

## Rita comes ashore, sparks fires, flooding

By **TIM WHITMIRE**

Associated Press Writer

**BEAUMONT (AP)** — Hurricane Rita slammed into Texas and Louisiana early Saturday, smashing windows, sparking fires and knocking power out to more than 1 million customers, but largely sparing vulnerable Houston and already reeling New Orleans.

Rita made landfall at 2:30 a.m. CDT as a Category 3 storm just east of Sabine Pass, on the Texas-Louisiana line, bringing top winds of 120 mph and warnings of up to 25 inches of rain, the National Hurricane Center said. By late morning, it had weakened to barely above hurricane status, with its sustained winds at 75 mph as it moved north near Jasper.

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**A local woman assists victims of Hurricane Katrina. See Page 3A.**

Fears of severe flooding persisted; parts of the east Texas counties of Jasper and Tyler had received 10 to 12 inches of rain, the National Weather Service said.

There were no immediate reports of fatalities, or any detailed word on damage to the area's vast oil refinery industry, though rescuers and search teams in many areas had to

wait for winds to subside before venturing out.

About 3 million people had fled a 500-mile stretch of the Texas-Louisiana coast ahead of the storm, motivated in part by the devastating toll that Hurricane Katrina inflicted on New Orleans and other parts of the Gulf Coast barely three weeks ago.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry urged those who evacuated not to return until officials declare their communities safe. Officials are still assessing the damage and have concerns with flooding, fallen trees and debris.

"Be patient, stay put," Perry said. "If you are in a safe place with food, water, bedding, you are better remaining there for

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People move a downed tree blocking Highway 69 near Rusk as Hurricane Rita moved through the area Saturday. KRT photo/Khampha Bouaphanh



More than 400 people laced up their walking shoes and took to the starting line during the Alzheimers Associations annual Memory Walk, held Saturday morning at the Old Settlers Pavilion in Comanche Trail Park. HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

## Hundreds walk against Alzheimer's

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Area residents laced up their walking shoes and did their part in the battle against Alzheimer's disease one step at a time Saturday morning, as the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association held its annual Memory Walk.

People from all walks of life got in step, taking a scenic stroll around Comanche Trail Park to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association.

"The money we raise each year stays right here in Howard County," said



Nancy Jones, local coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association and director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. "It goes to help the families dealing with the disease and offers them the education and group services they need. It funds the different services the Alzheimer's Association provides. A percentage of the money is also used to help fund research on the

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## Howard College trustees to look at campus infrastructure needs

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will investigate the district's future infrastructure needs when they hold their monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Maddox Student Center at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

Several months ago, the college district contracted with the consulting firm of Freese and Nichols to



Sparks College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the master plan will look at virtually every area of building needs throughout the district. "We'll be looking at the

develop a master plan to assess the future infrastructure needs of campuses in Big Spring and San Angelo. "The master plan is just an assessment of all our structures to see what our future needs will be."

The master plan is almost complete in regards to the San Angelo campus, but Sparks estimated it will be several months before the assess-

ment of the Big Spring and SWCID campuses is complete.

Trustees will spend the morning touring college and vocational programs at the Federal Correctional Institute.

Also Monday, trustees will consider:

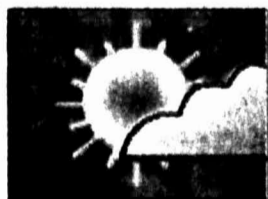
- The annual delinquent tax collection update.
- Fall semester enrollment figures and contact hour comparisons.
- Handbook and catalog changes.



Abby and Cooper Gearhart work on their dancing skills during the Heritage Festival, held in downtown Big Spring over the weekend. The children's parents, Jeff and Amy Gearhart of Big Spring, said the festival was an excellent chance to enjoy both the German and Hispanic cultures. HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

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### IT'S NOT PUPPY CHOW

PLANTATION, Fla. (AP) — The veterinarian thought the X-ray was a joke. Jon-Paul Carew has seen strange items get into the stomachs of dogs before, like kebab skewers and small utensils. But a 13-inch knife in a 6-month-old puppy? "I was just flabbergasted," said Carew. The knife was removed this week from Elsie, a Saint Bernard puppy. The dog's owner, Jane Scarola, wrapped it in a towel and put it in a cabinet atop the refrigerator. "I'm going to frame it and give it to Dr. Carew," Scarola said. "He should hang it. Everybody should know what puppies are capable of putting down their throats."

### MONDAY ACTIVITIES

A blood drive is planned from noon until 4 p.m. Monday at Maddux Student Center on the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus. Anyone wanting to reserve a time should e-mail Connie Coley, SWCID secretary/receptionist, at [ccoley@howard-college.edu](mailto:ccoley@howard-college.edu) or call her at 264-3700. \*\*\* The Cosmetology Department at Howard College will hold an open house from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday. Everyone is invited to see the "new and improved" lab. The event is sponsored by the Workforce Education Division.

### IN THIS ISSUE

Cover Story: Andy Griffith, one of the nation's most beloved television icons, discusses the role faith has played in his life, as he's gone from a North Carolina boy to the star of "The Andy Griffith Show" and "Matlock." Griffith recently released a CD and companion book, "Bound for the Promised Land," that contains his favorite hymns.





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## Obituaries

## Aubrey Lankford



Aubrey Lankford, 82, of Big Spring died at 8:15 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005, at his residence following a long illness. Funeral services were 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Leann Price Conner of Midland and Sam Segundo, pastor of Family Faith Victory Center of Big Spring, officiating. Burial was at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born May 13, 1923, in Loraine to Clara and Fred Lankford. He was a lifetime resident of Mitchell, Martin and Howard counties.

Aubrey farmed and ranched all of his life in Martin, Howard and Borden counties. He married Lela Faye Hall May 23, 1942. She preceded him in death Oct. 8, 1984. Aubrey married Barbara Faye Fuqua Sept. 9, 2001.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army in Europe. Aubrey was a member of the Cowboy Church of Midland.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Lankford of Big Spring; one daughter, Dolores Jenkins and her husband, Bill of Big Spring; one granddaughter, Amanda Blissard and her husband, Mike of Big Spring; one great-granddaughter, Myka Blissard of Big Spring; three stepchildren, Darryl Adamson and his wife, Brenda of Brownwood, Teresa Ferguson and her husband, Brian of Brownwood and Richard Adamson and his wife, Liz of Big Spring; 13 stepgrandchildren, Cody Adamson, Skye Adamson, Shae Adamson, Brittany Barkemeyer, Dustin Barkemeyer, Kye Darden, Kelton Darden, Hunter Ferguson, Devin Adamson, Hayden Adamson, Raymond Jenkins, Michael Jenkins and Brody Blissard; one stepgreat-granddaughter, Whittany Jenkins; one sister-in-law, Georgia Lankford; one brother-in-law, Joe Dean Hall; and two nieces, Darlene Edwards and her husband, Lacy and Kay Nell Cornutt and her husband, Billy.

In addition to Lela and his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph Lankford and Troy Lankford and one sister, Gladys Hart.

Pallbearers will be Dennis Poole, Roland Key, D.D. Wright, Mark Cornutt, Calvin Carnes and Kelton Darden.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Ed McMurray, Slim Warren, Dudley Jenkins and Buddy Barr.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

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## Jo "Bo" Reynolds



Jo "Bo" Reynolds, 95, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, Sept. 22, 2005, at her home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Elwin Collom, Home Hospice Chaplain, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will be at 1610 Indian Hills. Bo was born on Dec. 21, 1909, on the family farm in Coke, Wood County. She attended school in Coke and graduated from high school in Quitman. She attended the former East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce and received a teacher's certificate in 1927. She married Curtis "Rip" Reynolds on Dec. 29, 1929, in Texarkana and they moved to Big Spring in 1934. Mr. Reynolds preceded her in death on May 9, 1984.

After raising three children, Bo worked for Tot-Teen from 1953 until 1959. She then worked for J.C. Penney from 1959 until 1961, at which time she became co-owner of Mary-Jo Dress Shop. She later returned to J. C. Penney and retired in 1968.

After the death of her husband in 1984, she began volunteer work at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. She was a familiar face at the facility on Monday and Wednesday, and accumulated over 14,000 hours until her retirement on Feb. 25, 1998. In 1996 she was the recipient of the Kate Irons Award, which was reserved for those performing extraordinary service for the hospital. She was a charter member of Baptist Temple Church and has been a member of First Baptist Church since 1979.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Della and Doyce Elliott of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Jolene and Charles Dunnam of Big Spring; one son, Carl Reynolds of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Linda Graves of Seattle, Wash., Darin Graves of Snoqualmie, Wash., Craig Dunnam and Clark Dunnam of Big Spring and Jill Mize of Amarillo; and nine great grandchildren, Cliff, Chad and Caylie Dunnam, Justin and Jenna Mize, Payton and Parker Graves and Chase and Chloe Dunnam.

She was also preceded in death by her first grandson, Scott Graves in 1987; her sister Bobbie Peters; and brother, Tilmon Lloyd.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons and great grandsons, Craig Dunnam, Clark Dunnam, Johnny Mize, Darin Graves, Cliff Dunnam, Chad Dunnam and Justin Mize.

The family requests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th, Big Spring 79720, the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste A-5, Midland 79701 or the American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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## Earlene Edens Reid



Earlene Edens Reid, 81, of Coahoma, died Friday, Sept. 23, 2005, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, Sept. 26, 2005, at the Coahoma Church of Christ with Russ Mullins, minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Earlene was born June 17, 1924, in Howard County, and married Carl Dale Reid on Dec. 14, 1941, in Big Spring.

A lifelong resident of Howard County, Mrs. Reid was a homemaker and a farmer's wife, helping in all aspects of farm work. She made quilts and pillows and enjoyed hunting arrowheads. She was devoted to her family and was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was a member of the Coahoma Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Carl Dale Reid of Coahoma; five sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Linda Reid of Forney, Phillip and Shyrlee Reid of Coahoma, Royce and Paula Reid of Liberty Hill, Mike and Linda Reid of Coahoma, and Donald and Delinda Reid of Coahoma; four sisters, Marie Dennis of Lubbock, Louise Tatum of Kennedale, Elizabeth "Lizzy" Waldron of Slidell, La., and Patsy Wallace of Humble; two brothers, Jewel Edens and Bobby Joe Edens both of Big Spring; 14 grandchildren and their spouses, Angela and James Lingnau of Andrews, Charlotte and Tye McElwain of Ozona, Sheila and Alan Watts of Liberty Hill, Shele and James Gilbert of Coahoma, LeeAnn and Matt Mueller of Stamford, Shanna Reid of Liberty Hill, Nicci and Casey Grigg of Stanton, Amber and Seth Newell of Big Spring, Jessie and Zach Campbell of Waco, Eric Reid of Irving, Carl Dale "Shorty" Reid of Monahans, Devin and Shauna Reid of Dallas, Monty and Christie Reid of Liberty Hill, and Chase Bennett of Snyder; and 15 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Charlotte Marie Reid; her parents, Earl and Mable Edens; two great grandsons, Kyle Len and Robert Dentler; three brothers, Eddie Edens, Frank Edens and Kip Edens; and one sister, Alice Hardage.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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## Terry Don Roberts

Socrates once said "Be of good cheer about death, and know this as a truth; that no evil can come to a good man in life or even in death."

Terry Don Roberts, born June 27, 1960, went to be with our Lord Friday, Sept. 23, 2005. His death follows an ongoing battle with cancer. He was born in Robert Lee, but lived in Coahoma for most of his life. He greatly enjoyed sports, hunting, fishing and spending time coaching his children.

Terry Don is survived by his wife, Shanna; three children, Lance, Kali and Corey Roberts; his parents, Norman and Hattie Roberts; one brother, Gary Roberts; one sister, Sheri Whitten; his grandfather, Lenn Roberts and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his grandmothers, Fern Roberts and Virginia Snead and his grandfather, Douglas Snead.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, 2005, at the Midway Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Terry Don Roberts Scholarship Fund, c/o Donna Bibb, Coahoma High School, P.O. Box 110, Coahoma 79511.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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## David Wooten

David Wooten, 44, of Bryan, formerly of Garden City, died Friday, Sept. 23, 2005, in Bryan. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## David Powell

David Powell, 71, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 23, 2005, at a local nursing home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Isa Jenkins

Isa Jenkins, 97, died Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2005, in Hamlin. Services are 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, 2005, at Oak Grove Baptist Church with the Revs. Larry Kimbrough and Leo Scott officiating. Burial will be in Hamlin Memorial Cemetery, directed by Adams Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 15, 1907, in Mart, she was a daughter of the late Armstead and Elsie (Williams) McGee. She was a member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church, where she served as an usher for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, John Norman and Fred Jenkins, three brothers and eight sisters.

Survivors include the children she raised, John Norman III and wife, Edwina, Dan Carr Jr. and wife, Shirley, Joyce F. Johnson, Gloria Cork and husband, James, Patsy Andrews, Kathy McGee of Big Spring and Renea Ervine and husband, James; a host of nieces and nephews; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation is 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, 2005, at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Adams Funeral Home.

## Elnora Morrison

Elnora Morrison, 81, of Big Spring died Wednesday morning, Sept. 21, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born June 29, 1924. Elnora was a long time resident of Big Spring. She was a Baptist and a homemaker.

She is survived by six cousins, Danna Williams, Rene Williams and Marchello Williams, all of Big Spring, Barbara Harris of Houston and Kenneth Moten and Marilyn Moten, both of Midland.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Lottie V. Morgan

Lottie V. Morgan, 81, of Big Spring, died Friday, Sept. 23, 2005, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. E.C. Wilson, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

She was born Oct. 7, 1923, in Gilmer and married Earnest Steve Morgan on Dec. 24, 1948, in Tyler. He preceded her in death May 29, 1990.

Lottie was a dedicated educator for Hamlin and Big Spring Independent School Districts and was a member of Retired Teachers Association.

She was a member of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church where she served as a volunteer in the cafeteria and was a member of the Mission Society. She was also a member of the Heroines of Jericho.

Survivors include two sisters, Bernice Daniels of Big Spring and Helen Elbert of Odessa; one brother, Charles Hargest of Gilmer; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Candice Morgan in 1961.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday:

• **BRANDI RENEE NEUSER**, 30, of 446 Armstrong, was arrested Friday on two local capias warrants.

• **JAMES ROBERTS**, 36, of Garden City, was arrested Friday on a Howard County warrant and a charge of parole violation.

• **AGUSTIN GAITAN JR.**, 28, of 900 E. 12th Street, was arrested Friday on charges of Class C assault and criminal mischief.

• **PETER ROGERS**, 22, of 3000 Collins Road, was arrested Friday on a charge of displaying a fictitious inspection sticker.

• **JACOB ANDREW FERRO**, 25, of 104 Lockhart, was arrested Friday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

• **DAVID FIERRO**, 32, of 1802 State, was arrested Saturday on four Howard County warrants and held for the HCSO.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 3300 block of Highway 80.

• **FAILURE TO IDENTIFY - GIVING FALSE INFORMATION** was reported in the 300 block of Gregg Street.

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# Local woman helps with Katrina paperwork

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Helping victims of Hurricane Katrina means more than just clearing debris and rebuilding homes. It also means a lot of paperwork.

Lori Ontiveros of the Big Spring Social Security Administration office learned that lesson when she traveled to Louisiana earlier this month to help hurricane victims process their emergency claims.

She said calls for SSA volunteers to head for Louisiana came shortly after



Ontiveros

Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29.

Ontiveros left Big Spring Sept. 3 and joined a team of SSA workers in Baton Rouge, La. to help "take care of any Social Security needs the people might have," she said.

Setting up shop at the Baton Rouge SSA office, Ontiveros and 23 other members of the "sweep team" spent countless hours cutting emergency claim checks and handling other necessary paperwork for thousands of hurricane victims.

"It was an eye-opener," she said. "We'd show up at a site and the people would be really happy to see us, because they knew we'd help them."

The first night in Baton Rouge, Ontiveros and the rest of her team shared sleeping bag space with evacuees at a local shelter before moving to other accommodations at an abandoned school.

The work Ontiveros did may not have been as dramatic as search and rescue, but was no less necessary, she said.

"We were writing probably about 500 checks a day," she said. "We did that for

about a week."

The sweep team also handled emergency paperwork duties such as benefit verifications, appeal inquiries, replacing Medicare cards and social security number verifications.

Ontiveros returned home to Big Spring last Wednesday. Although she does not know if the sweep team will be called back into action in the wake of Hurricane Rita, she said her name was still in the volunteer hopper.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234.



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Howard College cheerleader Felicia Rios, along with the rest of the Hawks cheer squad, helps get the walkers fired up for the annual Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk. More than 400 people turned out to raise funds for the organization.

## Commissioners set for routine meeting

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The Howard County Commissioners will meet Monday morning to discuss several items.

County Auditor Jackie Olson will present the commissioners with invoices and purchase requests. Teresa Thomas, county treasurer, will make a presentation to the commissioner's court concerning personnel considerations.

County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will present the court with pipeline crossings and a report on county road maintenance.

Phil Furqueron, construction administrator, is also expected to make a report concerning ongoing renovations at the courthouse and the County Library.

Sheriff Dale Walker will make a presentation to

the court concerning civil fees and courthouse security, while Commissioner Bill Crooker is expected to discuss a request for R.A.P. for the Howard College softball field parking lot.

County Judge Ben Lockhart is also expected to entertain approval of an offer to purchase tax trustee property.

The meeting is expected to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the County Courthouse.

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## WALK

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disorder.

Cindy Lopez, local chairperson for the Memory Walk, said putting the morning-long event together was a piece of cake, thanks to so many different groups working together, and while there were so many smiling people at the event, it's important to remember to grave nature of the disease.

"It was a lot of fun to put it together," said Lopez with a smile. "We had a lot of support from the community this year and everyone was all for it. We were able to get a lot of different sponsors and teams to participate. Everything worked out so well."

"This walk is very important to the Alzheimer's Association and the people who receive services from the organization. Many people are beginning to develop the disease at an early age and come 2025 we're estimating the number of people with the disease will double."

Lopez understands the race against time the Alzheimer's Association is in all too well.

"I worked at a nursing home and I did a lot with Alzheimer's patients. That got me involved with the Memory Walk, and my grandmother was diagnosed with early Alzheimer's earlier this year as well," said Lopez. "She's from Lamesa, so we're starting a Memory Walk there. It's set for the coming weekend at the

downtown square. It will begin at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church with a candlelight vigil."

Rebecca Peacock, co-chair for the event, said the majority of the funds raised will go to help educate families and patients on the disease.

"It's an important fundraiser because a lot of people really don't know about the disease, and that's what we use a lot of the funding for," said Peacock. "We use it for teaching. Teaching the families, because it's extremely hard on them when they have a loved one with the disease."

"I used to work with some Alzheimer's patients, and it's hard. It's sad. It's hard on the families to watch their loved one deteriorate in front of them."

Debbie Erdwurm, who also helped coordinate the event, said research for a cure is critical at this time, with the number of people diagnosed with Alzheimer's expected to more than triple by the middle of the century.

"There are over 4.5 million Americans with Alzheimer's, and the numbers are growing," said Erdwurm. "It's growing by leaps and bounds, more than we ever dreamed possible. By the middle of this century we expect it to be approximately 16.5 million Americans, and that's the reported cases. There are millions of cases nation-

wide that simply go unreported each year.

"It's not a new disease. It's been around since the beginning of time, but it's the ages we're living to these days that make it so much more pronounced. It's going to impact all of us at some point. It affects one in three families now, and in just a few years it will be one in two families."

And while the race for a cure is on, Erdwurm said there are no easy answers for those that have already been diagnosed with the dreaded disease.

"This is a disease that is progressing very slowly," said Erdwurm. "So what happens is the people that have it, by the time it's diagnosed, it's been going on in the body for 20 to 30 years. So even if we found a cure today, we still have so many people that are so far into it already, we still wouldn't see the end of it in my lifetime."

"It's such a devastating disease to the families, the caregivers and the friends because it's just so isolating. Not only is it a sad and terrible disease for the people that have it, it's hard to watch someone you love turn into a completely different person. It changes their personality, their

temper. It changes everything about them."

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder that gradually destroys a person's memory and ability to learn, reason, make judgments, communicate and carry out daily activities. As Alzheimer's progresses, individuals may also experience changes in personality and behavior, such as anxiety, suspiciousness or agitation, as well as delusions or hallucinations.

According to statistics provided by the Alzheimer's Association, the number of people in Texas diagnosed with the disease is expected to rise 76 percent by 2025.

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OUR VIEWS

It's again time to be planning parade entries

Yuletide will officially begin in Howard County on Saturday, Dec. 3, when Santa Claus arrives to take part in the 20th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade.

The parade, which first wound its way down Gregg Street in 1986, will again be a lighted parade. But entries will be judged in slightly different categories this year. First-place plaques will be awarded to winners in four categories — Individual or family entries; those from churches, civic groups or schools; commercial entries; and those from industries. Second- and third-place finishers will receive certificates.

And as was the case last year, the entry judged "Best of Show" will receive a \$100 cash prize. The Mayor's Trophy for best use of lighting will earn one entrant \$75 and the Grand Marshall's Award for best costuming will receive \$50.

In addition, for the first time ever, the Herald will present a trophy to the best mounted entry from a sheriff's posse or riding club.

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" will be the theme for this year's parade set to begin at 5:30 p.m. that Saturday and we here at the Herald want to encourage everyone to come out and help us in getting the Christmas season off to a rousing start.

And while it may seem to some that September is much too early to begin thinking about the Christmas season, it's important to remember that a parade the size of Big Spring's holiday procession takes time to plan and coordinate.

That's why we've begun soliciting entries for this year's parade.

Entry forms are printed in today's edition of the Herald and copies are also available at our offices located at 710 Scurry.

So, if you are involved in any of the many organizations or businesses that annually take part in the Christmas Parade, get your entries filled in as soon as possible and let us know what you're planning to do.

Entry forms should be mailed to the Herald at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1431. For additional information concerning the parade, contact parade coordinator Elizabeth Flores at 263-7331, ext. 246.

As always, we're asking the community to help us make this the best Christmas parade Big Spring has ever had.

While that's a tall order, we're convinced it is possible with your help.

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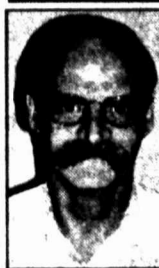
by K. Rae Anderson

May we not hesitate to expand our horizons, Lord, with You.

Amen

Faster than a speeding dictionary

Random thoughts while ignoring the telephone: When I first started in the newsroom in 1987 (that's 18 years ... wow, it only seems like 30), the last thing you wanted to ask was how to spell a certain word.



STEVE REAGAN

Not that we didn't value spelling and proper grammar back then (stop snickering), it was just that my editor liked to encourage the staff to look up words for themselves.

He accomplished this by throwing a dictionary at us.

Yeah, a dictionary.

Fortunately, it was not one of those massive, hard-bound encyclopedia-looking suckers, so I was able to avoid any permanent brain damage (and again, stop snickering).

It was a rather Pavlovian — albeit effective — method of teaching us to look up stuff for ourselves. To this day, I can't even begin to ask the question, "How do you spell ...," without instinctively ducking.

And I have an inordinate fear of flying paperbacks.

Needless to say, the newsroom staff learned a valuable lesson. We stalwart soldiers of the fourth estate learned the value of self-sufficiency — not to mention quick reflexes.

OK, it is now officially autumn. My question is, when is somebody going to inform autumn of this fact?

Have you been outside lately? Granted, it's not 110 in the shade, but there isn't anything remotely

resembling a chill in the air. It's really unfair, particularly when you consider that fall is my favorite season of the year. My birthday falls during the season (This year, I'll be ... over 30). Halloween remains one of my all-time favorite holidays (no, I don't go trick-or-treating) and summer finally, blessedly loses its grip on the area.

I am no fan of winter, but there's something liberating about the first cool front that passes through this time of year. The air seems clearer, the senses seem sharper and, best of all, you don't sweat like a coal miner.

But this year? Nothing of the sort, so far.

And before you point out the obvious, yes, I know I live in West Texas, a place of wonderful folks, beautiful women and God-awful summers. I also understand that, in these parts, autumn is usually little more than a rumor, a blessed two-week intermission between the end of summer and the start of winter.

Rationally, I understand all that. But I believe you folks know how I stand on the issue of rationality (basically, as far away from it as possible).

The trouble with the almost-nonexistent autumns here is that there's really no one to whom I can complain. I guess I could bring the matter up with God, but I'm hesitant to do so, because a) he has enough on his plate right now; and b) I don't want to risk going any further in Dutch with him.

So, I guess I'll just have to sweat and bear it, at least for a little while longer.

From the Files of the Criminally

Stupid comes the following Associated Press tidbit:

**FENSACOLA, Fla.** — *Two men found themselves in handcuffs after police said they stole a gas station employee's car — and then returned an hour later to get a fill-up.*

*Employee Pam Pease, 49, was sweeping the parking area when she noticed a familiar car pull up to pump No. 7.*

*It was her blue 1994 Ford Escort with a missing hubcap. She had reported it stolen less than an hour earlier.*

*"It just blew my mind, but there they were," Pease said. "I'm glad it was low on gas."*

*Artemio Castillo, 49, and Ernesto Garcia, 41, were arrested Tuesday night.*

*Police said both men first went to the gas station asking for a ride to Mississippi. When they returned in the car, another attendant offered the men water while other employees called 911.*

*"That's a new one," Sgt. Ted Roy, Sheriff's Office spokesman, said Wednesday. "Crimes like that are good for our job security."*

And they say law enforcement officials don't have a sense of humor.

I guess those two men didn't read the "Don't Return To The Scene Of The Crime" chapter in the latest edition of "Crime for Dummies."

You're not going to catch me ever rooting for criminals, but the gene pool has to be getting pretty diluted for stuff like this to happen, don't you think?

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Taking the media to task

What we need in this country — along with a disaster relief agency — is a Media Accountability Day. One precious day out of the entire year when everyone in the news media stops reporting on what's wrong with everyone else and devotes a complete 24-hour news cycle to looking at our own failures. How's that for a great idea?



MOLLY IVINS

My colleagues, of course, are persuaded that every day is Pick on the Media Day. Every day, the right wing accuses us of liberal bias and the liberals accuse us of right-wing or corporate bias — so who needs more of this?

I have long been persuaded that the news media collectively will be sent to hell not for our sins of commission, but for our sins of omission. The real scandal in the media is not bias, it is laziness. Laziness and bad news judgment. Our failure is what we miss, what we fail to cover, what we let slip by, what we don't give enough attention to — because, after all, we have to cover Jennifer and Brad, and Scott and Laci, and Whosit who disappeared in Aruba without whom the world can scarce carry on.

Happily, the perfect news peg, as we say in the biz, for Media Accountability Day already exists — it's Project Censored's annual release of the 10 biggest stories ignored or under-covered by mainstream media. Project Censored is based at Sonoma State University, with both faculty and students involved in its preparation.

Of course, the stories are not actually "censored" by any authority, but they do not receive enough attention to enter the public's consciousness, usually because corporate media tend to underreport stories about corporate misdeeds and government abuses.

The No. 1 pick by Project

Censored this year should more than make the media the blink — it is a much-needed deep whiff of ammonia smelling salts for the comatose Bush Administration Moves to Eliminate Open Government.

Gene Roberts, a great news editor, says we tend to miss the stories that seep and creep, the ones whose effects are cumulative, not abrupt. This administration has drastically changed the rules on Freedom of Information Act requests; has changed laws that restrict public access to federal records, mostly by expanding the national security classification; operates in secret under the Patriot Act; and consistently refuses to provide information to Congress and the Government Accountability Office. The cumulative total effect is horrifying.

No. 2: Iraq Coverage — faulted for failure to report the results of the two battles for Fallujah and the civilian death toll. The civilian death toll story is hard to get — accurate numbers nowhere — but the humanitarian disaster in Fallujah comes with impeccable sources.

No. 3: Distorted Election Coverage. Faulting the study that caused most of the corporate media to dismiss the discrepancy between exit polls and the vote tally; and the still-contentious question of whether the vote in Ohio needed closer examination.

No. 4: Surveillance Society Quietly Moves In. It's another seep 'n' creep story, where the cumulative effect should send us all shrieking into the streets — the Patriot Act, the quiet resurrection of the MATRIX program, the REAL ID Act, which passed without debate as an amendment to an emergency spending bill funding troops in Afghanistan and Iraq.

No. 5: United States Uses Tsunami to Military Advantage in Southeast Asia. Oops. Ugh.

No. 6: The Real Oil for Food Scam. The oil-for-food story was rotten with political motives from the beginning — the right used it to belabor the United Nations. The

part that got little attention here was the extent to which we, the United States, were part of the scam. Harper's magazine deserves credit for its December 2004 story, "The UN is Us: Exposing Saddam Hussein's Silent Partner."

No. 7: Journalists Face Unprecedented Dangers to Life and Livelihood. That a lot of journalists are getting killed in Iraq is indisputable. I work with the Committee to Protect Journalists, and am by no means persuaded we are targeted by anyone other than terrorists. However, Project Censored honors stories about military policies that could improve the situation of those journalists who risk their lives.

No. 8: Iraqi Farmers Threatened by Bremer's Mandates. It's part of the untold story of the disastrous effort to make Iraq into a neo-con's free-market dream. Order 81 issued by Paul Bremer "made it illegal for Iraqi farmers to reuse seeds harvested from new varieties registered under the law." Iraqi farmers were forced away from traditional methods to a system of patented seeds, where they can't grow crops without paying a licensing fee to an American corporation.

No. 9: Iran's New Oil Trade System Challenges U.S. Currency. The effects of Iran's switching from dollars to Euros in oil trading.

No. 10: Mountaintop Removal Threatens Ecosystem and Economy. A classic case of a story not unreported but underreported — a practice so environmentally irresponsible it makes your hair hurt to think about it.

Most journalists manage to find a quibble or two with Project Censored's list every year, but mostly we just stand there and nod, yep, missed that one, and that one and ...

But here's a wonderful fact about daily journalism — we don't ever have to get it all right, because we get a new chance every day.

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The storm prompted tornado warnings as it churned northwest, causing transformers to explode. In Jasper County, a house with seven people inside floated in floodwaters after it came off its foundation, said sheriff's communications supervisor Alice Duckworth.

But the flood-prone cities of Houston and Galveston — largely evacuated over the past four days — escaped a direct hit.

"So far, Houston is weathering the storm," Mayor Bill White said Saturday. His police department received 28 burglary calls overnight and made 16 arrests — less than a typical Friday night, White said.

In New Orleans, rain drenched parts of the abandoned city early Saturday, straining the levee system damaged by Katrina and causing more flooding in already ruined and abandoned poor neighborhoods. But the forecast of up to three inches throughout the day was less than had been previously predicted.

"Overall, it looks like New Orleans has lucked out," National Weather Service Meteorologist Phil Grigsby said.

Heavy rain fell south of New Orleans in low-lying Jefferson Parish, where a tidal surge of six to seven feet swamped some neighborhoods. Residents of Lafitte, a town of 1,600 south of New Orleans, were being evacuated by bus.

In southwestern Louisiana, authorities had trouble reaching stranded residents because of blocked roads and savage winds. Some of the worst early damage reports were out of Vinton, where several fires were burning, the roof was torn off the town's recreation center and homes were damaged by fallen trees, Lt.

Arthur Phillips said. A Coast Guard rescue team airlifted a pregnant woman and her 4-year-old son to safety from the flooded coastal town of Port Fourchon, about 60 miles south of New Orleans.

In Lake Charles, home to the nation's 12th-largest seaport and refineries run by ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, Citgo and Shell, nearly all 70,000 residents had evacuated. Several riverboat casinos that mostly serve tourists from Texas also closed ahead of the storm.

"We see these storms a little differently after Katrina," said city administrator Paul Rainwater. "We all realize that no matter how safe you feel ... you have to take it seriously, you have to plan."

Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco said over 90 percent of residents in southwestern parishes, about 150,000 people, had evacuated.

Fires were reported in and around Houston, including one in a two-story apartment building in southeast Houston that left at least eight units damaged, authorities said. Nobody was hurt, according to District Chief Jack Williams. Several buildings were damaged or destroyed by fire in Galveston, and a blaze broke out before dawn at a shopping complex in Pasadena. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

As the sun came up in downtown Beaumont, a port city of 114,000, the few people who stayed behind emerged to find some blown out windows, damaged roofs, signs twisted and lying in the street and scattered downed trees. There was some standing water, but no significant flooding.

Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont was evacuating about 130 patients Saturday morning. Dr. James L. Holly said the patients, taken out of the city on ambulances and helicopters, were either unstable and



Tropical storm winds from Hurricane Rita begin to churn the waters of Lake Charles in Lake Charles, La. According to local officials, nearly all of the city's 70,000 residents had evacuated the city.

couldn't be moved before the storm.

The wind was still gusting, but nothing like the 100-mph winds that ripped through early Saturday morning. A light rain was falling.

In Beaumont's nine-story Elegante Hotel in Beaumont, wind blew out massive windows in the hotel lobby, bringing down a chandelier and ripping the roof off another section of lobby.

"We stayed in a stairwell most of the time," said Rainey Chretien, who works at the front desk. "I didn't think it was going to be this bad."

As the storm raged, the torches of oil refineries could be seen burning in the distance from downtown Beaumont. Officials worried about the storm's threat to those facilities and chemical plants strung along the Texas and Louisiana coast.

The facilities represent a quarter of the nation's oil refining capacity and business analysts said damage from Rita could send gas prices as high as \$4 a gallon. Environmentalists

warned of the risk of a toxic spill.

The Energy Department said Saturday it appears the oil industry, especially the concentration of refineries in the Houston-Texas City area, may have escaped major damage from the storm as its path veered farther to the east.

"Based on our (computer) modeling and initial reports that we are getting ... we're cautiously optimistic about that region," said department spokesman Craig Stevens in an interview.

But he said it was too early to assess damage to refineries in Beaumont-Port Arthur.

In the days before the storm's arrival, hundreds of thousands of residents of Texas and Louisiana fled their homes in a mass exodus that produced gridlock and heartbreak.

South of Dallas, a bus of Rita evacuees caught fire in gridlocked traffic, killing as many as 24 nursing home residents who thought they were getting out of harm's way. Grocery shelves were

emptied, gas stations ran out of fuel and motorists had to push their cars to the side of highways after idling for hours in stuck traffic and running out of gas.

White, the Houston mayor, expressed frustration with the gas shortages that left thousands of motorists desperate for gas on the freeways.

"It is just totally unacceptable that there was not adequate fuel supplies stashed around the state," he said.

President Bush, mindful of criticism the federal government was slow to respond to Hurricane Katrina three weeks ago, planned to visit his home state Saturday. He will go to the state's emergency operations center in Austin and then to San Antonio.

"The past three weeks have tested our nation and revealed the strength and resilience of our people," he said in his weekly radio address. "The courageous spirit of America will carry us through any storm, and the compassionate soul of our nation will help us

rebuild." Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the nation's largest retailer, said Rita forced the closure of 150 of its facilities in Texas and Louisiana. About half of them were without power early Saturday. Home Depot Inc. said 46 of its stores were closed, including 41 in the Houston market.

In Tyler County in eastern Texas, high winds ripped roofs off several buildings, including the police department in Woodville, sheriff's Chief Deputy Clint Sturrock said.

The junior high school in nearby Warren also lost its roof, and fire — likely triggered by lightning — broke out in a pile of logs. "We just let it burn," Sturrock said.

More than 675,000 CenterPoint Energy customers in Texas were without power in the company's service area, which stretches from Galveston into Houston and north to Humble, company spokeswoman Patricia Frank said. Entergy spokesman Chanel Lagarde said about 250,000 of its Texas customers and nearly 300,000 of its Louisiana customers lost power because of Rita.

In Galveston, about 100 miles away from the storm's eye, a fire erupted in the historic Strand district late Friday. Wind-whipped flames leapt across three buildings. City manager Steve LeBlanc said the blaze could have been caused by downed power lines.

"It was like a war zone, shooting fire across the street," Fire Chief Michael Varela said.

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# Quotes

"All you could hear was howling — whoooooo. It was crazy. I'm never going to do it again." — Lyle Rayburn, 33, a maintenance subcontractor at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont, who spent the night at the hospital.

"It's just stupid to be out in this." — Fox News Channel anchor Shepard Smith, who was blown over while reporting from Beaumont Friday night.

"Don't mess with Mother Nature, baby boy." — Geoffrey Barbry, 42, who was rescued from his Lake Charles, La., trailer after he flipped it.

"When the going got rough we were shaking in our boots. ... Something went across our roof and it sounded like a vehicle." — George White, who rode out the storm with four other people in his bar in Lake Charles, La.

"I'm sure it's not going to be a pretty sight. ... We were pounded for about eight hours with 120 mph winds." — Sheriff Theos Duhon of Cameron Parish, near the Texas line.

"Now is no time for Texans to let their guard down to venture out." Gov. Rick Perry in urging evacuees to "be patient, stay put" until officials declare their communities safe.

"We missed the big bullet, but we have lots of things to do in the city." — Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas of Galveston.



Hurricane Rita evacuees block Highway 75 in Huntsville, as they line up for gasoline. Many left the coast days before the Rita hit but were still caught in a quagmire. KRT photo/Irwin Thompson

## Texas started early, but couldn't get everyone out of harm's way

By ERIN McCLAM

AP National Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — It was envisioned as the anti-Katrina plan: Texas officials sketched a staggered, orderly evacuation plan for Hurricane Rita and urged people to get out days ahead of time.

But tangles still arrived even before the storm's first bands. Panicked drivers ran out of gas, a spectacular, deadly bus fire clogged traffic, and freeways were red rivers of taillights that stretched to the horizon.

In an age of terrorist danger and with memories of the nightmare in New Orleans still fresh, the Texas exodus raises a troubling question: Can any American city empty itself safely and quickly?

Thousands of drivers were stranded for hours Friday to the north and west of Houston, many stuck in extreme heat and out of gas — as gas trucks, rumored to be on the way, or at least buses to evacuate motorists, never came.

Those drivers appeared to be off the roads by nightfall Friday. Abandoned cars, marked with orange tape by police, littered the roadsides.

They were frustrated, angry and growing desperate, scattered and stranded across a broad swath of the state as the

monster storm bore down.

"It's been terrible, believe me," said Rosa Castro, who had driven more than 17 hours by Friday. Her sister behind the wheel, seven children in tow, the car was idling on less than an eighth of a tank of gas.

Castro was hoping to get gas from a lone Shell station that had opened north of Houston. But her car was at the end of a miles-long line.

"I wondered why so many people in Katrina didn't move in time, and now I'm in the same situation," she said. "All I have is cash, clothes and God."

Houston is a landlocked city, an hour's drive from the Gulf of Mexico. Besides Houston's 4 million people fleeing, as many as 2 million were trying to get out through Houston from the coastal side.

In Galveston County along the Gulf, authorities set up three evacuation zones, beginning Wednesday evening and staggered at eight-hour intervals, with the most outlying areas to be the first to leave. But people in all three zones left early anyway, further snarling traffic.

From Houston, the main roads out of town — Interstate 10 to San Antonio, I-45 to Dallas,

and U.S. Highway 290 to Austin — were turned into one-way thoroughfares only Thursday, and even then the one-way flow began well outside Houston.

Republican Texas Gov. Rick Perry said Friday the decision to order one-way flow came after the storm, originally on a track south of Houston, changed course and headed toward Houston instead.

"It's not perfect," he said. "I wish I could wave a magic wand and somehow transport people magically from Houston, Texas, to Dallas or other points, but that's not the fact when you have the type of congestion that you see in the state of Texas on a daily basis."

He added: "I think when you look behind later, it will be almost miraculous that this many people

were moved out of harm's way."

By midday Friday, lanes were restored to normal traffic. County Judge Robert Eckels said traffic had cleared and authorities needed lanes in both directions for emergencies. Still, many drivers were stranded for hours beyond Houston's suburbs. Emergency crews roamed the roads, taking the last marooned motorists to shelters.

Brian Wolshon, a professor of civil engineering at Louisiana State University, said Texas officials "will probably see there were things they could have done better."

But he added: "It's not economically or environmentally feasible to build enough roads to evacuate a city the size of Houston in a short time and with no congestion. It's just not going to happen."

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# Storm strong winds counter southbound birds

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — For millennia, fall's Gulf of Mexico hurricanes have butted gale-force winds against the southbound journeys of migrating birds.

Somehow, the birds have been able to sense storm paths and survive.

"This is not new to birds," Cliff Shackelford, an ornithologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said as Hurricane Rita began lashing the central Gulf Coast. "Birds

can detect things like barometric pressure, changes in wind. ... With a storm like Rita, so big it's covering the whole ... Gulf, they're not going to take that first step."

The Texas coast acts as a funnel for birds migrating from North American summer grounds to wintering havens in Central and South America. Bird watchers from around the world come to the region for glimpses of hundreds of species of birds.

Rita's northern trek countered peak migration for hawks, and her direction earlier in the week prompted an evacuation order that canceled Corpus Christi's annual Celebration of Flight.

"This is the largest hawk watch in the U.S., that's why we invite everybody out," festival organizer Joel Simon said. "We had 44,000 yesterday, which is a good day. We're hoping some more get through today before the storm."

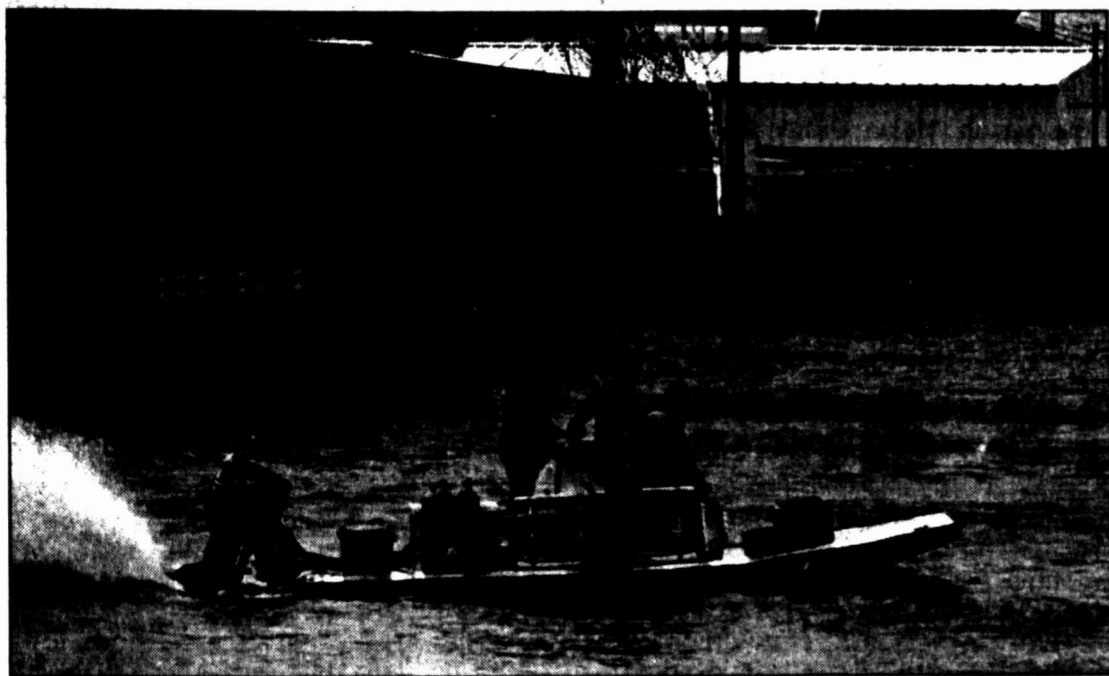
The Texas tail is the convergence point for four major flyways, two of them coming west along the Gulf from East Texas and Louisiana. Hummingbirds have been coming through for weeks, Simon said, as well as songbirds, shorebirds and "pretty colored birds" like orioles, buntings, and warblers.

He said the hawks would be stressed but would likely find free skies to the west.

Scientists debate whether hurricanes are worsening due

to global warming or whether the Gulf is just on the violent side of a repeating cycle. Either way, the biggest problem if the trend continues may be destruction of the already dwindling habitat of birds living year-round on the Gulf, such as the long-legged herons and egrets that wade in salty marshes.

"I'm more worried about the resident birds," Simon said. "They're not used to going anywhere."



A rescue team navigates Memorial Boulevard in downtown Port Arthur, looking for stranded residents after Hurricane Rita made landfall.

## Report: Company operating charter bus that exploded had financial, safety woes

DALLAS (AP) — The owner of the charter bus that exploded while ferrying nursing home residents away from Hurricane Rita has a history of financial and safety woes, The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday.

The explosion Friday on Interstate 45 south of Dallas killed as many as 24 elderly passengers.

The newspaper reported that the owners of Global Limo Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection in February in a bid to block a takeover of the business

for nonpayment of debt. The company's license also was revoked for a few days in May by federal authorities — the second time since 1993.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration also had singled out Global for full inspections when police stopped their buses, the newspaper reported. Global drivers have been ordered to stop driving five times after violations during the past two and a half years, such as drivers not having logs that document how long they'd been driving.

The tour company, based in Pharr, Texas, operates nine buses, according to records cited by the News. It is owned

by James H. "Butch" Maples, 64, and his wife Kathleen, 46.

Meanwhile, the Houston Chronicle reported Saturday that the bus had lapsed registration but probably was pressed into service because of the hurricane.

The Chronicle reported that the 1991 vehicle was not among the 10 buses registered with the state as being used commercially by Global.

"Because there's been a waiver under Hurricane Katrina and Rita, they don't have to provide (information on) every vehicle they use," Mark Cross, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Transportation, told the Chronicle.

## Scientists say trying to modify hurricane behavior like 'moving a car with pea shooter'

By JOSEPH VERRENGIA

AP Science Writer

DENVER (AP) — It sounds like a great idea: Let's just blast hurricanes like Rita and Katrina out of the sky before they hurt more people. Or, at least weaken the storms and steer them away from cities.

Atmospheric scientists say it's wishful thinking that we could destroy or even influence something as huge and powerful as a hurricane. They abandoned such a quest years ago after more than two decades of inconclusive government-sponsored research.

Private companies have conducted tests on a much smaller scale, but have made little progress despite initially claiming to erase storm clouds from the atmosphere.

"It would be like trying to move a car with a pea shooter," said hydrometeorologist Matthew Kelsch of the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder. "The amount of energy involved in a hurricane is far greater than anything we're going to impart to it."

The federal government's hurricane modification program was called Project Stormfury. The idea was raised during the Eisenhower administration after several major storms hit the East Coast in the mid-1950s, killing 749 people and causing billions in damages.

But it wasn't until 1961 that initial tests were conducted on Hurricane Esther with a Navy plane releasing silver iodide crystals. Some reports indicate winds were



Keafer Clegg of Galveston reacts on a sidewalk to riding out Hurricane Rita Saturday.

reduced by 10 percent to 30 percent.

During Stormfury, scientists also seeded hurricanes in 1963, 1969 and 1971 over the open Atlantic Ocean far from land.

Researchers dropped silver iodide, a substance that serves as an effective ice nuclei, into clouds just outside of the hurricane's eyewall. The idea was that a new ring of clouds would form around the artificial ice nuclei. The new clouds were supposed to change rain patterns and form a new eyewall that would collapse the old one. The reformed hurricane would spin more slowly and be less dangerous.

Sometimes, the experiments appeared to work. Hurricane Debbie in 1969 was seeded twice over four days by several aircraft. Researchers noted that its intensity waxed and waned by up to 30 percent.

For cloud seeding to be successful, clouds must contain sufficient supercooled water that is still liquid even though it is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Raindrops

form when the artificial nuclei and the supercooled water combine.

But scientists also learned that hurricanes contain less supercooled water than other storm clouds, so seeding was unreliable. And, hurricanes grow and dissipate all on their own, even forming new walls of clouds called "concentric eyewall circles."

This made it impossible to determine whether

storm reductions were the result of human intervention.

Project Stormfury was abandoned in the 1980s after spending hundreds of millions of dollars.

Other storm modification methods that have been suggested include cooling the tropical ocean with icebergs and spreading particles or films over the ocean surface to inhibit storms from evaporating heat from the sea.

Occasionally, somebody suggests detonating a nuclear weapon to shatter a storm.

Researchers say hurricanes would dwarf such measures. For example, Hurricane Rita measures about 400 miles across.

According to the center for atmospheric research, the heat energy released by a hurricane equals 50 to 200 trillion watts or about the same amount of energy released by exploding a 10-megaton nuclear bomb every 20 minutes.



A bus, along with the bodies still inside, is transported to the Dallas County District No. 3 Service Center in Texas, for investigation. Hurricane Rita evacuees were trapped inside when the bus caught fire on north bound Interstate 45.

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# Demonstrators call for end to Iraq war

By JENNIFER C. KERR

Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Opponents of the war in Iraq rallied by the thousands Saturday to demand the return of U.S. troops, staging a day of protest, song and remembrance of the dead in marches through Washington and other American and European cities. More than 2,000 people gathered on the Ellipse hours before the showcase demonstration past the White House, the first wave of what organizers said would be the largest Washington rally since the war began. President Bush himself was out of town, monitoring hurricane recovery efforts from Colorado and Texas. "We have to get involved," said Erika McCroskey, 27, who came from Des Moines, Iowa,

with her younger sister and mother for her first demonstration, traveling in just one of the buses that poured into the capital from far-flung places. "Bush Lied, Thousands Died," said one sign. "End the Occupation," said another. While united against the war, political beliefs varied in the Washington crowd. Paul Rutherford, 60, of Vandalia, Mich., said he is a Republican who supported Bush in the last election and still does — except for the war. "President Bush needs to admit he made a mistake in the war and bring the troops home, and let's move on," he said. His wife, Judy, 58, called the removal of Saddam Hussein "a noble mission" but said U.S. troops should have left when claims that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction

proved unfounded. "We found that there were none and yet we still stay there and innocent people are dying daily," she said. Thousands of anti-war protesters marched through London to call for the withdrawal of British troops from Iraq. Violent clashes between insurgents and British troops in the southern Iraq city of Basra in recent days highlighted the need to get out, protesters said. "Enough is enough," said Lindsey German, an official of the Stop the War Coalition, which organized the march. "It is now time, once again, for the British people to step forward into the streets and insist that this time we will not be ignored." Rallies were planned, too, in

Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Florence, Rome, Paris and Madrid. In a hitch for some coming to the protest, 13 Amtrak trains running between New York and Washington were delayed for up to three hours Saturday morning for repair of overhead electrical lines. Protest organizers said that held up thousands coming to the rally. "We believe we are at a tipping point whereby the anti-war sentiment has now become the majority sentiment," said Brian Becker, national coordinator for ANSWER, one of the main anti-war organizers. Cindy Sheehan, the California mother who drew thousands of demonstrators to her 26-day vigil outside President Bush's Texas ranch last month, joined the protest. Sheehan's 24-year-old son, Casey, was killed in an

ambush in Sadr City, Iraq, last year. Supporters of President Bush's policy in Iraq assembled in smaller numbers to get their voice heard in the day's anti-war din. The protest route runs to the front of the White House, down to the Justice Department and then back to the Washington Monument, site of an 11-hour concert and rally featuring folk singer Joan Baez and stretching well into the night. Sheehan and other mothers against the war held a small rally near the Washington Monument Friday. They spoke just a few feet from 1,000 white wooden crosses tucked into the grass to symbolize the more than 1,900 members of the U.S. armed forces who have died since the beginning of the war in March 2003.

# Crawford resigns as FDA chief

By JOHN J. LUMPKIN

Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Lester Crawford is out only two months after the Senate confirmed him to run the agency. President Bush designated Dr. Andrew C. von Eschenbach, the director of the National Cancer Institute, the acting replacement.

Crawford's surprise resignation, submitted Friday and effective immediately, gave no specific reason for his departure. "It is time at the age of 67, to step aside," he wrote in his resignation letter.

Crawford's tenure was marked by increasing criticism of the agency by those who contended it had become more interested in politics than in its mission to protect consumers.

Earlier this year, the FDA-approved painkiller Vioxx was pulled off the market over health concerns.

Thousands of heart monitors have faced recall over malfunctions. And the agency has delayed approving an emergency, morning-after contraceptive called "Plan B" for over-the-counter sales despite assurances it is safe. Some religious conservatives opposed the drug.

Crawford's time at the agency included more than a year as acting commissioner during a lengthy confirmation process. He won the Senate's backing in July only after telling senators the agency would make a final decision on legalizing Plan B for over-the-counter sales by Sept. 1.

Then in August word came of another delay, prompting intense criti-

cism from proponents of Plan B and leading to the resignation of the FDA's top woman's health official.

Crawford, a veterinarian who specialized in food safety, was named acting commissioner in February 2004. Bush elevated Crawford to commissioner in part because his experience was deemed important as the FDA attempted to better safeguard the food supply against bioterrorism.

In a speech last Monday in Washington, Crawford gave no sign he was planning to leave, instead discussing upcoming FDA policy on the safety of cloned beef and talking about agency plans to mark the 100th anniversary of the Food and Drugs Act of 1906.

Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt accepted Crawford's resignation "with sadness," HHS spokeswoman Christina Pearson said.

"We thank him for his service and wish him well," she said. Asked if he was forced to resign, Pearson declined to comment further, calling it a personnel issue.

Crawford's replacement, von Eschenbach, is a urologic surgeon. A



Crawford

Philadelphia native, he took over the National Cancer Institute, the government's lead agency in researching cancer treatments, in 2002. Prior to that, he served as chief academic officer of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Von Eschenbach wrote in 2004 that he has survived three cancer diagnoses: melanoma in 1989, and more recently, prostate cancer and basal cell carcinoma.

In published articles, von Eschenbach has laid out an ambitious — some would say unrealistic — goal of eliminating suffering and death due to cancer by 2015, turning it into a manageable dis-

ease.

Many FDA critics lauded Crawford's departure.

"The American consumer should shed no tears at Mr. Crawford's resignation," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, a North Dakota Democrat who voted against Crawford's confirmation. "The fact is, he took the side of the pharmaceutical industry and against consumers at virtually every opportunity."

"In recent years, the FDA has demonstrated a too-cozy relationship with the pharmaceutical industry and an attitude of shielding rather than disclosing information," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, who has spent 18 months investigating the agency.

But one consumer group lamented Crawford's departure, particularly the loss of his food-safety expertise.

"The agency has had so much turnover in the top spot, and turmoil throughout, that it could have benefited from a period of steady leadership," said Michael Jacobson of the Center for Science in the Public

Interest.

Crawford, who had worked at FDA on four separate occasions over the last 30 years, on Friday cited among his accomplishments new steps to improve drug safety, efforts to speed drug development, and bringing more funding to the cash-strapped agency through manufacturer-paid fees.

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## Troops routinely tortured detainees rights group alleges

By PETER SPIELMANN

Associated Press Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — Soldiers in the Army's elite 82nd Airborne Division vented their frustration by systematically torturing Iraqi detainees from 2003 into 2004, hitting them with baseball bats and dousing them with chemicals, a U.S. rights group alleges in a new report. The Human Rights Watch report, issued Friday, was compiled from interviews with a captain and two sergeants who served in a battalion of the 82nd Airborne that was stationed at a military base called Mercury near Fallujah, the insurgent stronghold retaken by U.S. forces last year.

The soldiers, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the abuse took place almost daily and often came under orders. Anything short of causing an inmate's death was allowed, they said.

The residents of Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, nicknamed soldiers at the nearby base "the Murderous Maniacs," New York-based Human Rights Watch said. "The soldiers considered this name a badge of honor."

It said soldiers in the elite 82nd Airborne deprived detainees of sleep, food and water, subjected them to extreme heat and cold, stacked prisoners in human pyramids, kicked them in the face, and put chemicals on exposed skin and eyes.

One of the sergeants allegedly told the group that military intelligence personnel, eager for information, often instructed soldiers to "smoke" detainees — called Persons Under Control or PUCs — during questioning, the report said. "Smoking" prisoners meant physically abusing them until they lost consciousness.

But the motive was not always to gain intelligence, one sergeant was quoted as saying.

"Everyone in camp knew if you wanted to work out your frustration you show up at the PUC tent. In a way it was sport," he reportedly said.

"One day (another sergeant) shows up and tells a PUC to grab a pole. He told him to bend over and broke the guy's leg with a mini-Louisville Slugger, a metal bat."

The soldier said anything short of death was acceptable.

"As long as no PUCs came up dead, it happened," he said. "We kept it to broken arms and legs."

The timing of some of the alleged tortures coincided with the prisoner abuse by American forces at Abu Ghraib near Baghdad in fall of 2003.

"These soldiers' firsthand accounts provide further evidence contradicting claims that abuse of detainees by U.S. forces was isolated or spontaneous," the report said. "The accounts here suggest that the mistreatment of prisoners by the U.S. military is even more widespread than has been acknowledged to date, including among troops belonging to some of the best trained, most decorated, and highly respected units in the U.S. Army."

The soldiers quoted in the report expressed much confusion about what types of treatment were allowed under the Geneva Conventions, which bar mistreatment of prisoners of war or civilian detainees. They said senior officers provided little guidance.

Defense Department spokesman Lt. Col. John Skinner criticized the report as a predictable effort to try to "advance an agenda through the use of distortions and errors in fact."

## Puerto Rican nationalist dies during stakeout of his farm

By FRANK GAUD

Associated Press Writer  
HORMIGUEROS, Puerto Rico (AP) — A Puerto Rican nationalist leader wanted in the 1983 robbery of a Connecticut armored truck died during an FBI stakeout of the farmhouse where he was hiding, the island's police chief said Saturday.

The FBI found the body of Filiberto Ojeda Rios in the house in the western town of Hormigueros, police chief Pedro Toledo said. The FBI called the office of Puerto Rico Gov. Anibal Acevedo Vila to inform him of Ojeda Rios' death, he said.

"Filiberto Ojeda Rios is definitely dead," Toledo told WAPA radio.

A gun battle erupted

Friday as FBI agents closed in to arrest Ojeda Rios, but Toledo said he did not know how the nationalist leader died.

FBI spokesman Louis Feliciano refused to comment on Toledo's remarks. Earlier Saturday, the FBI had said it did not know if Ojeda was alive.

Earlier, a law enforcement agent speaking on condition of anonymity and Hector Pesquera, president of the Hostiano independence movement, told The Associated Press the nationalist leader was killed when the FBI closed in to arrest him Friday.

The FBI detained Ojeda Rios' wife, Elma Rosado Barbosa, who was unharmed, the agency

said in a statement.

The robbery of the Wells Fargo depot in West Hartford, Conn., is considered an act of domestic terrorism because it allegedly was carried out by 19 members of the Puerto Rican nationalist Macheteros, or Cane Cutters.

The FBI has asked police for equipment to detect explosives in the farmhouse, Toledo said earlier.

Some 500 people protested "the assassination" late Friday night, blocking San Juan's main Roosevelt Avenue in front of Hiram Bithorn Stadium.

"This was done on purpose ... to try to humiliate us," Jorge Farinacci, president of the Socialist

Front, said at the demonstration. "It's to tell us: 'You do not have the right to independence.'"

He called for the many factions in the fractured and marginalized independence movement "to overcome political differences, to determine how to validate the right of our people to show their indignation of this assassination of our greatest patriot."

Ojeda Rios, leader of the Macheteros, is one of four men still wanted for the Wells Fargo robbery. He was released on bail in 1988 after about three years in prison awaiting trial in Connecticut.

In 1990, he cut off an electronic monitoring bracelet and became a fugitive.

## Plan to grant debt relief clears major hurdle while Wolfowitz pledges results

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The 184-nation International Monetary Fund and the World Bank opened their annual meetings on Saturday ready to act on a breakthrough deal that would forgive more than \$40 billion owed by the poorest nations.

"We in the World Bank must be sure that we deliver results," said the bank's president, Paul Wolfowitz, at the opening session. "And by results, let me be clear. I mean results that have a real impact in the day-to-day lives of the poor. We stand accountable to them."

An agreement Friday among finance officials of the world's seven wealthiest industrial countries should clear the way for final approval by IMF and World Bank leaders to the debt relief program, Treasury Secretary John Snow said.

The IMF's managing director, Rodrigo Rato, said the debt plan must

get enough financial support from wealthy nations so it will not "cripple the fund's ability to provide support to low-income countries that need our help in the future."

The plan would erase more than \$40 billion in debt owed by the world's 18 poorest nations — many of them in Africa — to the World Bank, the IMF and the African

Development Bank.

The outlines of the deal were settled on by President Bush and other world leaders at an economic summit meeting in Scotland, in July.

But Belgium, the Netherlands and others said the rich countries were not making sufficient commitments to replace the money that the IMF and World Bank

would forego.

Finance officials from the Group of Seven countries, joined by Russia's finance minister, pledged in a letter to Wolfowitz to "cover the full cost to offset dollar for dollar" the loan repayments the World Bank would lose.

Snow said he believed the agreement would help overcome objections to the debt relief plan.

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# Israel launches missile strike against Hamas

By LARA SUKHIAN  
Associated Press Writer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel killed at least two Hamas militants in a missile strike Saturday and moved artillery cannons to the Gaza border, launching what it vowed would be a "crushing" response to a Hamas rocket barrage on Israeli towns.

Israel also sealed the West Bank and Gaza, barring all Palestinians from its territory, within hours of the Hamas attack — the group's first major violence since Israel withdrew from the Mediterranean coastal strip two weeks ago.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called his Security Cabinet for a meeting later Saturday to approve the military action, expected to last several days. A large-scale operation appeared unlikely but the timing of the meeting suggested a sense of urgency.

The Cabinet session came as Sharon faces a major leadership

challenge in his Likud Party over the Gaza withdrawal. Former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has warned the pullout will endanger Israel, and the barrage of 34 rockets on Friday and Saturday — with five Israelis wounded — could strengthen his hand against Sharon.

The escalation followed an explosion Friday at a Hamas rally at a crowded refugee camp that killed at least 15 Palestinians. Witnesses said the blast went off near a pickup truck carrying masked militants and homemade rockets.

Hamas blamed Israel and said it fired rockets on Israeli border towns in retaliation. But the Palestinian Authority said the blast was an accident resulting from militants mishandling explosives. It renewed demands that armed groups stop flaunting their weapons.

In its struggle to bring order to Gaza, the Palestinian Authority won agreement from militant groups for a ban on

displaying weapons starting late Saturday. Hassan Yousef, a Hamas leader, said the group would respect the ban. "There will be no military parades in the streets and Hamas weapons will go into the shadows," he said.

Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz met Saturday with the army chief and the head of the Shin Bet security service. "We have to make it clear to the Palestinians that Israel will not let the recent events pass without a response," Mofaz said in a statement. "The response (to Hamas) needs to be crushing."

Mofaz ordered large numbers of ground forces to deploy near northern Gaza, from where most rockets have been launched. Security officials said thousands of soldiers have been called up.

Later Saturday, Israeli aircraft fired five missiles at cars carrying Hamas militants in the Zeitoun neighborhood of Gaza City, witnesses and officials said.

There were conflicting reports on the number of dead. The Palestinian Interior Ministry said two were killed, while medical officials and radio reports said four were killed. Nine people were wounded.

Palestinian Information Minister Nabil Shaath denounced the attack as an "act of criminal aggression" and accused Israel of trying to destroy a cease-fire that has largely held since February.

Hamas vowed to avenge the attack, calling on its militants in a statement to strike Israel "in every spot of our occupied land." While respecting the cease-fire, the group maintains it has the right to respond to alleged violations by Israel.

The Israeli army said Saturday's air strike hit two vehicles, one carrying weapons and the other carrying militants. It said it "will continue to act with determination" to protect Israeli citizens and called on the Palestinian security

forces to prevent further attacks from Gaza.

In an unprecedented step, Israel also set up five artillery cannons on the Gaza border. Soldiers appeared to be settling in, building a command post and rolling out barbed wire.

Israel in the past has retaliated for Palestinian rocket fire with airstrikes or ground incursions. Less precise artillery shells fired into densely populated Gaza could cause many casualties, however, and Israel appeared to be signaling its determination to stop the rocket fire at any price.

At another border staging area, four armored personnel carriers, five tanks and four huge D-9 bulldozers joined a fleet of about 30 armored vehicles that are regularly deployed there.

In Gaza City, several loud booms were heard throughout the day as Israeli warplanes flew overhead. Frantic people ran for cover, but no casualties were reported.

# North Korea's demand to end food aid part of independence effort

By BO-MI LIM  
Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea's demand that food aid be terminated and changed into development assistance underlines the regime's desire for a long-term strategy for feeding its people and becoming less dependent on foreign help, according to experts on the country.

The North, emerging from a famine that killed 2 million people by some estimates, announced Thursday that it wanted all emergency humanitarian assistance from international organizations to stop by the end of the year, in part because of what it called political interference from the

United States.

In line with the North's request, the United Nations' World Food Program, which provides food assistance to about 6.5 million North Koreans, said earlier it would end a decade of emergency food shipments by January and focus on development projects.

"North Korea has survived a life-and-death situation where people starved to death and there is now some stability, albeit at a minimum level," said Paik Hak-soon of the Sejong Institute in Seoul. "They now want a long-term survival strategy."

North Koreans want development assistance

rather than "aid that can be consumed and simply disappear," Paik said.

The nation of 22 million people has relied on foreign assistance since natural disasters and mismanagement caused its economy to collapse in the mid-1990s. Nearly \$2 billion in food aid has flowed into the country over the last decade, according to a report by the U.S. Committee for Human Rights in North Korea.

The food situation has improved in recent years, but not enough for aid groups to end their humanitarian work, Undersecretary-General Jan Egeland, the U.N. humanitarian affairs coordinator, warned

Friday. Analysts stress the North is not asking for a halt to food assistance, but for programs that will grant more independence — central to its guiding national ideology of "juche," or self-reliance.

"The North obviously doesn't have leftover food laying around," said Lee Woo-young, professor at the University of North Korean Studies. "But with emergency food aid, there is the issue of dependency."

On Thursday, North Korean Deputy Foreign Minister Choe Su Hon said the humanitarian situation has improved "to a great extent," grain production is expected to increase, and the govern-

ment can feed its people.

But he said another reason for the termination is the attempt by 13 countries, especially the United States, "to politicize the humanitarian assistance" by linking it to human rights.

While the United States insists it does not use food aid as a political tool, its recently appointed special envoy on North Korea's human rights, Jay Lefkowitz, suggested earlier this month that future U.S. aid might be linked to the North's human rights record.

Some have also raised concerns that the reclusive North may be preparing to expel foreign aid workers to escape monitoring of food aid deliver-

ies. Donors, including the United States, worry that supplies might be diverted to North Korea's 1 million-member military or the country's elite rather than those most in need.

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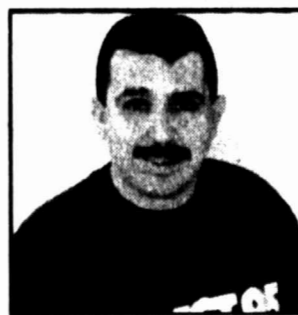
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2. "The Historian" by Elizabeth Kostova (Little, Brown)
3. "Polar Shift" by Clive Cussler and Paul Kempres (Putnam)
4. "Lipstick Jungle" by Candace Bushnell (Hyperion)
5. "Straken" by Terry Brooks (Del Rey)
6. "Widow of the South" by Robert Hicks (Warner)

7. "Thud!" by Terry Pratchett (HarperCollins)
8. "Point Blank" by Catherine Coulter (Putnam)
9. "Slow Burn" by Julie Garwood (Ballantine)
10. "On Beauty" by Zadie Smith (Penguin Press)

**NONFICTION/GENERAL**

1. "Natural Cures They Don't Want You to Know About" by Kevin Trudeau (Alliance Publishing)
2. "You: The Owner's Manual" by Michael F. Roizen and Mehmet C. Oz (HarperResource)
3. "The World Is Flat: A

Brief History of the Twenty-first Century" by Thomas L. Friedman (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

4. "1776" by David McCullough (Simon & Schuster)
5. "Freakonomics" by Steven D. Levitt, Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)
6. "Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential" by Joel Osteen (Warner Faith)
7. "Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking" by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown)
8. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)

9. "Bait and Switch" by Barbara Ehrenreich (Holt/Metropolitan)
10. "A Man Without a Country" by Kurt Vonnegut (Seven Stories Press)

**MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS**

1. "Hour Game" by David Baldacci (Warner Vision)
2. "Night Tales" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)
3. "Survivor In Death" by Nora Roberts writing as J.D. Robb (Berkley)
4. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
5. "50 Harbor Street" by Debbie Macomber (Mira)
6. "Payback" by Fern

7. "A Fine Passion" by Stephanie Laurens (Avon)
8. "Firestorm" by Iris Johansen (Bantam)
9. "Deception Point" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
10. "Double Shot" by Diane Mott Davidson (HarperTorch)

**TRADE PAPERBACKS**

1. "Why Do Men Have Nipples?" by Mark Leyner and Billy Goldberg, M.D. (Three Rivers Press)
2. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)
3. "The Known World" by Edward P. Jones

4. "Wicked" by Gregory Maguire (ReganBooks)
5. "The Book of Sudoku No. 1" by Michael Mepham (Overlook Press)
6. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
7. "Light on Snow" by Anita Shreve (Little, Brown, Back Bay)
8. "The Virgin's Lover" by Philippa Gregory (Touchstone)
9. "The Tipping Point" by Malcolm Gladwell (Back Bay)
10. "Bad Dog" by R.D. Rosen, Harry Pritchett and Rob Battles (Workman)

**High Five**

**TELEVISION**

1. "NFL Monday Night Football: Philadelphia at Atlanta," ABC.
2. "Emmy Awards," CBS.
3. "Survivor: Guatemala," CBS.
4. "House," Fox.
5. "NFL Monday Showcase," ABC. (From Nielsen Media Research)

**FILM**

1. "Just Like Heaven," DreamWorks.
2. "The Exorcism of Emily Rose," Screen Gems.
3. "Lord of War," Lions Gate.
4. "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," Universal.
5. "Cry Wolf," Focus/Rogue. (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

**HOT FIVE**

1. "Gold Digger," Kanye West (feat. Jamie Foxx). Roc-a-Fella.
2. "Shake It Off," Mariah Carey. Island.
3. "Like You," Bow Wow (feat. Ciara). Columbia.
4. "My Humps," The Black Eyed Peas. A&M.
5. "We Belong Together," Mariah Carey. Island. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units) (From Billboard magazine)

**ALBUMS**

1. "The Peoples Champ," Paul Wall. Swishahouse/Atlantic/Asylum.
2. "Late Registration," Kanye West. Roc-a-Fella.
3. "Nothing Is Sound," Switchfoot.

**Columbia/Sony Music.**

4. "Jasper County," Trisha Yearwood. MCA Nashville/UMGN.
5. "PCD," The Pussycat Dolls. A&M/Interscope. (From Billboard magazine)

**CONCERT TOURS**

1. Neil Diamond.
2. Dave Matthews Band
3. Anger Management Tour
4. Kenny Chesney
5. OZZfest. (From Pollstar)

**KID VIDEO SALES**

1. "Lilo & Stitch 2: Stitch Has a Glitch," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
2. "Dora the Explorer: Super Babies," Paramount Home Entertainment.
3. "Thomas the Tank

- Engine: The Best of Gordon," Anchor Bay Entertainment.
4. "Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends: Calling All Engines," Anchor Bay Entertainment.
5. "Dora the Explorer: Big Sister Dora," Paramount Home Entertainment. (From Billboard magazine)

**VHS RENTALS**

1. "Crash," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
2. "Monster-in-Law," New Line Home Entertainment.
3. "Sahara," Paramount Home Entertainment.
4. "Guess Who," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
5. "Beauty Shop," MGM Home Entertainment. (From Billboard magazine)

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5. "Shrek 2," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.

**DVD SALES**

1. "Crash" (Widescreen), Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
2. "Toy Story" (10th Anniversary Edition), Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
3. "Lost: The Complete First Season," Touchstone Home Video.
4. "Lilo & Stitch 2: Stitch Has a Glitch," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
5. "Monster-in-Law," New Line Home Entertainment. (From Billboard magazine)

**Trapeze instructors use talents to rescue man from river**

NEW YORK (AP) — For two trapeze instructors, it was one of their most memorable catches.

Paul Cannon and Jonah Spear of the Trapeze School New York were being hailed as heroes Friday after making a daring leap into the Hudson River to rescue a man who appeared to be drowning.

The incident began Thursday when police officers ran into the school and asked to borrow some rope to rescue a man who had jumped into the nearby river.

The instructors grabbed some rope and flotation devices and ran to the river's edge, where they saw a shadowy figure floating in the murky green water.

Cannon jumped first, followed by Spear, who tossed one end of a rope to

police officers and carried the other end into the river toward the victim.

Within moments, the men had the victim in their grasp and brought him ashore.

"At the time, something had to be done, so I did it," Cannon said. "I was

n't going to watch the guy die, so I decided to do something about it."

A tourist taking a lesson at the trapeze school, which has been featured in an episode of HBO's "Sex and the City," administered CPR before firefighters took over.

The 23-year-old victim was in stable condition Friday, a Bellevue Hospital spokeswoman said.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Coahoma sets booster club dates

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet each Monday at 7 p.m. in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom through the football season. The meetings after football season will take place only when needed.

For more information, contact Donna Wright at 267-6723.

#### Quarterback club sets remaining weekly meetings

The Big Spring football booster club (quarterback club) will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the 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 start of a junior tennis league.

League play will take place every Monday for the next six weeks. It will take place at the Figure 7 Tennis Center inside Comanche Trail Park and will last from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each night.

The league is for children in grades four through six (ages 8-12).

Participants should bring a racket. Provided rackets will be limited.

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 enter 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 information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

#### Midland Rotary Club sets golf tourney

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 Green Tree Country Club. The entry deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 28. The tourney is limited to 32 teams with four people to a team.

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

Gift certificates to the Green Tree Country Club will also be awarded to the top three teams.

## Garden City shows no open week rust in mercy rule win

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

After a bit of a sluggish start Friday, the 11th-ranked Garden City Bearkats cruised to a 48-0 win over El Paso Jesus Chapel at Bearkat Stadium.

Garden City, which improved to 3-1 with the win, took full advantage of its depth and was able to end the game less than three minutes into the third quarter. They led 42-0 at the break and the game was stopped due to the 45-point mercy rule.

"It was an expected sluggish start for us coming off a bye week, but once we got on track we did some good things," said Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins. "Our defense played great the whole game."

The Bearkat defense did play great as they forced three turnovers and gave up just five first downs.

Like Hoskins, senior captain Cory Multer, who had nine tackles and three for loss, thought the Bearkats started slow

offensively, played good defense and had too much depth in the end.

"We were a bit rusty to start the game," said Multer. "We played solid on defense and our depth is just too good sometimes."

The Bearkats depth took a bit of a hit Friday, however, as junior Taylor Niehues went down with a wrist injury.

Once the Bearkats got on track offensively, they found the end zone early and often in their drives. Garden City had seven touchdown scoring drives in the game and needed just five plays of less to reach paydirt on those drives, including two one-play drives.

"We actually did not try to score quick," said Hoskins. "(Junior) Alex (Halfmann) checked off a lot at the line of scrimmage on most of the touchdowns. He always has the green light to check off to a different play."

The Bearkats first one-

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Garden City junior Jared Bradford gets taken down from behind by a tackler from El Paso Jesus Chapel Friday at Bearkat Stadium in Garden City. The Bearkats rolled to a 48-0 mercy-rule victory. Bradford had two touchdowns in the game.



courtesy photo/Bob Fishback  
Forsan junior running back Wesley Newcomb gets by three Blizzard tacklers during the Buffaloes' loss to Winters Friday. Newcomb led Forsan on the ground with 140 yards.

## Bucks keep Stanton without win

By ERIC C. RODEWALD  
Special to the Herald

The Stanton Buffaloes were able to pass Friday night, but ultimately failed their final non-district test, falling 37-14 to the Alpine Bucks.

Sophomore quarterback Garrett Fulton completed 15-of-32 passes for 170 yards and a touchdown. Unfortunately, the first two Buffalo possessions ended at the hands of Alpine defenders as Fulton threw his only two interceptions of the game to end those drives.

Following the second pick, Alpine started at the Stanton 31-yard line and five plays later J.D. Leyva scored from a yard out to finish the drive. Freddy Hernandez added the PAT kick giving Alpine a 7-0 lead with 3:53 left in the first quarter.

Stanton head coach Lee McCown felt Fulton performed well despite the Buffaloes inadequate ground game.

"Garrett (Fulton) did a real good job for us tonight," McCown said. "We just need to establish the running game to open up the passing game more."

Fulton outdueled Alpine quarterback Merced Muniz by five yards, as Muniz was 7-for-14 for 165 yards with two touchdown passes and an inter-

ception. The difference in the contest was indeed on the ground. Alpine rushed 33 times for 197 yards for nearly a six yard average per carry compared to the Buffaloes 29 rushes for 92 yards. Senior Sloan Kelly led Stanton with 13 carries for 70 yards.

"Sloan (Kelly) has been battling injuries all year. You name it and he has dealt with it, including ankle, knee, and groin injuries," McCown said. "He's tough, but we haven't been able to utilize him and run him like we really want to."

McCown felt a night-marish start could have been remedied by a few breaks going the Buffaloes way early on. "If we don't drop a few passes early, we could have gotten something going right and it could have made a difference," McCown said.

The first play of the second quarter of the Buffaloes' third possession ended as Travis Tripp's punt was blocked and returned for an apparent touchdown. An illegal block by Alpine negated the touchdown, giving Alpine the ball at the Stanton 28-yard line. The Buffaloes defense held Alpine to a punt following three consecutive incomplete passes.

After a Stanton punt,

Alpine took over at their own 22 with 8:00 left in the second quarter. The Bucks scored on a seven-play drive, with Muniz scoring on a 13-yard quarterback keeper. The PAT failed, leaving Alpine with a 13-0 lead at 4:50 remaining in the first half.

Stanton started the ensuing possession at their 28-yard line and marched down to the Alpine 26, but on fourth-and-13, Fulton connected with Dwayne Whitaker for only seven yards turning the ball over on downs. Alpine threw an incomplete pass three plays later to end the half with a 13-0 lead.

Alpine had a big third quarter scoring 24 points in the frame. The first possession of the second half, the Bucks culminated a seven-play drive with Leyva scoring for the second time on a 5-yard run with 9:48 to play.

Alpine's defense put the next two points on the board, blocking the second punt of the day, this one going through the back of the end zone for a safety. Alpine led 23-0, with 8:44 remaining in the third quarter.

Following the free kick, Alpine started at the Stanton 35-yard line and scored five plays later on

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## Buffaloes fall short in District 10-1A opener

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald  
WINTERS — The Forsan Buffaloes football showed Friday that they have the talent needed to win football games.

Despite that talent, the Buffs (1-4) lost their district opener to the Winters Blizzards (2-3), 49-39.

Sure, they looked across the field and saw a tough opponent on the other sideline. But they did not need to look any further than their own sideline to find an even tougher opponent — themselves.

"We shot ourselves in the foot," Thompson said. "We absolutely shot ourselves in the foot over and over. You just can't expect to win when you do the things we did tonight."

Untimely penalties, including several for personal fouls, and turnovers hurt the Buffs by stalling potential scoring drives and constantly putting them in a hole.

Perhaps the one positive, and the reason one can see the talent in this Buffalo team, is that amid all the loss of focus and composure they were still able to score nearly 40 points.

The Buffaloes showed signs early and often that they could play with rival winters.

The Buffaloes took advantage of a short field after kickoff and ran the ball seven straight times as junior Wesley Newcomb opened the scoring with a 15-yard touchdown on the ground.

Junior Seth Johnson's extra point was good and the Buffs defense lined up to face Blizzard senior running back Frank Perez and a tough rushing attack.

What they ended up facing was a spread formation that threw the ball on eight of its first nine plays from scrimmage, eventually finding pay dirt on a 23-yard touch-



down pass to even the score at 7-7.

Forsan was forced to a three-and-out but came up big on defense as sophomore Justin Wilson had a beautifully timed jump for an interception at the goal line.

Unfortunately, the Buffs could not capitalize on the turnover and after being hampered with a holding call were forced to punt, giving Winters a short field, starting at the Buffalo 37-yard line.

It took the Blizzards just five plays to reach the end zone with 16 seconds left in the first quarter, going up 14-7.

The Buffs did not wait long to strike back as they quickly evened the score at 14-14 with a solid run from four yards out by senior Tye Baker. Baker would finish the night with 57 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

Forsan's defense took it to the Blizzards on their next series as Baker broke up a pass and senior Tyler Phillips recorded a sack for a 7-yard loss forcing Winters to punt.

After a personal foul call, the Buffaloes found themselves with their backs up against their own end zone. After a 13 yard loss on a fumble recovery, Forsan punted and gave Winters another short field to work with.

Six plays later, the Blizzards went back in front scoring on a 5-yard quarterback keeper making the score, 21-14 with 3:06 left until half.

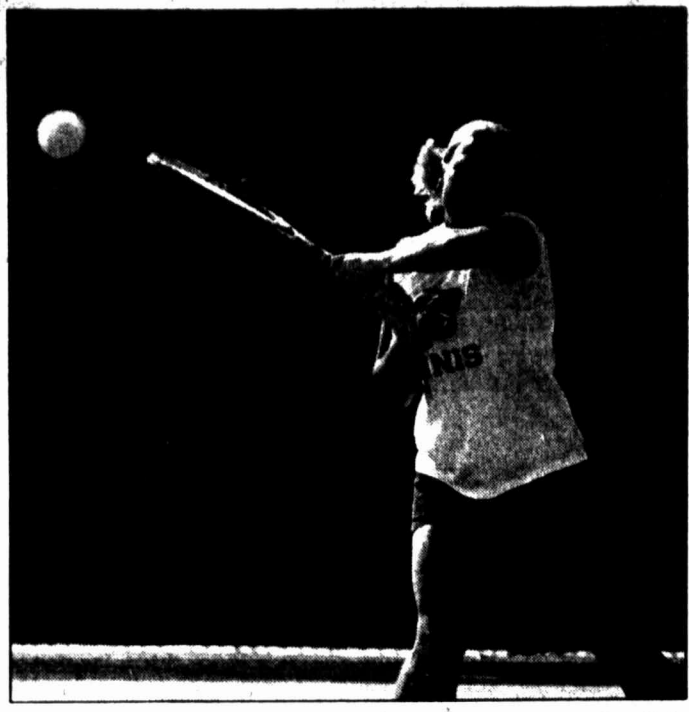
After the kickoff, Forsan quickly moved into Blizzard territory but the drive was stopped as Baker was picked off going deep to senior Justin Forshee.

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring senior Natasha Neighbors sends the ball over the net during a tennis match earlier this season. Big Spring hosted district rival Plainview Saturday morning, but final results were unavailable at press time.

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a 34-yard touchdown pass from Muniz to Wesley O'Bryant. The PAT kick was blocked, leaving Alpine with a 29-0 lead at 6:26 to play.

Alpine's final score of the half came on their next possession on a 61-yard scoring strike from FULTON Muniz to O'Bryant. The snap was botched on the PAT try and holder Salomon Ramos found Leyva in the end zone for the two-point conversion. Alpine ended their scoring, leading 37-0 with 4:23 to play in the third quarter.

Stanton finished the third quarter with a big special teams play as Zach Anderson blocked an Alpine punt attempt and the Buffaloes recovered at the Alpine 28-yard line. After an incomplete pass, a shovel pass from Fulton to Kelly went 10 yards for the first down. The first play of the

fourth quarter saw Fulton find senior Matthew Ruiz for an 18-yard touchdown with 11:52 to play in the game. Thomas Salgado tackled on the PAT for Stanton, which trailed 37-7.

Ruiz made another big play picking off an errant Muniz pass giving Stanton the ball back at their own 27-yard line with 10:59 left in the game.

The Buffaloes mixed things up on offense mounting a 12-play drive capped by an 18-yard sprint to pay dirt by Kelly. Salgado added the PAT, cutting the Alpine lead to 37-14 with 5:30 left to play.

Stanton forced a fumble to end Alpine's next possession, but time expired before the Buffaloes could cash in on the turnover. Stanton finished the game strong which is a major plus for the Buffaloes, according to McCown.

"We can carry the fact that we didn't fold and lay down at the end of the game into district play," McCown said.

The Buffaloes (0-5) take a week off, before traveling to Anson to open district play October 7.



The Dallas Cowboys renew a rivalry Sunday as they travel to the West Coast to take on a once proud NFL team in the San Francisco 49ers.

While the rivalry is not what it used to be, Sunday's game should still hold bite. Both teams are trying to rebuild their franchises from a once dominant time.

No team has more Super Bowls (5) than the Niners or Cowboys. The Niners dominated the 1980s with Joe Montana and Jerry Rice and a bit in the 1990s with Rice and Steve Young. The Cowboys took care of the rest of the 1990s and were led by soon-to-be Hall of Famers Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin.

These days, they are both hardly dominating.

The Cowboys have not won a Super Bowl since 1996 and the Niners have to look back to 1995 to find their last trophy. Each team was a part of back-to-back wins as Dallas won in 1993 and 1994 behind the triplets and San Francisco won in 1989 and 1990 behind Bill Walsh and Montana.

The current decade is being dominated by the New England Patriots, so copying them is what a lot of current teams are doing. They matched the Cowboys' mark last year after defeating the

Philadelphia Eagles in becoming just the second team to win Super Bowls in three out of four years.

Both Dallas and San Francisco turned to new coaches recently to guide into the right direction.

The Cowboys turned to proven winner Bill Parcells, who has a Super Bowl ring with the New York Giants. Parcells also had some success with the Patriots and N.Y. Jets. Parcells is currently in his third year with the team, but probably hasn't done what was expected. He surprised the critics in his first year with a 10-6 record and playoff berth and then followed that up with a 6-10 record.

This year, Parcells concentrated on defense in the draft and switched to a 3-4 set. They got Demarcus Ware and Marcus Spears in the first and grabbed Kevin Burnett in the second round. All three will see big-time action this season.

The Niners are still looking for that guy to replace Young like Young replaced Montana. They are also looking for another Rice since Owens forced his way out of the Bay Area two seasons ago.

They had two very disappointing years under head coach Dennis Erickson, which triggered a firing and a hiring of defensive guru Mike Nolan. Nolan served as the defensive coordinator of the Baltimore Ravens the past two years and learned a lot of what he does from the Patriots'

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**Friday's area high school scores**  
Clyde 31, Coahoma 7  
Winters 49, Forsan 39  
Alpine 31, Stanton 14  
Garden City 48, El Paso Jesus Chapel 0  
Highland 60, Grady 12  
Loraine 62, Sands 12  
Greenwood 32, Andrews 14  
Midland Trinity 51, Water Valley 32

**Adkins runs over Grady in Highland**

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
HIGHLAND

Highland's Ryan Adkins put on a show Friday night in front of a home crowd at Hornet Stadium as the No. 3 Hornets cruised past Grady, 60-12. The game was called in the third quarter due to the 45-point mercy rule.

Adkins did much of the damage for Highland as he ran the ball up and down the field all night, tallying 255 rushing yards and six touchdowns. The Hornets did not need to pass to win as they rushed for nearly 400 yards and did not attempt a pass.

The Wildcats remained close early on in the first quarter. After a 17-yard

interception return by



Highland to start the game's scoring. Grady junior Aguedo RIVAS Najera rumbled 35 yards for the touchdown.

Then, Adkins began what could be considered a career night. Twelve seconds after Najera's score, Adkins took the ball in from 45 yards out. And then just under three minutes later he scored again from 32 yards out.

The Hornets led 20-6 after one quarter, but Adkins was far from done. He started the second period off with a 10-

yard touchdown run and ended the quarter with a 47-yard touchdown run with 33 seconds go until halftime.

In between Adkins' two touchdown runs, the Wildcats added their final touchdown. Junior quarterback Taylor Fields connected with sophomore Tommy Lee Rivas from 14 yards out. However, Highland was too much to handle on this night.

Adkins finished off his night with two quick scores in the third quarter. The first one came just more than one minute into the period as he reached the end zone from 44 yards out. His final rushing score of the game came with 6:53 to go in the period and he

scored from 21 yards out.

Highland (5-0) added another interception return for a touchdown and a 53-yard touchdown run late in the period as the 45-point mercy rule came into effect with 2:31 to play in the third period.

Grady managed just 42 rushing yards and 121 passing yards and dropped to 0-5 on the season. The Wildcats will have a week off as they prepare for the start of the district season in two weeks. Grady hosts Loop Oct. 7.

**Coahoma offense struggles to find end zone against 3A Clyde**

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

CLYDE — Coahoma's offense continued to struggle on the road Friday night against Class 3A Clyde as the battle of the Bulldogs went in favor of the home team, 31-7.

Coahoma failed to score an offensive touchdown in the contest and managed just 91 total yards. Alex Herrera was responsible for the Bulldogs' only score as he recovered a fumble in the end



zone with 3:24 to go in the game.

Clyde jumped out in front in the first quarter as Curtis Kevil scored from 12 yards out.

Wes Liles pretty much handled the rest for the other Bulldogs as he added a touchdown run of

34 yards in the second quarter and caught a pass from two yards out from Jacob Agnew in the third quarter.

Liles also kicked a 22-yard field goal and added three extra points. Carl West scored the final touchdown for Clyde in the fourth quarter as he reached the end zone from two yards out.

Each team had trouble holding on to the football as both Coahoma and Clyde finished with four turnovers.

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# Clyde scores winning touchdown late, gets past Coahoma on road

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

Coahoma's junior varsity football team suffered a tough loss to Clyde Thursday as the Bulldogs gave up a touchdown with 15 seconds left in the game and lost 19-14.

Clyde's touchdown was scored on an 18-yard touchdown pass. The extra point was no good, but Clyde still found a way to win in the end.

Clyde scored first with a 50-yard in the first quarter, but Coahoma came

back and got on the board and led 8-7 after one period.

Neither team scored in the second quarter and Clyde took the lead in the third quarter with a 12-yard run.

P.J. Daylong scampered 53 yards in the fourth quarter to put Coahoma up 14-13, but the touchdown late was too much for the Bulldogs to overcome.

The team does not play next but takes on rival Colorado City Oct. 6.

# Winters JV scores late, takes down Buffaloes

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

The Forsan Buffalo junior varsity football team gave head coach Brad Batla all he could ask for Thursday night as they gave a huge effort all night.

Unfortunately, the Winters Blizzards played hard all night, as well, and slipped out of town with a 28-25 win in the final two seconds.

"We are very proud of our kids," Batla said. "They played a very good football game tonight."

The two squads matched up pretty well as they battled for the lead the entire game.

Winters opened the scoring going up 8-0 in the first quarter. But the Buffs came right back on a 65-yard drive resulting in a five-yard touchdown run by Vince Pennick.

As the half drew close, the Blizzards managed to score again and it seemed they might have the edge going into halftime.

But on the ensuing kickoff, Pennick took the kick and raced 70 yards for the score, drawing closer to the Blizzards for a 14-12 halftime score.

# Forsan junior high gets big victory against district rival

Special to the Herald

The Forsan junior high football team traveled to Winters and came back with a 28-6 victory.

The Buffaloes took the opening kickoff and marched down the field using more than five minutes of the clock and Ryan Flores scored from six yards out. Jake Moore scored the two-point conversion to make the score 8-0.

When the Buffs got the ball back, Monte Anderson broke loose on a 70-yard touchdown run. The extra point kick was blocked to make the score 14-0.

With less than a minute left in the first half, Evan Burton went 53 yards for a touchdown. The extra

point failed. The score at halftime was 20-6.

In the third quarter the Blizzards on downs from the one-yard line and took over on the six. Three plays later Anderson went 80 yards for a touchdown. Flores scored the extra point to make the final score 28-6.

The defense had a tremendous game holding the Blizzards in check. The standouts were Flores, Cameron Churchwell, Burton (one interception), Josh Hatfield, Moore, John Groves, Kenneth Rawls, Anderson, Steven Johnson, Zach Hatfield, Chase Pierce and Robert Strickland.

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play drive started off the scoring. After stopping the Chargers on four downs, Halfmann found Multer on a short pass completion, but Multer then rumbled 27 yards for the score.

"The only team that can beat us right now is ourselves," said Multer. "We just need to be prepared for every game and we will be all right."

Sophomore Bo Eggemeyer kept the scoring going later in the first quarter as the Bearkats needed just two plays on their next scoring drive and went up 13-0 seven minutes into the game.

Halfmann added another touchdown as he scrambled and dodged tacklers during a 34-yard run to the end zone. That touchdown came after two incompletions and put the Bearkats up 21-0.

The Chargers got a first down on its next drive, but Garden City stopped the drive just into the second quarter after Jesus Chapel picked up nine yards and needed 11 on fourth down.

Five plays later, the Bearkats reached the end zone again.

Junior Jared Bradford started the drive with a 10-yard catch and then junior Sam Long put the Bearkats into the red zone with a 20-yard grab. After two straight incompletions by Halfmann, the junior quarterback found junior Ryan Machicek wide open in the end zone from 11 yards out.

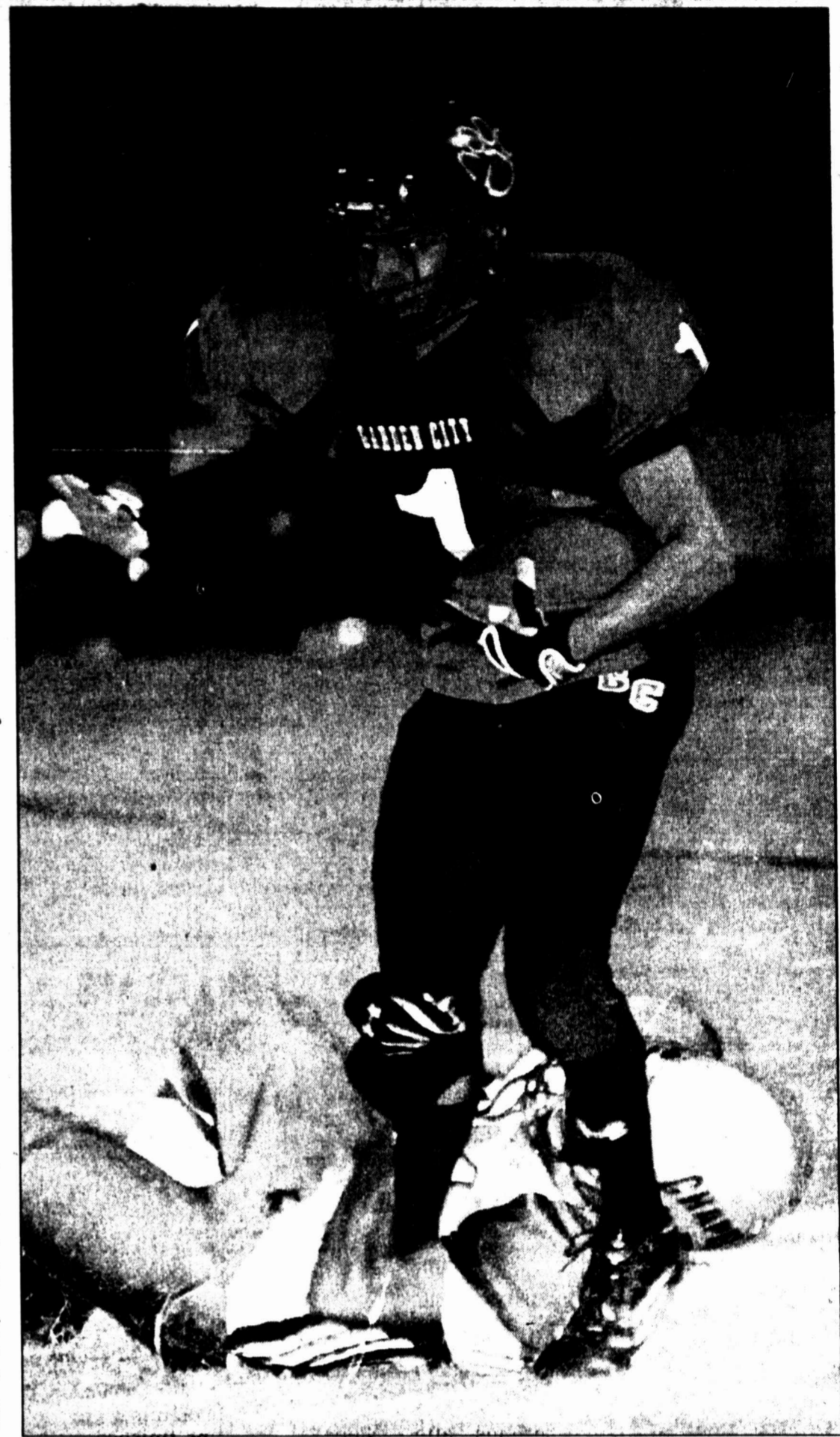
"We have a lot of weapons and when we're clicking we are tough to beat," said Hoskins. "Coach (Koby) Abney did a good job calling the plays tonight and Coach (Josh) Fee had the defense zoned in."

The Bearkats forced a four and out on Jesus Chapel's next drive and got back on the board with another one-play drive as Eggemeyer scored on a 27-yard shuffle pass from Halfmann.

The Chargers mounted a decent drive on their next possession as they got a first down after a run of six and a pass of 13 yards, but Garden City ended the drive shortly after that with an interception inside the 20-yard line.

Another short drive was put together by Garden City as they scored in four plays.

After a short gain by Jason Flores on a catch, Eggemeyer took off for 28 yards and then Multer got the Bearkats into the red zone with a 21-yard catch. Bradford finished off the drive with a 19-yard run. The conversion failed, but Garden City still led 42-0 with just more than four



Garden City's Jason Flores tries to get away from an El Paso Jesus Chapel tackler during the first half of action in Garden City Friday. The Bearkats cruised to the 48-0 win and improved to 3-1 on the year.

minutes to go until halftime.

The Chargers again got into the red zone on offense on their next drive, but an incomplete, a Multer sack and two short yardage plays turned the ball back over to Garden City on downs.

Garden City had 2:25 to end the game at halftime via the mercy rule, but Hoskins called off the dogs and utilized his depth. The Bearkats went three and out and punted, but took a 42-0 lead into halftime.

Jesus Chapel had two big plays on the drive just before the break, but were unable to score before the clock hit all zeros.

The Bearkats wasted no time in the third quarter as they finished off the Chargers with a four-play drive, which took just more than two minutes.

Eggemeyer began the drive with a nine-yard

run and then Bradford pulled a long pass play good for 59 yards. After a five-yard run by Eggemeyer, Bradford ended the game with a six-yard scamper.

The Bearkats were able to play all 16 kids and Hoskins believed depth played a role again for Garden City.

"I hate to keep harping on that, but I feel like it helped us," said Hoskins. "They don't play many kids and they began to get

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head coach Bill Belichick. Not a bad guy to take stuff from either.

The Niners took a different route this year in their draft as they started over offensively. They took quarterback Alex Smith with the top pick this past year after going 2-14 last season.

Then they upgraded their offensive line with center/guard David Baas and Oregon tackle Adam Snyder. They currently have 10 rookies on their team and eight of them play offense.

Nolan did make a similar move to Dallas though when he also decided to implement the 3-4 defense.

Nolan is instituting an attitude in the bay area that it's OK to win this year, but the 49ers will have their backs to the walls as only 15 guys on the 53-man roster have more than five years experience. One is kicker Joe Nedney and four others — Steve Bush, Chris Hetherington, Brian Jennings and Travis Hall — rarely play.

Dallas will most likely return to form before the Niners and it could start this year with another trip to the playoffs. Being the Niners fan that I have always been, I am confident they will too. I just have to be patient and put my trust in Nolan.

Sunday's game is not as meaningful as some of the other games these two

teams have been apart of, but you can bet that fans of both teams will want to walk away with a win.

The Cowboys should win the game, but being the Niners are at home, that could be an advantage. San Francisco upset the Rams at home in Week 1 but got torched last week by the Eagles in Philly. If the Niners win Sunday, it will be the first time they have started the season 2-0 at home since 1999.

The Cowboys have already gotten a win against another team from the West Coast when they defeated the

San Diego Chargers in Week 1. They could go 3-0 against teams from that area with a win over the Niners this weekend and victory

against Randy Moss and the Oakland Raiders in two weeks.

I hope for football's sake that both of these teams return to their past greatness because there wasn't a much better playoff rivalry in football than the Niners and Cowboys of the 1980s and 1990s.

Only time will tell if and when these teams do return to greatness, but for now one team will have to settle for a meaningless regular season win in Week 3 this year. A loss by Dallas could be devastating to its playoff run and a win by San Francisco doesn't mean much as the Niners most likely will have to wait until future seasons for a shot in the playoffs.

Dallas (1-1) @ San Francisco (1-1) Sunday, 3:05 p.m.

Team Leaders
Passing Yards
Dallas: Drew Bledsoe — 487
San Francisco: Tim Flattay — 272
Rushing Yards
Dallas: Julius Jones — 174
San Francisco: Keven Barlow — 56
Receiving Yards
Dallas: Terry Glenn — 199
San Francisco: Amaz Battle — 103

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Forsan forced a punt but was unable to do much as time ran out on the first half.

The Blizzards opened up the third quarter with a 58-yard kickoff return and two plays later with a touchdown widening their lead to 28-14.

The Buffalo offense had a hard time finding its rhythm early on in the second half as their first two drives were halted by a punt and an interception.

Fortunately, the defense was able to force a turnover as senior Josh Paredes stripped a Winters runner of the ball, but they could not take advantage.

After another stop by the defense, Forsan took over on their own 18-yard line. They moved out to the 43 when Newcomb took the handoff and bolted, untouched through a huge hole for a 57-yard touchdown.

Newcomb was the top rusher on the night for the Buffs as he had 140

yards rushing on 22 carries and two touchdowns.

The scoring began to pick up late in the third.

Winters wasted no time and moved 60 yards on four plays scoring on a 34-yard run. The extra point was blocked leaving the score, 34-21.

Forsan opened the fourth, answering the Blizzards score with a seven play scoring drive, all on the ground, seeing Baker score again from 15 yards out.

Johnson's extra point kick was blocked leaving the Buffs down by seven, 34-27, with 9:14 left in the game.

Winters moved to the Buffalo 44-yard line and handed off to Perez who went around the right side and scored with a little over seven minutes to go. That score put Winters up 41-27.

Forsan's next drive was stopped short on a diving attempt by Baker near the sideline on fourth down as the Blizzards took over at midfield.

After a 28-yard pass took Winters to the Buffalo 4-yard line, Perez was able to get in the end zone as Winters stretched

the lead to 47-27.

Winters was flagged for a late hit on the block and Forsan started their next drive from the Blizzards 47-yard line.

On the first play from scrimmage, sophomore Adam Bailey beat the safety as Baker hit him in stride for the 47-yard touchdown. Bailey finished with two catches for 58 yards and a score.

But the positive momentum was short lived as the Blizzards intercepted the two-point conversion try and took it 101 yards the other way making the score, 49-33 with 3:35 remaining.

The Buffalos again had a chance to pull closer as Forshee was able to recover the onside kick attempt.

But the Buffaloes took themselves out of any real contention with a 15-yard penalty for unsportsman-like conduct and a 10-yard loss on a Winters sack of Baker.

Facing a fourth and 35 on their own 22-yard line, the Buffaloes had no choice but to punt with 2:32 left in the game.

The Buffalo defense was able to stop the Blizzards

and forced the ball over on downs.

With time only for one more drive the Buffs ran a reverse to Johnson who dropped back and found Paredes in the end zone for a 22-yard touchdown.

With the score now, 49-39, Forsan lined up for the onside attempt, but saw it go out of bounds with just :05 left.

Winters took a knee and the victory as time ran out on the Buffs.

Thompson praised the play of Bailey and Russell Strong. Strong stepped in for the injured Shelby Lefever.

Thompson added that he believes his team is right on the verge and the more they can cut down on penalties and mistakes the closer they will get to winning.

"We did a lot of things well last night," said Thompson. "We just happened to get some penalties at the wrong time that hurt us. We came up short this week but definitely pulled it together as a team and played well as a team."

Forsan will host Sterling City next Friday at 7:30 p.m.

BEARKATS

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tired in the second quarter.

The Bearkats finished with a balanced offensive attack with 162 yards passing and 160 rushing yards.

Eggemeyer led the ground attack with 92 yards on six carries. Halfmann had 162 yards through the air with three touchdowns.

Bradford and Multer

each had two catches for 49 and 47 yards, respectively.

Senior Cade Doss led the defense with 10 tackles and two forced fumbles.

Blaine Walker added six tackles, while senior Colton Schwartz had six tackles (two for loss), one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

The Bearkats defense held the Chargers, who were averaging nearly 40 points per game before Friday, to less than 200 yards.

After a loss in the first week of the season to Grandfalls-Royalty, the state-ranked Bearkats have won three straight and are right where they need to be heading into homecoming next week and district play in two weeks.

"We had a good all around effort tonight and I like where we are," said Hoskins. "We have to stay focused next week for homecoming. I want the kids to have fun and do all the extra stuff that comes with the week, but

I need their focus on the field for about two hours a night."

The Bearkats will take on undefeated Midland Trinity and Matt Room, who rushed for 2,000 yards last year, but was held in check by Garden City in last year's meeting.

"We need to get the festivities over with quickly because our main focus is going to be on the game," said Multer. "We are going to get their best game and we need to stay focused all week."

Huge Red Tag Clearance Sale

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# Mission trip to Acuna, Mexico



The Rev. Duane Bemis, left and below, along with Domingo Rios, give the children of Acuna, Mexico toys and hats.

The blessings Americans enjoy were made starkly real for a group of 11 people from Temple Belen Church who traveled to Acuna, Mexico July 25-30, carrying 112 boxes filled with clothes, shoes and food.

"This gave us such an awareness of why we had come there. The people living there have such a resourcefulness, frugality and work ethic that it put us to shame," said the Rev. Duane Bemis, chaplain for Cornell Corrections.

Bemis recounted one young boy about 10 or 12 who was wearing a pair of shoes several sizes too big. The boy explained that he and his sister shared the shoes, as it was the only pair they had between them.

"We found a pair of shoes, Nikes I think, that fit that boy exactly. His face lit up when he put those tennis shoes on," Bemis said.

One of the memorable parts of the trip was working with the "Cardboard Church," a phrase coined by the missionaries because of the material used to construct the church. The homes of the people, mostly women and young children, were basically shacks, with little support, no doors or windows.

"Erica said she never thought to be grateful for having front doors and windows," he said.

Bemis writes of the trip: "We prayed and asked our father God (Jehovah Jireh, Our Provider) to provide the finances we needed and he did. The Saturday before we left, we had \$400. Sunday morning survive, people gave so graciously and \$1,530 was given for the mission trip.

"Once we were there, the Mexican government custom agents stopped us and sent us back. We had to go unload the trailers

and fit just a few things in the vehicles. We learned that you have to give the custom agent cash to bribe your way across the border. One day they would tell you no food and the next day they would tell you no clothes item. But \$20 seemed to make anything all right to bring into Mexico. Darilyn prayed against the spirit of usury and extortion and the rest of the trip we went across with no problems."

The missionary trip consisted of holding prayer and worship services as well as meeting individuals and their families, offering food, clothing and prayer.

Bemis writes:

"We went from hut to hut for most had no doors. We prayed at one cardboard home for the elderly man in a wheel chair for he had lost his hearing. He received instant healing and the smile on his face was priceless. We then followed a little boy over to his home. He was about 5 years old and he wanted us to pray for his daddy, who had a hurt back. The Lord healed the man instantly and the dad reached down and picked up his son. Both he and his wife were very grateful for the cans of food and literature we gave them.

"Thursday, back to Acuna to one of the poorest place in the city. We drove up a dry riverbed to get to this remote area. We were all taken in by the poverty found in this area of town or as they call it, a colonian. Every doorway was covered with a sheet or blanket. Many homes did not have windows either. But the children and the people were very clean and the local pastor had his leadership in order.

"We preached the word of God and prayed over many. Then we gave away food, activity bags

and even fresh produce that we acquired at a store in Acuna. More than 100 adults were present along with 75 children. We had enough food, clothing and activity bags to bless them all."

Bemis said he was blessed to see that no matter how many people came seeking food, supplies and clothing, there was always just enough to fill the need.

"I felt like Christ on the mount in Matthew 5 and 6. I believe it was like when Jesus fed the masses with the fishes and loaves of bread. We always had just enough," he said.

Those attending the trip included The Rev. Maria and Domingo Rios, Chaplain Duane and Darilyn Bemis, Lawrence and Maria Mrtinez, Chirs and Erica Rios, Manuel Negron, Jesse Garza and Brittney Villarael.

Those donating food and new or used clothing for the mission trip included God's Church pastors Joe and Marisela Hernandez, Spring of Life Church pastors Johnny and Dee Sevey, members of Templo Belen church, Estela Garibay, Bargain Mart, Mr. and Mrs. Oswaldo Rodriguez, Cindy Tercero, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Martinez of Speedy Construction and the individuals who made the trip.

Cash donations were made by Mr. and Mrs. Pablo Chavez, Mr. and Mrs. Fausto San Juan, Mr. and Mrs. Jose Luis Cardenas, Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Hernandez, Mrs. Ermelinda Guitierrez, Mr. and Mrs. Ismael Bihl and the Temple Belen Missionette group.

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The homes of Acuna, Mexico, above and below, have no doors or windows.



This group of Acuna, Mexico teen-agers show off their new T-shirts.



Manuel Negron, left, Erica Rios and Chris Rios traveled with nine others to Acuna, Mexico to distribute food, clothing and toys to impoverished residents. The bright flash in this photo could not be explained, according to Bemis.

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# Wedding



Mrs. James David Turnbough

## Johnson, Turnbough wed

Laura Christine Johnson of Lubbock became the bride of James David Turnbough of Tokio at 5 p.m. Sept. 3, 2005, at the Historic Baker Building in Lubbock. Colt McCook, friend of the groom and a master of divinity student at Abilene Christen University, performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Dan and Shirley Johnson of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of the late Foster Sims and Flo Price and Leonard and Madeline Johnson.

The groom is the son of Gary and Judy Turnbough of Denver City. He is the grandson of David and Vi Turnbough of Denver City, Obie and Pat Lee of Lubbock and the late LaNelle Turnbough.

Given away in marriage by her father, the bride wore an A-line gown of pearl matte satin. The strapless gown featured a v-notch trimmed with platinum bugle beads and seed pearls. This trim continued in an asymmetrical sweep to create a wrap effect, defining the

dropped waistline. The same trim edge the hem and finished the carriage-back train.

She carried a rounded bouquet of Asiatic lilies, Leonidas roses and white Eskimo roses. She also carried a New Testament with a mother-of-pearl cover.

Rachel Price, of Oklahoma City, Okla., served as matron of honor while bridesmaids were Chandra McBee of Big Spring and Julie Adams of Abilene.

Jeremy McClure of Weatherford served as bestman and groomsmen were Gary Turnbough, father of the groom, and David Turnbough, grandfather of the groom.

Following the ceremony, the bride and groom visited with friends and family. The square, three-tiered wedding cake decorated with flowers and the groom's amaretto cheesecake decorated with fruit were highlights of the reception.

Following a honeymoon in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania, the couple made their home in Denver City.



Mr. and Mrs. Casey James Henry

## Hillger, Henry wed

Dorie Lynn Hillger and Casey James Henry were united in marriage by the Rev. Derrick Looney at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005, at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The bride is the daughter of Bert and Pauline Hillger of Big Spring. The groom is the son of Donna and Allen Carlilie and Arvil Henry of Big Spring.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father, Bert Hillger, who gave her away. She wore an ivory and champagne-colored wedding gown with roses on both shoulders that continued down the back of the champagne-colored, scalloped trimmed train.

Her veil, made by her mother, Pauline Hillger, was a rose headpiece with three tiers of twill in an ivory color.

Keelie Parks, niece of the bride, served as maid

of honor. Bridesmaids were Alexis Parks, Kristie Lantrip, Breanna Carlilie and Ally Duncan.

Flower girls were Tera Hillger, Jessica Wittrein, Kiara Thomas and Lindsay Rush.

Allen Carlilie Jr., brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Jeremy McBrayer and Michael Burcham. Ushers were Jimmy Archer and Brandon Bingham.

She is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School and a cosmetology student at Howard College.

He graduated from Coahoma in 1996 and owns his own business of customizing trucks.

A reception followed the ceremony at the community center.

The couple honeymooned in Ruidosa, N.M.

They make their home in Big Spring.



Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Reed Barker

## Hensley, Barker wed

Lauren Elizabeth Hensley and Kevin Reed Barker, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows at 7 p.m. Sept. 4, 2005, at the Dora Roberts Pavilion with Justice of the Peace Benny Green and Don Smith officiating.

The bride is the daughter of George and Debbie Hensley of Levelland. She is the granddaughter of Leamon and Joy Stancell of Muleshoe and the late Earnest and Helen Hensley.

The groom is the son of Steve and Jeri Barker of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Ron and Doris Booth of Big Spring, Buck and Carolyn Barker of Levelland and the late Johnnie Barker.

Given away in marriage by her father and mother, the bride wore an ivory white dress with a short train and a beaded top. The veil was long with scattered beads. The bride's bouquet was a nosegay of dark pink, light pink and white roses tied together with a pink satin ribbon.

Kasie Landers served as maid of honor and bridesmaids where Shay Prothro, Kasie Landers, Lindsey Reid and Jessica Barker.

America Edwards served as flower girl.

Best man was John Barker and groomsmen were Jake Smith, Chase Etheredge and Steve Barker.

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Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Acosta Cavazos

Buske, Cavazos wed

Nuptial vows were exchanged by Amanda Jean Buske and Jacob Acosta Cavazos at 2 p.m., July 9, 2005.

The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cavazos of Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Buske of Coahoma and Wanda Brock of Big Spring.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Pat Buske. She wore a white, silk satin, halter-style gown with a fitted bodice. The bodice was lightly embroidered with delicate flowers and seed pearls. The A-line ball skirt floated from the waist to the floor forming a slight train. The back of the gown was a lace-up corset style.

A tiara was worn in the bride's hair with a veil of peau de soie falling gracefully from her hair. The bride carried long-stemmed fuchsia pink roses.

Miss Ashley Buske, sister of the bride, of Coahoma served as maid of honor. Joe Cavazos Jr., brother of the groom, of Crane was best man.

The four-tiered white almond cake was decorated on top with fuchsia pink roses, baby's breath and pink ribbon. Crystal and silver appointments were used.

The groom's cake was chocolate topped with fresh strawberries. Serving were Jennifer Cavazos and Carmelita Cavazos, sisters of the groom.

Also serving were aunts of the bride, Sandy Parker, Michelle Bobo, Amber Buske, Pandy Buske and Mandy Buske. An early dinner was served by the groom's family and an evening dance finished the night's wedding event.

The bride is a graduate of McCamey High School and the groom is a graduate of Crane High School.

Following the ceremony, the couple made their home in Big Spring.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lee David Meadors

Scherer, Meadors wed

Stephanie Scherer of St. Louis, Mo., and Senior Airman Lee David Meadors of Big Spring were united in holy matrimony at 4 p.m. Aug. 6, 2005, at College Baptist Church with the Rev. Jeff Jance officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Robert Scherer Jr. and Cis and Mike Moore, all of St. Louis, Mo. She is the granddaughter of Harriette and Robert Scherer Sr. and Mary and Jerry Standley, all of St. Louis, Mo.

The groom is the son of Larry and Amy Meadors of Big Spring and the grandson of Ruth and D.D. Meadors of Pearland.

Given in marriage by her father and mother, the bride wore a long, white halter dress. She carried a bouquet of white roses.

The groom was dressed in his U.S. Air Force uniform.

During the ceremony a personalized CD was played and the Wedding March was played by Betty Birdwell.

Morgan Wiederman served as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Karmen Jackson,

Kathleen Meadors and Tori Towery.

Flower girl was Hope Scherer. Ring Bearer was Robert Scherer III.

Candlelighters for the ceremony were Cis Moore, mother of the bride, and Amy Meadors, mother of the groom.

R.C. Smith served as best man and groomsmen were Joseph Scherer, Frank Lichnovsky and David Barrett.

Jerry Standley, uncle of the bride, served as usher for the evening. Marilyn Waight, aunt of the groom, served as the photographer.

Following the ceremony, the guests attended a dinner and dance held at the Dora Roberts Civic Center with Bryan Michaelz serving as DJ.

Tommy and Olga Billalba cooked and served the food.

Births



Ryleigh Rae Pirraglia

Ryleigh Rae Pirraglia, a girl, was born on Sept. 15, 2005, at 11:02 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Parents are Irene Trevino and Orville Pirraglia of Big Spring. Grandparents are Olivia and Tiburcio Trevino and Jenni and Orville Pirraglia Sr.

Perez of Big Spring. His grandparents are Maria E. Escobar and Danie! and Paula Perez.

Lionel was welcomed home by siblings Esperanza Mia, Fe Delavido, Karicia and Soleda.

Taylor Toby Kirkham, a boy, was born Aug. 31, 2005, at 2:28 p.m. weighing 6 pounds and was 18 inches long.

His parent is Kimbre Kirkham of Big Spring. His grandparents are Lana Dyer and Kenneth Kirkham, both of Big Spring.

Lionel Ramirez Perez II, a boy, was born Aug. 26, 2005, at 8:16 weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

His parents are Juana and Lionel Ramirez

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## StarTek employees assist victims of Hurricane Katrina

Special to the Herald

Local StarTek employees lent a helping hand to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Employees of StarTek Inc., a leading provider of business process outsourcing services for the customer care industry, collected more than 125 boxes of donated goods for the company's first weekly shipment of

items to those displaced by Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana.

The boxes — containing food, personal care products and clothing donated from 17 operating facilities throughout the U.S. and Canada — equate to roughly three tons worth of items. StarTek also donated 1,500 cases of bottled water for victims, according to information released by the company.



Amy Claire Wild, StarTek vice president for marketing and corporate communications, said she came up with the idea of the relief effort after talking with Chamber of Commerce officials in Alexandria, La., home of one of the company's

customer care centers.

"When they began to describe the evacuees' situation, we came up with the idea of focusing the efforts of all our StarTek employees to help," Wild said.

Donations were sent to Alexandria, about 200 miles northwest of New Orleans, where employee volunteers distributed them to local relief services to help the anticipated

10,000 to 13,000 evacuees residing in temporary shelter facilities there.

StarTek is coordinating the ongoing, company-wide donation drive among its employees at 17 operating locations and its headquarters to collect much-needed items such as clothing, personal care products, food, toys, games and books.

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Mechanic Leonard McLean holds a starter interference box before installing on a Ford SUV at North Texas Motorcars in East Dallas. McLean is the shop supervisor for the used car dealership that utilizes the disabler boxes. If a customer fails to make a payment for the month, the car will no longer start when the ignition is turned on.

## Fiberod products qualify as enhanced efficiency equipment

Special to the Herald

The Fibercomposite Company Inc., dba Fiberod, a privately held Big Spring-based fiberglass sucker rod manufacturing company, has products that qualify as enhanced efficiency equipment under an act approved by the 2005 Texas Legislature.

The act entitles Texas oil producers to receive up to 10 percent severance tax credit on marginal oil wells — 10 barrels of oil or less per day — for using approved enhanced efficiency equipment that reduces oil well electrical use by at least 10 percent.

The 10 percent tax credit is calculated by taking 10 percent of the cost of enhanced efficiency equipment, including installation costs, installed in a marginal oil well up to \$1,000 sever-

ance tax credit. The enhanced efficiency equipment must be purchased and installed from Sept. 1, 2005, until Sept. 1, 2009.

Fiberod officials say the company's fiberglass sucker rod have been tested and qualify as enhanced efficiency equipment by Texas Tech University and approved by the State Comptroller's office. The electrical energy savings in the Texas Tech tests were 14.9 percent.

Another independent study by a major Texas based oil company showed electrical savings of up to 30 percent, according to Fiberod officials.

Fiberod offers four sizes of fiberglass sucker rods that qualify for the severance tax credit.

For more information, a See FIBEROD, Page 12C

## Alon USA announces completion of reformer catalyst regeneration

Special to the Herald

Alon USA Energy Inc. (NYSE: ALJ) announced Friday that, following the recent expansion of its Big Spring refinery to 70,000 barrels per day, it has completed a reformer catalyst regeneration that was previously scheduled for January 2006.

As a result of downtime associated with the regeneration, refinery throughput for the third quarter is expected to be approximately 6,000 barrels per day lower than originally planned. In addition, Alon anticipates a \$1.70 per barrel reduction in yields for the third quarter, which is expected to be recovered in the fourth quarter by the conversion of unfinished product to

finished gasoline. For the third quarter, Alon expects its earnings per share to be in the range of \$0.43 to \$0.49.

As a result of accelerating the catalyst regeneration planned for January 2006, Alon's next regeneration will occur simultaneously with the installation of Alon's new low sulfur diesel unit planned in May 2006.

Alon USA Energy, Inc., headquartered in Dallas, is an independent refiner and marketer of petroleum products, operating primarily in the Southwestern and South Central regions of the United States. The company owns and operates a sophisticated sour crude

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## No pay, no go

Technology shuts down vehicles if buyers don't make their payments

By TERRY BOX

Knight-Ridder News

DALLAS — Most of the credit-damaged customers at North Texas Motorcars learn to live with the lights.

They're attached to a black box on the dashboard and start flashing on the first day a car payment is late. On the fourth day, after two more days of warning lights, the car won't start.

"I would not undertake buy-here/pay-here without this system," said Ray Williamson, president of North Texas Motorcars, which sells about 50 vehicles a month and installs boxes in each of them. "There's just too much

**"More people in this country have bad credit than have good credit. If somebody didn't take a chance on these people, they wouldn't be able to work."**

—James Ziegler, retail auto consultant

risk."

The box — called a starter interrupt unit — is used mostly at used-car dealerships that provide financing to customers with bad credit. But other segments of the auto industry may adopt it, partic-

ularly if consumers' credit ratings continue to decline.

"I can see this coming," said Michael R. Linn, chief executive of the National Independent Automobile Dealers Association, which is based in Arlington and represents 19,000 used-car dealers nationwide.

"The technology is there. Look at something like (General Motors') OnStar. It can already open doors and notify emergency authorities, and all of that. It could certainly shut a car down."

The On Time unit Williamson uses is marketed by Payment Protection Systems Inc. of

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## Tips for marketing cull cows and bulls this fall

On most ranches, cull cows and bulls will represent anywhere from 10 to 25 percent of the annual income from cattle sales. Yet, a lot of times significant money gets left on the table when marketing time comes. Often these animals are thought of as "just culls that bring whatever they bring at sale time."

Producers have a lot more control and marketing power than they may realize. Most often, this gets back to how cull animals are managed.

First, realize that there are options regarding what markets to sell to. There are generally two choices: livestock auctions or selling direct to a packer. Most packers offer the choice of selling live or on the rail.

Cows with the highest value are usually fairly young and have solid mouths. Most are culled for being open. During times of U.S. herd expansion (like we are currently in), these types of cows will usually sell for more money at a live auction, because someone there believes that they can take her home and make a brood cow out of her — and sometimes they are right.

During times of herd reduction (e.g. when prices are low, drought, etc.) these kinds of young cows and heiferlets may have more value as slaughter animals. Meat yield



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is high and many higher value cuts can be removed, as opposed to being boned and ground. If they are older than about 42 months of age, they will probably grade commercial.

For older cows at the end of their careers (so to speak), marketing and management options are a bit more diverse. These cows are graded as canner, cutter or utility (boning or breaking).

Canners are discounted because they are emaciated. Cutters are premium. Utility is a fat cow grade with discounts as fat increases. The key thing to realize about these types of animals is that they are valued on their meat-to-bone ratio. Bulls are graded thin, medium and meaty. In emaciated canner cows, what ranchers might think of a body condition score

1 to 3; the meat to bone ratio is lowest.

The ratio is highest in cutter grades, where animals have lost no muscle but have very little fat to trim. Ranchers would call these cows body condition 4. As body condition increases, discounts begin to apply because of the time and labor it takes to trim the fat. However, because of body weight, total income may be maximized as a high yield cutter or low utility, or body condition 5, or even 6 on a very muscular cow.

So, what can ranchers do? Sort, manage and market by grade of animal.

Generally good pasture conditions this fall may offer an opportunity that is not always available. Inspect teeth as cows are worked this fall. Look for thin cows that still may have

some teeth ("broken mouthed"). By weaning the calves and turning the cows back out on pasture, they will probably gain 1 to 2 condition scores in a few months. At sale they will bring more money because: 1) they will weigh more, 2) they will grade better, and 3) late season (Christmas, Thanksgiving, etc.) usually offers a better seasonal price.

Simple cow management offers some additional opportunities to avoid discounts. Market old cows before they become truly emaciated. If you notice eye or lameness problems, sell them before it gets too bad. Place brands high or low on the hip, not in the middle or on the ribs.

Use polled breeds or de-horn calves. Horns cause bruising to

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Public records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Lisa Beth Aleman, 308 W. First St., Stanton  
Lorie Avina, 603 Steakley, Big Spring  
Samantha Ann Berrera, 606 Lamar, Sweetwater  
Kerrie Lea Bhuiyan, 538 Westover, Big Spring  
Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. D, Snyder  
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Russell Burt, 4613 Storey, Midland  
Paul D. Calhoun, P.O. Box 842, Plains  
Wayne V. Carpenter, 3766 Patriot Dr., Abilene  
Oketra Cole, 1317 Tucson, Big Spring  
Andrea Renee Coxey, P.O. box 1042, Sterling City  
Stephanie R. Daniels, 506 N. Avt. T, Snyder  
James V. [redacted] 501 W. 17th, Big Spring  
Kathi Duke, 337 Greeson St., Summerville, Ga.  
Olga Fierro, 201 Jefferson, Big Spring  
Shannon Fonda, 910 N. Runnels, Coahoma  
John R. Franklin, PO Box 1521, Stanton  
Fabian Miguel Galan, 604 Abrams, Big Spring  
Kenneth Galindo, 6830 El Paso Dr., El Paso  
Concepcion Garcia, PO Box 16156, Lubbock  
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Christopher George, 215 E. Third, Laramie, Wyo.  
Frank Gibbs, 1102 Highway 176, Big Spring  
Katherine A. Gladhill, 7670 M. Trailer/2718 Rear, Lubbock  
Michael Gidewell, P.O. Box 204, Fort Davis  
Billy J. Gonzales, 1212 S. Hannah Rd., Hobbs, N.M.  
Naomi Gonzales, 1209 Runnels, Big Spring  
Elizabeth Gonzalez, 931 E. 17th Street, Odessa  
Ray Charles Green, 3016 S. CR 119, Midland  
Jeremy Royce Harman, 6713 E. Robinson Rd., Big Spring

Nicholas Hasenbalg, 207 W. Williams, Breckenridge  
Sharon Annette James, 1311 W. Second, Big Spring  
Ronald Jeffery, 1101 Fitch, Odessa  
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Gladys Lamonda, 400 Circle Street, Big Spring  
Robert Landrum, 310 E. Palace Ave., Hobbs, N.M.  
Johnathan Lee Lanham, 3708 28th St., Lubbock  
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Shawn Lowe, 500 S. Aylesford, Big Spring  
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Suzanne McMahan, 604 N. Washington, Denver City  
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Renee Perez, 2133 Glenwood Dr., Abilene  
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Jacob Unger, Co. Rd. 402, Seminole  
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County Court Decisions:  
Probated Judgment: Luis Aguilar, driving while intoxicated, \$400 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Roy D. Biddle, false statement for property/cre.Jit, \$250 fine, \$361 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Roy D. Biddle, possession of a controlled substance - more than 3 grams less than 28 grams, \$1,000 fine, \$311 court costs, 15 days in jail.  
Probated Judgment: Roy D. Biddle III, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Marriage Licenses:  
Gary Dean Daniels, 48, and Sherr Denise Daniels, 41, both of Midland.  
Kristian Menchaca, 22, of Kentucky, and Christina Alvarez, 17, of Big Spring.  
Doyle Dee Edmondson Jr., 35, and Allison R. Redding, 32, both of Big Spring.  
James Enoch Phelps, 27, and Theresa Catherine Porras, 23, both of Big Spring.  
Pedro Christopher Carrillo, 20, and Lisa Gabriela Padron, 18, both of Big Spring.  
Neal Brian Barbee, 42, and Lori Ann Graham, 39, both of Big Spring.

District Filings:  
Joe Manuel Jimenez vs. Mary Galan Jimenez, divorce.  
Tamara Lynn Crawford vs. Kevin Dean Crawford, divorce.  
Dana Kirby vs. Mark Leslie Kirby, divorce.  
Tara Freeman vs. Jacob Freeman, divorce.  
Dennis Noggler vs. Jean Noggler, divorce.

Jonetta Tate vs. William Farrell Ezell Jr., family protective order.  
Jason Mayo and Virginia Mayo vs Roger Smith and Triple R Contracting, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.  
Craig Peterson and Mike Peterson vs. George R. Dreher, other civil.  
Centex Home Equity Company vs. Connie Booth and Donald Booth, forfeit.

Warranty deeds:  
Grantor: Carrolle E. Braun  
Grantee: Kaddo Kothman and Penni Kothman  
Property: Lot 19, Block 30, College Park Estates  
Date Filed: Sept. 15, 2005

Grantor: Wendell and Wanda Jean Sander  
Grantee: Jack E. Hunt  
Property: A tract out of Section 18, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: Sept. 15, 2005

Grantor: Tori Borchardt  
Grantee: J. Robert Scott  
Property: Lot 24, Block 3, Washington Place Addition  
Date Filed: Sept. 15, 2005

Grantor: Maribel Ortega Cervantes  
Grantee: Robert Richardson and Linda Richardson  
Property: A tract out of Section 43, Block 31  
Date Filed: Sept. 15, 2005

Grantor: Bobby J. Rivera and Alicia Rivera  
Grantee: Rudy Rivera  
Property: Lot 12, Block 3, Ridgelea Terrace Addition  
Date Filed: Sept. 16, 2005

Grantor: Wendell and Wanda Jean Sanders  
Grantee: Jack E. Hunt  
Property: A tract out of Section 18, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: Sept. 19, 2005

Grantor: June Kennemer  
Grantee: Jerry Cannon and Stephanie Cannon  
Property: The W/10 feet of Lot 26 and the E/40 feet of Lot 27, Block 1, Hayden Addition

Date Filed: Sept. 19, 2005

Warranty deeds with vendors lien:  
Grantor: First RDW Ltd.  
Grantee: David Burris and Kandi Burris  
Property: Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 14, Boydston Addition  
Date Filed: Sept. 7, 2005

Grantor: William I. Bryant and Luann J. Bryant  
Grantee: James Williams  
Property: Lot 5, Block 1, Colonial Hills  
Date Filed: Sept. 7, 2005

Grantor: Jonnie W. Goswick, Gary L. Goswick and Verna E. Baldwin  
Grantee: Ramon Lopez Jr. and Christina Hernandez  
Property: Lot 3, Block 4, College Heights  
Date Filed: Sept. 9, 2005

Grantor: Shane Clanton  
Grantee: Gary Nelson  
Property: Two tracts out of Section 36, Block 34, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: Sept. 9, 2005

Grantor: Nathan Eugene Hughes  
Grantee: Audrey Alfano and Kenneth Alfano  
Property: Lot 28, Block 5, College Park Estates  
Date Filed: Sept. 9, 2005

Grantor: James Lewis  
Grantee: Michael D. Beech and Amy Beech  
Property: Lot 1, Block 9, Highland South No. 3  
Date Filed: Sept. 9, 2005

Grantor: William H. Black and Cynthia Black  
Grantee: Sherman Chew and Omega Chew  
Property: Lot 14, Block 17, College Park Estates  
Date Filed: Sept. 13, 2005

Grantor: Arlene Buckner  
Grantee: Jonny C. Moore and Lallye R. Moore  
Property: A tract out of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: Sept. 14, 2005

Grantor: William H. Black and Cynthia Black  
Grantee: Sherman Chew and Omega Chew  
Property: Lot 14, Block 17, College Park Estates  
Date Filed: Sept. 14, 2005

Grantor: Raymond L. Harrison and Diane E. Harrison  
Grantee: Ralph R. Matteson and Elaine R. Matteson  
Property: A tract out of Section 7, Block 30, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: Sept. 14, 2005

Grantor: Ricky R. Ward and Sherry S. Ward  
Grantee: Stephen Park and Judy Park  
Property: Lot 6, Block 7, Kentwood Unit No. 1  
Date Filed: Sept. 15, 2005

Grantor: Sandra Rhodes  
Grantee: Mike D. Towne  
Property: Lot 6 and part of Lot 7, Block 15, North Park Hill Addition  
Date Filed: Sept. 15, 2005

Grantor: C.L. Gooch  
Grantee: Cary Wiggins  
Property: Two tracts out of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: Sept. 16, 2005

Grantor: Donnie Ray Reid  
Grantee: William R. Neal and Zane Neal Bobbit  
Property: A tract of land out of Section 6, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: Sept. 16, 2005

Grantor: Robert L. Abbott and Linda S. Abbott  
Grantee: Eddie M. Hughes and Cindy Hughes  
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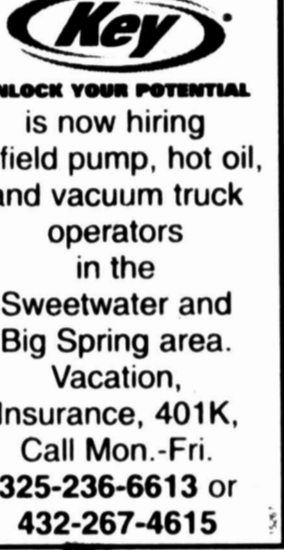
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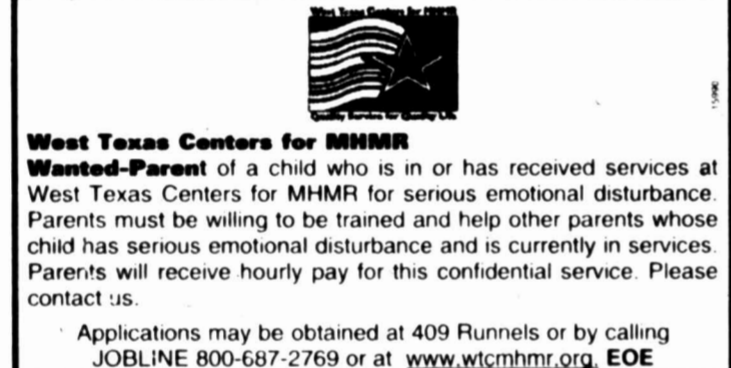


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CITY OF BIG SPRING  
ADVERTISEMENT AND  
INVITATION FOR REQUEST  
FOR BID FOR SALE  
OF PROPERTY

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Director of Public Works, 310 Nolan, 2nd Floor, until 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, October 4, 2005, to solicit purchasers for property that is described as 910 Douglas, Lot 4, Block 16, Cedar Crest Subdivision, Tract 1166, 0.237 acres, and 911 Douglas, Lot 4, Block 17, Cedar Crest Subdivision, Tract 1175, 0.333 acres within the County of Howard, City of Big Spring. Streets not open that are described as South Bell Street, beginning at the south right of way line of Martin Luther King Blvd to the south right of way line of East 13th Street, a (60' ft x 610' ft) parcel of land, and East 13th beginning at the west right of way line of South Lancaster to the west right of way line of South Bell, a (60' ft x 370' ft) parcel of land.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bid, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be evaluated and presented to the City Council for award on October 11, 2005. The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. #4701 September 18 & 25, 2005.

NOTIFICATION  
September 25, 2005

The Big Spring Independent School District, in compliance with Environmental Protection Agency Law 40 CFR Part 763.93, is notifying all interested persons that the Big Spring Independent School District has completed the inspection of all of its facilities in order to locate and identify any and all asbestos containing materials.

The Big Spring Independent School District has developed a management plan for each of its facilities where asbestos containing materials were found. This management plan is located in the principal's office or administrator's office at each facility and is available for public inspection. #4703 September 25, 2005

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, AAA Mini Storage which is located at 3301 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on October 6, 2005, at Spring City Auction, 2611 West Highway 80, Big Spring, Texas, 79720. Phone: 432-263-1831. Pr. party will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property in each space may be sold item-by-item, in batches, or by the space. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants: Trella Burton, #0239, Household items, etc. Gerald Richter, #0244 Household items, etc. Mike L. Collier, #0196 Household items, etc. #4704 September 18 & 25, 2005.

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LEGAL NOTICE:

These Texas Lottery Commission scratch-off games will close on October 31, 2005. You have until April 29, 2006, to redeem any tickets for these games: #504 SUPER DUPER DOUBLER (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.37, #511 PURE GOLD (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.34, #515 DIAMOND DASH (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.65, #520 6 TIMES THE MONEY (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.56, #538 TEXAS ROAD TRIP (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.46, #545 \$30,000 DEAL (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 4.20, #547 COOL 7'S (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.73, #555 ARMADILLO DOLLARS (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.61, #572 BIG MONEY BONUS SPECTACULAR (\$20) overall odds are 1 in 2.45, #587 FIND THE 5'S (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.33. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$999,999 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-37-LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at [www.txlottery.org](http://www.txlottery.org) for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A scratch-off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. Play Responsibly. Remember, it's just a game. The Texas Lottery supports Texas education. #4711 September 25, 2005

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING  
PLANNING & ZONING  
COMMISSION  
5:30 PM, TUESDAY,  
OCTOBER 4, 2005  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
407 E. 4TH STREET,  
BIG SPRING, TEXAS  
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NOTIFICATION OF A PUBLIC  
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BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY,  
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TEXAS  
#4700 September 18 & 25, 2005.

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Did you ever hug your self? It's something to try during the Cancer moon. The word "hug" is akin to the Old Norse word hugga, meaning "to comfort." When a person needs a hug, it's assumed that they need to receive comfort. The Cancer moon reminds us that by

giving comfort we also receive it, which is why comforting yourself is so perfect now.

A R I E S  
(March 21-April 19). There's much you can usually tell from a first impression. But you're catching someone with real potential at their very worst right now, so be open-minded. This could be a future best friend. Never say never.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In case you needed validation: No, you're not crazy, and yes, a certain family member is a genuine mess. Now what? Practice overwhelming compassion over the next three days, and steer clear of direct confrontation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are an exceptional thinker and a real brainiac, and now, it's just a matter of thinking your way into a financially beneficial situation. Hint: "Beneficial" meaning "to you." You've officially given enough to that needy loved one.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Should you pursue the job or not? Financial considerations aside, the best criterion to judge a job by is its capacity to add value, depth and richness to your life. If it sounds like fun, just do it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sure, your friend is beating the competition in a race to fame and fortune — but that is spectacularly irrelevant. Keep your eye on your own goals.



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Say, "Good for you!" with sincerity, and then, get on with your own life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What you want to do and what you can do are one and the same as long as you feed the dream. If you can't succeed in your dreams, you can't succeed in real life. Start to live it up in that wild imagination of yours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Face it. As much as you admire and respect your mentor, his or her perception of you is limited. Don't be caged in by someone else's definition. You can be and do more than even you realize.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Love can outlast anything! Anything! When you're wondering what to do next in a relationship, let this be your guiding principle: Love endures. You won't go wrong by being optimistic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No act of kindness is ever wasted. That's where "regifting" comes into play. It's the ideal time to go through the closets and see if there's anything that might be better appreciated by someone else you know!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Part of being an overachiever is dealing with the occasional discouragement. If you feel down, just remember that Tommy Lee is going to college. Maybe your challenge isn't so daunting after all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Being pleased with the status quo is a wretched state, and luckily, one that you have seldom visited in your entire life! Find or invent a way to inspire your

friends and family to join you in thinking a little bigger.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be dealing with a younger generation and loving it. One of the best qualities of young people is that they were born in another time. You may as well throw your own frame of reference out the window.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: It has been said that individuals play games, but teams win championships. This is a very Libran idea and a prevalent one now that the sun transits through Libra, the sign of harmony, partnership and teams. In life, just as in sports, the right team is crucial. You may find yourself appraising people on your quest to assemble Team You. It's a fact of life that people, like water, rise to the level of those around them. New members of Team You need to be people who you can count on and who are happy when you do well. They're folks you admire and could stand to be more like. It's a tall order, but social science proves that environment can be more influential than parents or family, so it's a crucial order all the same. You'll be able to tell much about prospects for Team You during the outgoing Leo moon Tuesday through Thursday. Generous spirals are also shown, so it will be easy to pick them out. Venus and Mars oppose each other for most of the week, so it's also very beneficial if Team You has a decent balance of feminine and masculine energy.

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DECA EXTRA TALE

Dear Annie: My daughter, "Mary," is in sixth grade. She often tells me that she and her best friend, "Kim," get a lot of extra attention from their teacher "Mr. Ken." By extra attention, she means Mr. Ken teases them or playfully embarrasses them during class time. In one instance, Mr. Ken began to play with Mary's hair, "styling" it



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

to write this letter last year when Hurricane Ivan devastated Pensacola, Fla., but never got around to it. Now that Katrina nearly wiped out New Orleans, I have to write.

My husband is a Red Cross volunteer. Every time he helps, he is away from home at least three weeks. Many people are not aware that volunteers stay away from their families for a lengthy amount of time and often have to live in conditions not much better than those of the people they are helping.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those family members of the volunteers who are helping out in the areas ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. I also want to encourage your readers to help the volunteers' families by offering babysitting, transportation, etc. This, in turn, will help the volunteers, and they can focus their attention on helping the hurricane victims. — Gloria

Dear Gloria: Thank you for reminding us that volunteers could use a hand, too. Also, many of our readers are still asking where they can contribute for the rebuilding and relief efforts. Here are a few suggestions: The American Red Cross ([redcross.org](http://redcross.org)) at 1-800-HELP-NOW (1-800-435-7669); Habitat for Humanity ([habitat.org](http://habitat.org)) at 1-800-422-4828; United Way Hurricane Katrina Response Fund ([unitedway.org](http://unitedway.org)) at 1-800-892-2757; and the Salvation Army ([salvationarmyusa.org](http://salvationarmyusa.org)) at 1-800-SAL-ARMY (1-800-725-2769). Make sure to designate your donations for Hurricane Katrina relief. Bless you all for caring. © 2005 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

with string and ribbon he found while cleaning a shelf. She was embarrassed but didn't think it was a big deal. Mary even seems to like the extra attention.

I am wondering if this is appropriate behavior for a teacher, even if it is done in a good-natured way. Am I just an overly concerned parent? — Worried in Wyoming

Dear Worried: This could be perfectly innocent, but you can't be certain. Many predators "groom" their victims by subtly flirting with them and making them feel special. Also, Mary may be subconsciously encouraging Mr. Ken because she likes the attention or believes it affects her grade.

If parent-teacher conferences are not on the schedule, call the school and make an appointment to speak to Mr. Ken. Let him know that Mary enjoys his class very much, but you find his favoritism a bit disconcerting. Ask him to please stop singling out Mary because it embarrasses her. If he doesn't comply, report him to the principal. You also should be talking to Kim's mother about this, and to Mary directly, teaching her how to protect herself. Just in case. Dear Annie: I intended

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other animals. This is a very big problem for packers, who lose significant meat yield because of bruising trim. If

you plan on selling direct to a packer, it is beneficial to be able to describe the cattle and negotiate a pre-arranged price. You will be at risk for discounts due to carcass blemishes or condemnations, so take extra care to manage horns. And when giving injections, place them either under the skin or in

the neck muscle, according to label directions.

Work cattle easy and don't over-load them for the haul. This minimizes bruising risk.

Finally, it is especially important to follow labeled withdrawal times on any medication given, because cull animals

are typically harvested soon after leaving the ranch.

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Temecula, Calif., and is one of three or four such systems currently available. Mike Simon, president and chief executive, said On Time sales have increased 40 percent since 1999.

The company has also begun selling On Time units equipped with GPS that some mainstream used-car dealers are installing on \$20,000-plus luxury cars.

"Some people have the income and assets to buy a Mercedes-Benz but still have credit problems," Simon said. "This takes a lot of the risk out of it, just like on the lower end."

He believes the devices could be used in the new cars as well.

"In the auto industry, there are prime and sub-prime buyers in every segment," Simon said. "Even though you qualify for a new Ford or an SUV, you might still be sub-prime because of your credit history. You can put this in a vehicle and probably get the buyer a lower interest rate."

Disabler devices have been available for three years and are used at about 15 percent of the tote-the-note used car lots in the United States, officials estimate.

The customers typically have damaged or no credit and pay interest rates up to 26 percent. The vehicles often have 70,000 or more miles on them and cost \$7,000 to \$10,000 — or roughly \$70 to \$100 a week.

Andrea Gooden, a nurse at a geriatric-care facility in Dallas, has bought four cars with the devices on them and says she accepts them. Gooden drives a 2002 Honda Accord and is helping a daughter at the University of Houston with her car payment.

"The deal was, I make the first payment of the month and my daughter makes the second," said Gooden, 46, of Mesquite. "It warned her when she didn't make the payment on time, and when it got to four days, the car quit running. She learned not to do that again."

Note lots have long been the auto industry's roughest segment. But without them, industry officials say, many working-class people would have to rely on public transportation to get to their jobs. About 35 percent of the nation's 54,000 used-car dealers operate buy-here/pay-here lots and contend with default rates as high as 40 percent.

Systems such as On Time permit dealers to "drill down" even deeper with severely credit-damaged customers and still have some assurance that



Mechanic Leonard McLean installs the necessary wiring for a starter interference box on a Ford SUV at North Texas Motorcars in East Dallas.

their only collateral on the high-risk loans — the vehicles — can be retrieved if the buyers default.

"Nearly every Saturday, we talk with someone who has been to seven or eight different buy-here/pay-here lots and were turned down at all of them," Williamson said.

"More people in this country have bad credit than have good credit," added James Ziegler, a retail auto consultant in Duluth, Ga. "If somebody didn't take a chance on these people, they wouldn't be able to work."

Simon of On Time said the systems dramatically reduce late payments.

"We have taken a 70 percent delinquency rate in the buy-here/pay-here business and transformed it to a 96 percent on-time rate," he said. "Now some mainstream finance companies are even saying, 'I'll finance these cars.'"

Moreover, the devices — despite their intrusive role — actually improve customer satisfaction, some dealers say.

"The benefits of this system are enormous," Williamson said. "The value of a happy customer

in buy-here/pay-here is almost incalculable. If they have a good experience and make their payments on time, they will tell their uncles, their aunts, their brothers, their neighbors. That's how we live."

When a car is paid off, the box can be easily removed, officials say. But the device is still complicated enough that most customers can't disable one.

Gooden said the system helped reduce the interest rate on her car to 13.9 percent.

The On Time system is

usually mounted on the bottom edge of the dashboard and wired into the car's starter. The box contains a microprocessor into which the finance company programs the frequency of payments, usually weekly or twice a month. The unit costs about \$220.

"It has a clock, a calendar and a backup battery," Simon said. "It knows when a payment is due and how much of a grace period you get."

If the payment is made before the grace period expires, the customer is given a six-digit code to type into the keypad. That allows them to start the car for another week or two, depending on their pay period.

If they fail to make the payment, the "magic black box," as Woodson calls it, shuts the car down. It will not disrupt power to a vehicle that is running, and industry officials say they believe its use is legal.

"If you are collecting on 75 percent of your loans, that's pretty good," said Williamson of North Texas Motorcars. "If we've jumped to 85 to 90 percent, that's really successful."

ALON

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oil refinery in Big Spring, Texas, which has a crude oil throughput capacity of 70,000 barrels per day. Alon USA markets gasoline and diesel products under the FINA brand

name and is a leading producer of asphalt in the State of Texas. The Company also operates convenience stores in West Texas and New Mexico under the 7-Eleven and FINA brand names and supplies motor fuels to these stores from its Big Spring refinery.

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STARTEK

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Aside from Big Spring, the following StarTek locations participated in the drive: Alexandria, La.; Clarksville, Tenn.; Collinsville, Va.; Decatur, Ill.; Denver, Colo.; Enid, Okla.; Grand Junction, Colo.; Greeley, Colo.; Laramie, Wyo.; and Lynchburg, Va.

In addition, Canadian customer care centers in Cornwall, Kingston and Sarnia, Ontario, and Regina, Saskatchewan contributed.

StarTek employees also donated cash to the American Red Cross' Central Louisiana Chapter, to meet urgent needs of the Red Cross in Alexandria by donating computers for tracking supply shipments to local emergency shelters.

"StarTek wants to help the Alexandria community provide assistance to those affected by this disaster, so we've tried to make it easier for our employees to make both in-kind and monetary donations," said Steve Butler, StarTek's president and CEO. "We're proud of the support and spirit we've seen from employees who have offered donations as well as their personal time to help with this effort."

StarTek also is implementing a payroll deduction program. Employees

can donate money directly from their payroll checks to the Red Cross through the month of October.

StarTek Chairman of the Board and Director A. Emmet Stephenson Jr., will personally match employee donations up to \$250,000.

Wild said exact figures from the cash donation effort were unavailable for now, but said employees' response to the call for aid has been gratifying.

"I've been overwhelmed by the generosity shown by the employees in all our sister cities," she said.

StarTek will continue the drive through Monday, Wild added.

"We understand that the situation there is very fluid right now, so we're going to put a hold on the donations (Monday) and let (Alexandria officials) determine where they stand and what they need to best go forward."

"We greatly appreciate StarTek's efforts to aid those who are temporarily calling Alexandria home," said Alexandria Mayor Ned Randolph. "This unfortunate disaster has encouraged great outpourings of kindness from those near and far, and we could not offer services without the assistance we've received from companies like StarTek and its employees."

10th annual  
Big Spring **HERALD**  
Community Christmas Parade  
5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3  
Parade theme:  
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Entry deadline — Noon, Friday, Nov. 18

The parade will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and head north on Gregg Street toward downtown, arriving in time for the downtown Christmas celebration.

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3. Commercial      4. Industrial

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- Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
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