

located at 705 W. FM 700.

Words of Hope Ministries

An interdenominational women's retreat is set in Odessa, Sept. 30 to Oct. 1. Sue Roseberry, storyteller and gospel singer, and Sharae Buskirk, minister and professional speaker, will facilitate the time.

Words of Hope Ministries, St. endorsed by Midland Ministerial Alliance and Midland Association of Church. For more information, call 432-697-3249.

Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 1200 W. Fourth St. Service times are 9:45 a.m. for Sunday school, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays for worship and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Bible study.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church Everyone is invited to attend worship services at

St. Mary's this Sunday. Our fall schedule conbrated at 8 a.m. and 10:30

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Father Liggett will be preaching on "Being Responsible."

The St. Mary's Youth group will have a used book sale and fresh burritos for sale this Saturday at 8:30 a.m. until 2:30

The retreat is offered by p.m., 1001 South Goliad

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web

www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

East Side Baptist Church

Worship services are held every Sunday at 9:45. a.m. and 10:45 a.m. We have classes for each age group and a nursery for God's little ones. We have great music and sound Bible preaching.

If you are looking for a church that has heart for reaching our community tinues this Sunday with and the world with the good news of Jesus Christ, you might want to come visit us at East Side, 11008 E. Sixth St.

Friends of Unity

The Tuesday noon group is studying "Rising In Consciousness" by Joel S. Goldsmith with the Rev. Jim Sims.

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Church News

On Thursday evening at 5:30, a group studies A Course in Miracles using the workbook.

On Sunday at 1 p.m., after a sharing time, The Quest A Journey of Spiritual Recovery continues.

All meetings are open to interested people. For information, call 267-8783 or 263-

Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church

A special invitation is extended to all our friends and neighbors to come and worship with us at the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St.

We are looking forward to having Elder Mark Hazenmeyer of Lewisville as our guest minister for our Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 a.m.

A prayer meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 7 p.m. as we seek the Lord's guidance in calling a pastor.

Anyone desiring further information on either of these services may contact John Wayne Metcalf at 394-4067 or Dennis Walker at 264-1363.

First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Matthew Miles, minister, will speak on text taken from Matthew 21:23-32 at worship service on Sunday. Sunday school begins at 9:45 and Take Ten is held at 10:35. Worship service is held at 11.

Presbyterian Women is held on Tuesday at noon for a get acquainted luncheon hosting the Church Women United of Big Spring. A Bible study and liturgy will follow the luncheon.

On Wednesday, Bible study will be held at 5:17 p.m. Choir practice follows at 6 p.m.

Everyone is welcome at First Presbyterian Church located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth streets.

Huston Smith, famed scholar, focuses anew on his own faith of Christianity

NEW YORK (AP) — At age aries. 86, Huston Smith is return-Christianity.

Smith is the dean of American scholars on world religions and his best-selling textbook about them is known to legions of college students. Personally, he's explored many faiths —

Now, in the new "The Soul ing home again — to of Christianity: Restoring the Great Tradition" (HarperSanFrancisco),

Smith ruminates about the beliefs, contributions and prospects of the world's largest faith. In the end, what he advocates is essentially a mod-

though he's also a minister ernized and tolerant interin the United Methodist pretation of the shared faith statesman acknowledged in Church, the denomination in of Christianity's first thouwhich he was raised in sand years, before it broke Associated Press that he's no China as the son of mission- into Orthodox, Catholic and expert, but said notable sci-

Protestant branches.

But that's the end point. The start lies elsewhere, with Smith's premise that the future of Christianity and the other great faiths hinges on keeping proper limits on science — meaning religious people should not concede that scientific knowledge is the only kind.

The outspoken senior an interview with The

entists who are friends of long standing have taught him about the oft-baffling aspects of nature and our limited knowledge of the physical universe.

Friday,

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Over the past several centuries, empirical observation and laboratory experiments have produced huge benefits for health and removal of drudgery, Smith said. Problem is, as a result "we gave science a blank check, by which I mean we turned all truth over to them."

Club News

Midland/Odessa Christian Women's Club

The Midland/Odessa Christian Women's Club luncheon is Oct. 4 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Green Tree Country Club, 4900 Green Tree Blvd. in Midland.

Kathy Leonard will demonstrate how to make gift baskets. Speaker Sue Revell of Austin will share her travels down the "Highways and Byways of

Life." Cost of the luncheon is \$11, payable at the door. A free nursery is provided at a local church and mothers are asked to

bring a sack lunch for their child. The club is non-denominational and has no membership or dues.

For luncheon and nursery reservations, call Alva at 432-520-4502 or Dean at 263-7456.

Texas Retired Teachers Association-District 18

The annual fall meeting of District XVIII, Texas Retired Teachers Association will be held in Odessa, Tuesday, at the MCM Grande/Fun Dome.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The registration fee of \$10 will include the noon meal.

Retired school personnel from the area will convene to plan the year's work of the members of all the local units who will be attending.

Local units from Andrews, Big Spring, Crane, Coahoma, Colorado City, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa and Pecos will be represented.

TOPS No. TX21-Big Spring

Members of TOPS No. TX21 met on Monday night at 5:30 in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 206 West Third with leader, Hughetta Roberts presid-

Cherry Sechelski voiced the opening prayer and the TOPS and KOPS pledges were recited, followed by the fellowship

Jennifer Shaffer gave a reading titled "The Future of Nagging is Barking Up the Wrong Tree."

Joyce Chelette was the TOPS best loser. The KOPS best loser for the week was Gladys Russell. Each one received the best loser award and a certificate.

Contest chairman Alex Sechelski gave information on a new contest which is to start next week called "Fill Your Heart with Success."

The contest consists of training members to develop good habits such as drinking eight glasses of water daily, keeping a food chart and recording a loss each week. The contest will run until Oct. 17.

Members attending an Area Rally Day in Plainview over the weekend discussed the program at the rally. This rally was especially meaningful as the long-time area coordinator has retired and this was her last official TOPS function as coordinator.

Anyone interested in TOPS can call 1-800-392-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758 for more information. You are also invited to drop in on any given Monday night by 5:30. You are allowed one visit at no charge.

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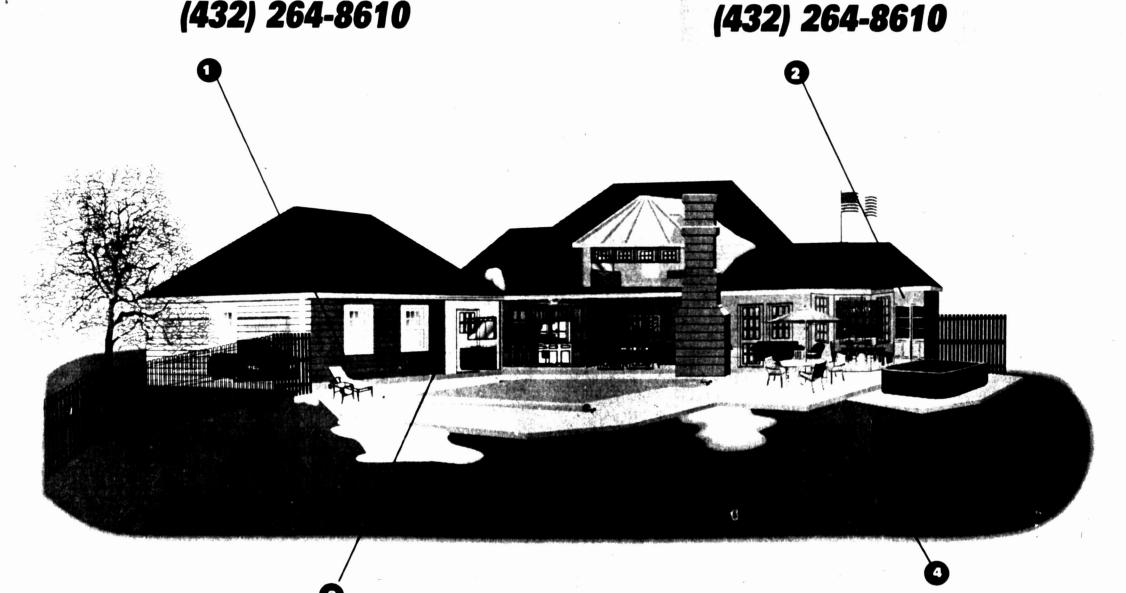
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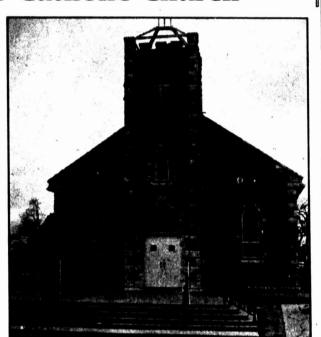
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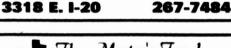
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weekly meetings The Big Spring foot-ball booster club (quarterback club) will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATC through the football season.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

Big Spring starts Junior tennis league

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen has announced the starting of a junior tennis

The league will take place every Monday for the next six weeks. It will take place at the Figure 7 Tennis Comanche Trail Park and will last from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each

children in grade four through six (ages 8-12). articipants must

bring a racket or one may be provided. For more information, contact Olesen at

806-236-8901 or visit

bigspringtennis.com.

YMCA sets final skateboard contest

The Big Spring YMCA has announced the final skateboard contest of 2005 will take place Saturday, Oct. 1 at the YMCA Skate Park.

The contest is scheduled to begin at noon. Participants can one of two age groups - 15 and under or 16 and over.

The registration fee is only \$15 and awards will be presented to the top two finishers in each age group. Interested skaters can register at the YMCA, For more

Midland Rotary Club sets golf tourney

YMCA at 267-8234.

information, call the

The Midland Daybreak Rotary Club has announced its second annual golf tournament. The tournament will

take place Monday, Oct. 3, and will start at 1 p.m. at the Gree Tree Country Club. The entry deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 28. The tourney is limited to 32 team with four

people to a team.

The proceeds will benefit local youth scholarships to college, Rotary Diabetes Camp and Rotary Leadership

Forsan looks to regain focus against Blizzards

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald District 10-1A play opens tonight for the Forsan Buffaloes as they travel to challenge the Winters Blizzards.

After a lackluster performance last week, Forsan (1-3) looks to regain focus and to correct mistakes.

Forsan head coach Tommy Thompson said the Buffaloes are getting geared up for the Blizzards (2-2) and have worked toward being more mentally prepared.

"We are working hard to get ready," Thompson. "We have been focusing on offensive ball control and on the backs holding on to the ball."

Winters is giving up over 182 yards a game on ground and Thompson adds that with good execution up front, running backs Mitchell Murray and Wesley Newcomb could have big games if they tuck the ball away and keep it

The Buffalo defense will have their hands full,

past Pirates

Astros get

in key wild

card match

· Backe wins second

straint, Lidge picks

PITTSBURGH (AP) -

The way Brandon Backe

is pitching, that Big

Three rotation of the

Houston Astros could be

a Big Four during the

final 10 days of the season

Backe made his second

successive strong start

and the Astros held their

lead in the NL wild-card

Pittsburgh Pirates 2-1

Thursday for their eighth

Pirates to one run and

two hits over seven

innings and Brad Lidge

preserved the lead, get-

ting the final four outs.

Lance Berkman drove in

two early runs against

Zach Duke, and the

Astros made them stand

The Astros, led by

pitchers Roger Clemens,

Andy Pettitte and Roy

Oswalt, began the day

Philadelphia and four games ahead of Florida

for the wild card.

Houston starts a series

Friday afternoon at

Wrigley Field against the

Backe pitched well -

he struck out six and

walked none — despite

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See ASTROS, Page 2B

Chicago Cubs.

two games up

win in nine games.

Backe limited

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By ALAN ROBINSON

up 38th save

AP Sports Writer



Forsan senior Tyler Phillips pounces on a fumble against Hawley earlier this season. The Buffaloes travel to Winters tonight to take on the Blizzards.

seven.

The Blizzards come into tonight's game averaging 255.5 yards rushing.

The Buffs will have to key on senior running back Frank Perez, who has rushed for 581 yards in four games.

"The defense will have

especially along the front to make stops at the line and in the backfield," said Thompson. "And we will have to create some turnovers."

> Thompson said the Blizzards will also use a spread formation and that the Buffaloes will have to depend on solid pass cov-

As always, Thompson relies on the same philosophy in preparing for any game.

"We know the keys to winning," he said. "Focus, execution and teamwork on both sides of the ball."

Shelby Lefever is listed as the only injury for the Buffs this week with a broken collar bone. Cody Frietag will return to the lineup from a knee injury.

The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Blizzard Stadium

The Blizzards won last year's meeting in Forsan,

Wrightsil, Higgins each earn weekly conference honor

Special to the Herald

Lakenva Wrightsil and Shannon Higgins, both former volleyball players at Big Spring, each earned conference honors at their respective colleges this past week.

Lakenya Wrightsil

Wrightsil earned her consecutive second TranSouth Conference Player of the Week honor Monday for the week ending Sept. 18, after leading the offensive attack for Martin Methodist College in a four-game conference victory at Hardeman University Thursday.

Wrightsil, a 5-8 sophomore outside hitter from Big Spring, recorded 19 kills and nine digs, posting a kills average of 5.52.

Purity Ogolla of Union University was named the setter of the week with 11.35 assists per game, while Rachel Vanderburg

Cumberland University was named the libero of the week, averaging 7.17 ist (Sep. 7).

digs per game and 40 digs against Lincoln-Memorial University.

Shannon Higgins

McMurry University freshman Higgins earned West Division Setter of the Week honors from the American Southwest Conference Tuesday.

Higgins averaged 13.63 assists per game for a McMurry offense that hit .280 as a team during a 3-0 week in which all of the victories came via the sweep. In the ASC win at Howard Payne last Tuesday, she helped three Indian attackers in double-figure kills; then versus Dallas at the Mary Hardin-Baylor Invitational Friday, four teammates had at least eight kills to spread the offense.

Higgins is the fourth team member this season to receive the ASC weekly award, following Kari Meuth twice as top hitter (Sep. 7 and 13) and Gabs Vigil as defensive special-

Gee, Texas-PanAmerican off to Myrtle Beach for tourney

4-0

Special to the Herald

EDINBURG — Former Big Spring golfer Rachel Gee qualified for her second NCAA Division 1 tournament recently.

Gee and four other teammates from the University of Texas Pan American will fly to South Carolina and take part in the Bay Tree Classic at Myrtle Beach's

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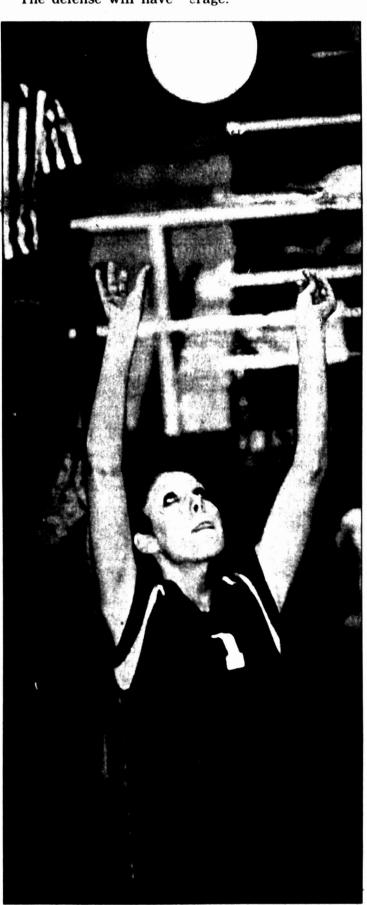
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Others Receiving Votes:

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7. Haskell

Bay Tree Golf Plantation. After a respectable showing at the North Texas State University Invitational, Texas Pan American will compete in South Carolina against Ball State, Cincinnati, Old Dominion, William and Mary, Southern Illinois, Florida A&M, Tennessee State and the University of Charleston.



HERALD file photo/Troy Hyde Shannon Higgins sets up a Big Spring teammate during volleyball action last season. Higgins, who now plays college volleyball at McMurry University in Abilene, was named West Division Setter of the Week for the American Southwest Conference Tuesday.

Texas high school football

Associated Press Top 10 1. Southlake Carroll 3-0 2. Spring Westfield 2-0 3. Longview 4. Lufkin 5. Smithson Valley 7. Katy 8. Abilene 9. Coperras Cove 3-0 10. Dallas Carter

Schertz Clemons, Galena North Park Shore, Leander Class 4A

1. La Marque 2. Dallas Highland Park 4-0 3. Stephenville 4. Brenham 5. Kilgore 6. Wolfforth Frenship 7. Marshall 8. Texarkana 9. Ennis 10. Austin Travis Lake 3-0 Others Receiving Votes: Rosenberg Terry, Pflugerville Connally, CC Calallen and New **Braunfels Canyon**

1. Cuero 4-0 2. West Orange Stark 4-0 4. Snyder 5. Cameron Yoe 6. Tatum (tie) 7. Abilene Wylie 8. Wimberley 9 Sinton

10. Gainesville Others Receiving Votes Marlin, Gilmer, Bellville, Giddings, Bridge City and Daingerfield Class 2A

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McCamey, Wellington, Harleton and Joaquin 2. Valley 4-0

Six-Man Top 20° 1. Throckmorton 3. Highland 4. Richland Springs 3-0 5. Trinidad 6. Rule 7. Whitharral

10. Wheeler 3-1 11. Garden City 2-1 12. G-falls-Royalty 3-0 13. Calvert 2-2 14. Abbott 3-1 15. Fort Davis 16. Blanket 3-0 17. Balmorhea 2-1 18. Crowell 0-2 19. Aspermont 2-2 20. Wellman-Union 2-2

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*Six-man rankings are from sixmanfootball.com and not the

FRIDAY NIGHT FORECASTERS

This Week's Games

- 1. Coahoma @ Clyde
- 2. Forsan @ Winters 3. Alpine @ Stanton
- 4. El Paso Jesus Chapel @ Garden City
- 5. Grady @ Highland
- 6. Sands @ Loraine 7. Andrews @ Greenwood
- 8. Odessa High @ San Angelo Central
- 9. Boston College @ Clemson
- 10. Iowa @ Ohio State
- 11. Indiana State @ Texas Tech 12. USC @ Oregon
- 13. Tennessee @ LSU
- 14. Texas State @ Texas A&M
- 15. Michigan @ Wisconsin 16. Cowboys @ 49ers
- 17. Patriots @ Steelers-
- 18. Raiders @ Eagles 19. Buccaneers @ Packers
- 20. N.Y. Giants @ Chargers

Last Week: **Overall Records:**

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usc LSU Texas A&M Wisconsin **Cowboys Patriots** Eagles **Buccaneers** Giants

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ASTROS

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native of Galveston, Texas, he spent considerable time on the phone this week making sure his parents and other family members left their homes ahead Hurricane Rita.

Other Astros players didn't take a chance, either. Jeff Bagwell had his wife and two daughters fly Chicago for this weekand child to Dallas.

Backe (10-8) pitched effectively throughout allowing only Craig Wilson's solo homer in the fifth and Daryle Ward's harmless single in the second. Backe has allowed one run in 13 2-3 innings while winning his last two starts.

Backe could be important to the Astros' postseason rotation, because manager Phil Garner isn't going to start the 43year-old Clemens and Pettitte, who is coming off surgery, with less than their normal rest.

Lidge earned his 38th save in 41 opportunities, getting Jack Wilson to ground into an inning-ending force play in the eighth with runners on first and second.

the . On Berkman drove in seven runs in the final two games of a fourgame series in which the Astros lost 7-0 Monday with Clemens on the mound, then won the final three behind Pettitte, Oswalt and Backe.

Willy Taveras got the Astros' offense going for the second day in a row after being out for a week with a lacerated right middle finger. After going 3-for-6 with two runs in a 12-8 victory Wednesday night, he scored both Astros runs as Houston pened a 2-0 lead by

the third inning.

Taveras walked to start the first, moved up on Chris Burke's

Texas State brings 'A' game to College Station

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press Writer COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Reggie McNeal threw for 317 yards and two touchdowns, and Texas A&M beat Texas State 44-31 in a stadium rendered unusually bare and an area choked with evacuating traffic as Hurricane Rita crept closer on Thursday night.

Jason Carter caught eight passes for 219 yards and a touchdown for Texas A&M (2-1), which had asked fans outside the rural college town to stay home so more room was available for the thousands fleeing nearby Houston and the Gulf Coast.

The specter of Rita spurred both schools to hastily reschedule the game from Saturday, when the Category 4 storm packing 145-mph wind was expected to make landfall.

Barrick Nealy threw for 378 yards and three touchdowns for Texas State (2-1), which lost its hopes of an upset when the Bobcats couldn't score after starting a drive at the Aggies 7 yard line midway through the fourth quarter.

Texas A&M President Robert Gates encouraged fans not living in the College Station area to skip the game because hotels were booked with evacuees.

attendance was 72,741, but receiver and 100-yard about half as many rusher in the same game. turned out.

the east side of Kyle Field, but large clumps of empty bleachers pockmarked the rest of the stadium. The Aggie War Hymn, which usually causes the stadium to physically wobble as fans sway backand-forth, couldn't move the west stands Thursday because there were too few fans.

The university canceled classes Friday but welcomed Gulf Coast residents fleeing the storm. Just blocks from the stadium a campus animal clinic operated as a makeshift hospital for evacuated burn victims from Galveston, and the school's basketball arena housed more than 330 by evacuees Thursday.

Evacuees at Reed Arena were given free tickets to the game.

Those who attended watched McNeal become the first Texas A&M quarterback to throw for 300 yards in consecutive games.

In a 66-8 rout of SMU on Saturday, McNeal threw for 349 yards and finished with a school-record 449 total yards.

McNeal rushed for 86 yards against the Bobcats and finished with 403 total yards. Courtney Lewis ran for 136 yards and scored two touchdowns.

It marked the first time Texas A&M had a 300-The announced paid yard passer, 200-yard

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Texas State punter Cory Elolf fumbles the ball as the Aggles run to recover it in the first quarter of their game at Kyle Field in College Station Thursday. The game was rescheduled because of the approach of Hurricane Rita.

in the second quarter helped close the gap to 27-17 at halftime. White had six catches for 146 yards to lead Texas State.

Lewis widened the lead with two touchdowns runs to start the third quarter, but the Bobcats

bounced back again. Nealy's 38-yard touchdown run closed Texas State within 13 points in the fourth quarter, but Texas State couldn't

White and Blake Burton recovering a fumble deep in Texas A&M territory and starting a drive on the 7-yard line. The Bobcats turned the ball over on downs.

Carter's catches included a 71-yard touchdown haul in which he cut back across the field, slithered between two would-be tacklers and dove across the goal line.

Texas A&M's Chad Schroeder caught a 44yard touchdown pass and reach the end zone after ran for another, taking

the snap on a fake field goal and darting toward the pylon for a 13-yard score.

Texas A&M Dennis Franchione, who coached at Texas State from 1990-91, adamant about playing the game so that his team would not have two idle weeks in a three-week

The Aggies had a bye following their season opener at Clemson on

Lewis, McCright hold down second in team roping for Howard

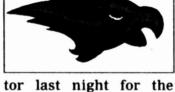
By TROY HYDE Sports Editor

Not a lot of Howard College rodeo members competed last night dur-

> ing opening night Eastern Mexico rodeo in Portales, N.M. But, the Hawks

KERNICK are holding down second place in the

team roping competition as Grant Lewis and Justin McCright scored a "Nerves were a big fac-



young guys," Howard head coach Greg Kernick. "We had only about six go last night, but things should pick up (Friday).' Kernick said

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Cowboys hope last-second loss doesn't linger into bay

 Dallas, San Fran rivalry not the same, still has some bite

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Anyonle can see the NFL's biggest rivalry of the early 1990s just isn't what it once was. The Dallas Cowboys and the San Francisco 49ers have been down for much of this decade, spending more time rebuilding and remembering than winning championships.

So why was 49ers center Jeremy Newberry's phone ringing off the hook this week, with dozens of friends and family members in his native Bay Area clamoring for seats this particular on Sunday?

"I've got so many ticket requests for this game, it's ridiculous," he said. "I bought 50 tickets for this game, and I probably could have used 60 more, if I could have got them."

Perhaps this rivalry isn't dead after all - and maybe these flickering franchises still can create a spark when they meet at Candlestick Park. Dallas is visiting San Francisco for the first time since 1997 for the clubs' first meeting in three seasons.

"We've had some great games with them, even since I've been here," said Newberry, who has faced the Cowboys three times since the 49ers drafted him in 1998.

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49ers 10 times. The franchises met in three straight NFC championship games from 1992-94, with the victor going on to win each of the following three Super Bowls.

"Those were the greatgames," said Newberry, who grew to hate the Cowboys' star logo, but also respected Emmitt Smith, Troy Aikman and coach Jimmy Johnson. "You knew whoever won that game was going to win the Super Bowl. That was the real Super Bowl."

San Francisco coach Mike Nolan has memories of this rivalry from its origin: his father, Dick, was an assistant to Dallas coach Tom Landry before becoming the 49ers' head coach in 1968. Even now, the saga is fresh in the sacks that they got. The son's mind.

a rivalry until about '70, when they played in the championship game, and then again in '71," Mike Nolan said. "In '72, it wasn't the championship game, but it was a big game in the postseason. Dallas won all three of them. It wasn't until '81 when the 49ers finally beat them. ... It's an issue of respect, and that's why it's the game it's been, final 3:46 on two long because of the respect touchdown passes. between these two teams.'

Five years ago, Terrell Owens added the most recent spice to the rivalry with two audacious

the Cowboys faced the Texas Stadium, leading to George Teague's retaliatory hit, Owens' suspension by coach Steve Mariucci and the start of the public disintegration of his relationship with the Niners.

> Owens' new team, the Philadelphia Eagles, destroyed the 49ers (1-1) 42-3 last week, but San Francisco beat St. Louis 28-25 in its home opener two weeks ago despite glaring deficits in yards, offensive plays and time of possession.

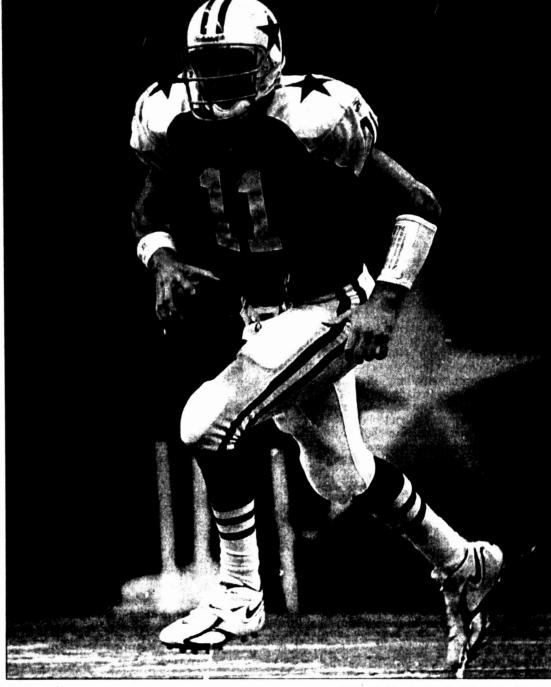
> With a win over Dallas (1-1), the 49ers would be 2-0 at home for the first time since 1999.

> "You go watch what they did against St. Louis, and that's the team that we're preparing for," said Cowboys quarterback Drew Bledsoe.

"We watched all the pressure that they were "It didn't really become able to apply to the Rams' offense is pretty impressive. We'd better be ready for that. (Defensive end) Bryant Young looks like he's playing like he did when he was young."

The Cowboys hope the short week of preparation was enough time to erase any hangover from their 14-13 loss to Washington Monday night. Dallas blew a late lead in the

"In my experience, you can only lose a game once," Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said. "I learned that from following baseball so much. As I touchdown celebrations talk to the baseball guys, on the star at the center of they were able to put have too much trouble Oakland Raiders Oct. 2,



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Drew Bledsoe scrambles away from the Washington Redskins defense during second quarter action at Texas Stadium in Irving Monday. The Cowboys travel to the West Coast to take on San Francisco Sunday.

those 11-2 games behind them just as quick as the 5-4 games.

"We had the game in hand, and we couldn't make any one of the six or seven plays that would have won the game. I don't think that this time

getting to the business at hand. It's way too early in the season to reflect too long on what's going on."

There's another reason the Cowboys need to play well Sunday. They're staying in the Bay Area next week in preparation of year, either team will for a game against the

and a defeat could linger through those days away from home.

"I'm looking forward to staying out there for the whole week and seeing some family and friends I haven't seen in a long time." said Dallas safety Roy Williams, another Bay Area native.

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TOUR PURE: Stance width

By T.J. TOMASI Cox News Service

(This series examines the characteristics that separate the tour player from the average amateur golfer. If you add these characteristics to your game, each in its turn, you'll be "Tour Pure," too. This week's concept is stance width.)

The correct stance width (how far apart your heels are) influences your stability, balance and mobility, all non-negotiable elements of a good golf swing. As with many things in golf, the stance width can vary from player to player as the body type changes. But there are some guidelines that everyone should follow.

Too wide a stance limits your ability to turn your hips correctly and encourages excessive lateral motion. It's a major cause of sliding ahead of the ball during the downswing, a mistake that produces, among other things, weak slices and pop-ups.

Too wide a stance also makes it difficult to get behind the ball during your backswing, an error that prevents you from making a good turn away from the ball.

Players with excessively wide stances are picking the club up to the top of the swin with little if any coiling. This leads to a w. k, out-of-control swing lacking both grace and power.

It's somewhat paradoxical that even though a very wide stance gives you a feeling of power. the exact opposite is true when your stance becomes too wide.

Too narrow a stance is no bargain either because its legacy is often the dreaded reverse weight shift. When this happens, your weight stays in your front hip on the way back and then, as the club head swings to the ball on the downswing, the weight shifts into the back hip just the reverse of where it should be.

The correct stance width will allow the following: When the club head is moving away from the ball, you should be in your back or trail hip; when the club head is coming to the ball, you should be in your front or target hip.

Here is an easy way to develop the correct stance width: Turn into your follow-through position and notice how far apart your knees are. If they can reach each other, your stance is the correct width. If your knees can't reach each other, your stance is too wide. If they overlap, your stance is too narrow.



This amateur golfer started with his feet too far apart, as indicated by the gap between his knees at the finish.



Mahan's knees almost touch.



PHIL SKINNER / Cox News Service

Tiger Woods had his PGA Tour record of 142 consecutive cuts snapped in May at the Byron Nelson Classic. Golfers say the record was a testament to how he was able to still make shots when he didn't have his "A game".

PGA stars learn to make adjustments

By CRAIG DOLCH Cox News Service

Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. hen a golfer is in the er heads in the fairway, fire at tucked pins and

walk away with a mid-60s score. But what happens on those days when he gets to the first tee and his swing seems like it's attached to a 12-handicapper? How does he get around the course without shooting himself out of the tournament with a high score?

"You have to figure out what you've got," Tiger Woods said. "Some days, it's a draw or a hook. Some days, it's a fade or a slice. Some days it's high (trajectory shots), some days it's low. What it is is what you've got. You go with it and don't try to fight it.

Woods is the best when playing without his so-called "A game," evidenced by his PGA Tour record of 142 consecutive cuts which was snapped in May at the Byron Nelson Classic. With the increased depth on tour these days, all it takes is a bad nine Thursday or

Friday to send a player packing. It's not like a player can call a timeout on the third tee to regroup. Nor can he consult his swing coach and figure out what he's doing wrong. He's alone with his caddy to try to apply a quick

"When you find you don't have it — and I've done this all my life, no matter what level of golf you're talking about — you have to find a way to make the necessary adjustments throughout the round," said Jack Nicklaus, who made 105 consecutive cuts from 1970 to '76, the third-longest streak in tour histo-

"If I hit a big pull-hook on the first hole and then it happens again on the second hole, I would go back to basic fundamentals. I try to be conservative on the next few holes so I don't play myself out of the tournament while I'm learning what I need to do to stop the bad swings. You have to be able



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to make changes during the round. "Tiger does that better than any-

Just as each player has a unique swing, he also has his own strategy to get through a day of bad swings.

'You go to your bail-out game,' said Nick Price. "You pick your way around the golf course. You play conservative, you play to the widest part of each fairway, figure out which side of the rough is better. The key is to keep the ball in play, even if that means hitting a 5iron to the green instead of a 7iron while you try to work it out. That's all we're tying to do out there is work it out."

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"Hopefully, I have an 'out' shot, meaning I'm missing it one way," he said. "I've seen amateurs slice it all day on the driving range, then they get on the first tee and they aim down the middle of the fairway, thinking, 'This is the time I'm going to hit it straight.' I would go

ahead and aim for the left rough and play for the slice.'

You just miss it in the right spots," said Phil Mickelson said. "I would not say it's easy, but you get to the point where you control your misses. If you have trouble left, you can make sure you take the left side of the course out of play. If you can do that with your swing, you can miss your way around the course.'

No matter how good you are, it's going to happen to everyone who plays the game for a living.

"It happens out here a lot more than you think," Price said. "I would say it happens to me about 15 percent of the time. It's not just a question of hitting the ball well, it's when it's not going where you're aiming.'

While fans enjoy watching someone like Woods shoot in the low 60s, other pros have more admiration for a player who's struggling with his swing but still shooting a solid score. That's what Woods did when he won the Buick Invitational earlier this year. Price says that's what Ernie Els did so well when he won the 2002 British Open at Muirfield.

"I love watching someone who's not playing well and carving a score," Price said. "That is real artistry. That shows the tenacity of the person and the character. We were always in awe of the way Seve (Ballesteros) played golf. That's a real talent.'

Nicklaus believes it has become more difficult for today's generation of players to make changes during a round because so many of them have become too reliant on their instructors. Nicklaus never had that kind of relationship with his longtime teacher, Jack Grout.

"The only place you can correct your problems is under fire," he said. "It's important to be able to do that. Jack got me to learn that so we didn't have to keep running back to a teacher all the time. When Bobby Jones didn't have to run to (teacher) Stewart Maiden, that's when he became a great player."

SCHEDULE

All Times EDT INTERNATIONAL **Presidents Cup**

• Site: Gainesville, Va. · Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. • Course: Robert Trent

Jones Golf Club (7,335 yards, par 72). • Television: TNT (Thursday, 1-6 p.m.; Friday, noon-6 p.m.) and NBC (Saturday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.in.). · Format: Thursday, six alternate-shot matches: Friday, six best-ball matches: Saturday, five morning best-ball matches and five afternoon alternate-shut matches; Sunday, 12 singles matches. United States (ccaptain's pick): Stewart Cink, c-Fred Couples, Chris DiMarco, Fred Funk, Jim Furyk, c-Justin Leonard, Davis Love III, Phil Mickelson, Kenny Perry, David Toms, Scot. Verplank and Tiger Woods. Captain: Jack Nicklaus. International team: Stuart Appleby, Australia; Angel Cabrera, Argentina; Michael Campbell, New Zealand; Tim Clark, South Africa; Retief Goosen, South Africa; Mark Hensby, Australia; c-Trevor Immelman, South Africa; c-Peter Lonard. Australia; Nick O'Hern, Australia; Vijay Singh, Fiji; Adam Scott, Australia; and Mike Weir, Canada. Captain: Gary Player, South Africa.

PGA TOUR

Texas Open · Site: San Antonio.

 Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.

• Course: LaCantera Golf Club, Resort Course (6,881 yards, par 70). · Purse: \$3.5 million.

Winner's share: \$630,000. Television: ESPN (Thursday-Saturday, 4-6 p.m.; Sunday, 4-7 p.m.).

PGA EUROPEAN TOUR

Site: Tees Valley, End · Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.

Club, Wellington Course (7,097 yards, par 71). Purse: \$2.43 million. Winners' shares: \$152,160

per player. • Television: The Golf Channel (Thursday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-noon).

CHAMPIONS TOUR Georgia-Pacific Grand **Champions Championship** · Site: Ball Ground, Ga. · Schedule: Friday-Sunday.

 Course: Hawks Ridge Golf Club (6,826 yards, par 72). • Purse: \$400,000. Winner's share: \$85,000. · Television: None.

NATIONWIDE TOUR

Boise Open · Site: Boise, Idaho. Schedule: Thursday-

Sunday. · Course: Hillcrest Country Club (6,696 yards, par 71). Purse: \$650,000. Winner's

share: \$117,000. • Television: The Golf Channel (Thursday, 5-7:30 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 1-2:30 a.m.; 5-7:30 p.m.; Monday, 1-2:30 p.m.).

LPGA TOUR Next event: Office Depot Championship, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Trump National Golf Club Los Angeles, Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.

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ASK THE PRO



Dr. T.J. Tomasi is director of instruction at Lyman Orchards Golf Club in Middlefield. Conn. To ask him a question about golf, e-mail him

Q: I hit a lot of balls, but don't seem to improve. I watched a tour event on TV and they said that the guy who was leading (I can't remember his name) never practiced. Maybe I should go the "nopractice route." — Jim, from Herkimer, N.Y.

A: Everyone has a list of reasons for not practicing, but if you don't practice, it's highly unlikely you're going to

Only you have control over your time, but if you can steal the odd 30 minutes now and again and you have a definite goal for what you are going to do in that time, you will start to see some positive

There's an old saying about practice, but it is true (as is the case with nearly every cliché): Practice doesn't make perfect; perfect practice makes perfect.

What this means is that hitting practice shots like you're at an artillery range is not only wasteful, but also could be damaging to your game. Your practice time isn't going to be of any use if you dump a bucket of balls on the ground and just fire away. When you're not engaged in a goal-

directed activity, your mind wanders, making it easy for you to tinker yourself out of a good swing. Or you may ingrain bad habits to the point that it will take a monumental effort to rid yourself of them.

The pro you mentioned is Carlos Franco, and the reason you can't remember his name is that he hardly ever wins. He has talent, but (1) he doesn't win, and (2) he doesn't practice. Think they're relat-



PGA tour player Bill Glasson doesn't hit many balls because of his injured knees, but those he does hit will be with full attention (mental focus) and full intention (a purpose for making that particular swing).

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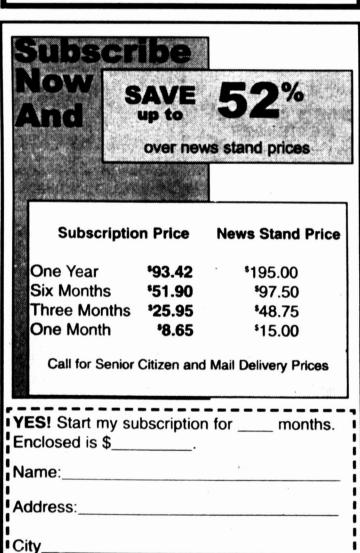
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS We have entered the Libra-zone, and almost

immediately, the topic of relationships takes center stage. Libra is idealistic and tries to cast the perfect person in each of life's roles. But perfection is

seriously overrated. Try entrust-

ing something to a person with potential and watching him or her grow into the responsibility. ARIES (March 21-April

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19). Make an effort not to tolerate bad company any longer. The result: A great deal of energy frees up. Putting up with someone you know is wrong for you can be very draining, and being around fabulous people is invigorat-

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some days you really don't even know how you feel. But now, the planets help you realize your emotions by amplifying them. Record your feelings while working to resolve them. Your whole vibe changes as you find answers.

21). Maybe the meek will inherit the earth — eventually. But for now, if you don't say what you need (squeak, squeak), the grease goes to another wheel. Don't worry, you can do this and still be devastatingly charming.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're told to keep it simple, and you do this quite brilliantly. Now if only certain OTHERS would follow their own advice. Moving forward might require that you help someone else get blast. organized.

not the time to revel in them. There's love waiting for you at a social event.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've learned to see the world in a way that makes complete sense to you and any intelligent being. But now, the stars say, "come over here and view it from this vantage point" — and you follow. Wow, what an eye opener!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). While others exaggerate the problem at hand, you minimize it. That's what makes you so attractive to partners and romantic hopefuls alike. Others see you as the strong and capable one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you still don't have enough money, it's not you — it's just that the financial path you're on is not the road to riches. The same habits won't bring different results. But a Capricorn or a Gemini can help with tion, forcing you into a your financial makeover.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have the right attitude for winning and winning big on the social front. This translates to dollars down the line. The trick is to keep your focus, even when the night provides you with a delightful distraction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-GEMINI (May 21-June Jan. 19). When you make a request, it's fulfilled in record time, putting you in a sweet mood. Socially, you're so smooth around a Scorpio! Warning: Getting involved with a relative's problems can prove to be an endless tangle.

> AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Deals will be presented to you. Be wary of any situation where it's more about the money than the work. Tonight is like a fast car — take safety measures, then have a

Show up where you're off. It's all about choosing invited, or you'll be the right person to share accused of snobbery. Of it with. Fantastically course, you realized long lucky signs are Gemini, ago that being a snob has Capricorn and hot-blooddefinite perks. But this is ed Sagittarius.

FORECAST: In the roller rink of life, the Libra sun is the "couples only skate." There's pressure to hook up in order avoid standing on the sidelines watching the disco ball swirl for someone else. ARIES: You get the proposition you've waited for. TAURUS: Look for partners who can match your enthusiasm. GEMINI: Romance happens when you do something nutty. CANCER: A union with an equal partner can give you great wings. Commit. LEO: You're not out to possess anyone — just to reshape him or her a little! VIRGO: Vigorous attention to your physical body brings waves of passion to your love life. LIBRA: A former sweetie may romanticize the past in an attempt to win you back. SCORPIO: Your sweetheart and your family fight for your attentricky balancing act. **SAGITTARIUS: Instead of** trying to get your partner to behave in a certain way, strive to engage in acts of mutual compassion and creativity. CAPRICORN: It's time to involve a special friend in more intimate areas of your life, like family relationships and your domestic environment. Couples consider a big step, too. AQUARIUS: All the points on which you agree become more significant. Don't fight! PISCES: One loving gesture can turn everything

around. COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Can fire and earth exist in the same world without one consuming the other? This weekend, Aries and Capricorn make a symbiotic pairing. Capricorn's stability and calmness can blend well with Aries' PISCES (Feb. 19-March zest for life. For the rela-LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). 20). Your daring risk pays tionship to last, Aries must learn to take Capricorn's needs seriously, and Capricorn must make allowances for the impulsive qualities of

Annie's Mailbox •

Dear Annie: My fiance, "Bob," and I have been together nearly two years, and we are going through a rough patch. My father and Bob have not been getting along for the past few months. Now. Bob refuses to go to any event that includes my family. Honestly, my father is ready to put it all behind him and work on a healthier relationship, but Bob is too stubborn to back

It hurts me that Bob cannot be friendly with my family. My aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents absolutely love the guy, but now he won't see them. Worse, our wedding is less than two months away, and Bob just informed me that he isn't ready to be married. We are still engaged, but the wedding is postponed and no future date has been set.

Annie, I love Bob very much. We are both young (in our very early 20s), but we've invested a lot in this relationship, and this is the first major rough spot we've hit. I've accepted Bob's decision to wait, but I am still hurt and confused. Any advice would be greatly appreciated. — Heartbroken in the Heart of Kansas Dear Heartbroken: Bob

is looking for a way out. It doesn't mean he doesn't love you, it simply means he has extremely cold feet. The last thing you need is a groom who is searching for an escape hatch. Bob's overreaction to



KATHY MITCHELL

immaturity and an unwillingness to work on problems. Don't pressure him to set another date. Instead, ask him to go with you for couples counseling. You need it.

Dear Annie: I was upset with your response to "Concerned Parent,' whose young daughter slept over at a friend's house when the friend's father had a female sleeping with him.

How dare she or anybody else push values throats? down our "Concerned" stated that the father's girlfriend, a teacher, should "demonstrate better moral characteristics." How other people live their lives is no business of hers. He is not setting a poor example for his daughter. He is teaching her to live her own life regardless of what others think.

It is because of people like "Concerned," forcing her way of life on others, that this country I love is headed toward a commusociety. People nist should be able to live any way, they want without your father indicates some religious freak

telling them what to do. I doubt you will print this.

Moral Enough Dear Moral Enough: Communist society with religious freaks? Where? Parents have the right to know the circumstances surrounding a sleepover and to raise their children with a set of moral values to help them navigate the emotional upheavals of life. If you disagree with those values, you don't have to follow them. It's a free country last we checked. But thanks for voicing your opinion.

Dear Annie: You recently printed some letters about hearing loss. My mother has this problem, but hearing aids are expensive, and she isn't sure she can afford them. Is there any way she can get some financial assistance? — Down South Dear Down South: First,

check your mother's insurance or Medicaid to see if hearing aids are covered, even partially. If that isn't a possibility, she can check her state vocational rehabilitation agencies (look in the Government section of the local telephone book), and contact the following organizations for information: SHHH (Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People) at hearingloss.org; the Better Hearing Institute at 1-800-Ear-Well (1-800-3 2 7 - 9 3 5 5) (betterhearing.org); and look into the hearing aid recycling program at Lions Club International. 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 (lionsclubs.org).

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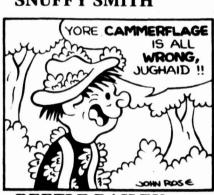
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Sept. 23, the 266th day of 2005. There are 99 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in

History:
On Sept. 23, 1779, during the Revolutionary War, the American warship Bon Homme Richard defeated the HMS Serapis after the American commander, John Paul Jones, is said to have declared: "I have not yet begun to fight!'

On this date: In 1642, Harvard College in Cambridge, Mass., held its first commencement.

In 1780, British spy John Andre was captured along with papers revealing Benedict Arnold's plot to surrender West Point to the British.

In 1806, the Lewis and Clark expedition returned to St. Louis from the Pacific Northwest.

In 1846. the planet Neptune was discovered by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle.

In 1938, a time capsule, to

be opened in the year 6939, was buried on the grounds of the World's Fair in New

York City.
In 1939, Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis, died in London.

In 1952, Republican vice-presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon went on television to deliver what came to be known as the "Checkers" speech as he refuted allegations improper campaign financ-

ing.
In 1957, nine black students who had entered Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas were forced to withdraw because of a white mob outside.

In 1962, New York's Philharmonic Hall (since renamed Avery Fisher Hall) formally opened as the first unit of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

In 1973, former Argentine president Juan Peron was returned to power.

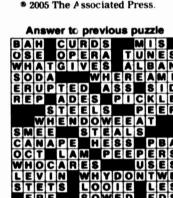
One year ago: President Bush denied painting too rosy a picture about Iraq, and said he would consider sending more troops if asked;

Today's Birthdays: Actor Mickey Rooney is 85. Singer

Julio Iglesias is 62. Actor Paul Petersen ("The Donna Reed Show") is 60. Actresssinger Mary Kay Place is 58. Rock star Bruce Springsteen is 56. Actor Jason Alexander is 46. Actress Elizabeth Pena is 44. Country musi-cian Don Herron (BR549) is 43. Actor Erik Todd Dellums is 41. Actress LisaRaye is 39. Singer Ani DiFranco is 35. Rock singer Sarah Bettens (K's Choice) is 33. Recording executive Jermaine Dupri is 33. Pop singer Erik-Michael Estrada ("Making the Band") is 26.

Thought for Today: "The only interesting answers are those which destroy the questions." — Susan Sontag, American author and critic (1933-2004).

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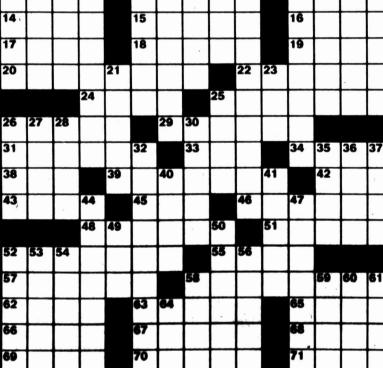
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