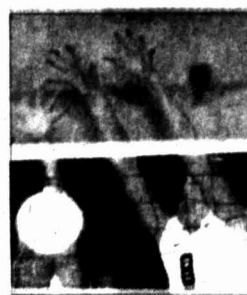


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Officials estimate quake death toll at over 35,000

Rain, hail hamper relief flights to stricken area

By SADAQAT JAN

Associated Press Writer

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Heavy rain and hail forced the cancellation of some relief flights to earthquake-stricken regions Tuesday and survivors scuffled over the badly needed food. Officials estimated that the death toll would surpass 35,000.

Emergency workers in the northern town of Balakot pulled a teenage boy from the rubble on Tuesday, 78 hours after

Saturday's quake.

"He's alive!" rescuers shouted as people gave food and water to the boy and kissed him on the head.

Two survivors, a 55-year-old woman and her 75-year-old mother, also were pulled from the rubble of a quake-hit apartment building in Islamabad, 80 hours after they were buried. They did not appear to have suffered serious injuries.

A French search team on Monday rescued at least five children buried

in a collapsed school in the northern town of Balakot, said Eric Supara, an official at the French Embassy in Islamabad.

Earlier in the day, U.S. military helicopters helped ferry wounded from the wrecked city of Muzaffarabad, while international rescue teams joined the search for survivors. Teams of Britons, Germans and Turks used high-tech cameras to scan under piles of concrete.

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A father desperately looks for help for his seriously injured son from the few doctors and nurses who are working at the makeshift hospital on the grounds of the Ayub Hospital in Abbottabad, India, where many survivors of the earthquake have been taken.

KIDNAPPING

Grand jury hands down 37 true bills

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Howard County Grand Jury handed down 37 indictments late last week, including charges of aggravated kidnapping following an Ackerly man's three-day rampage that took a 33-year-old woman and her 9-year-old son on a terrifying ride.

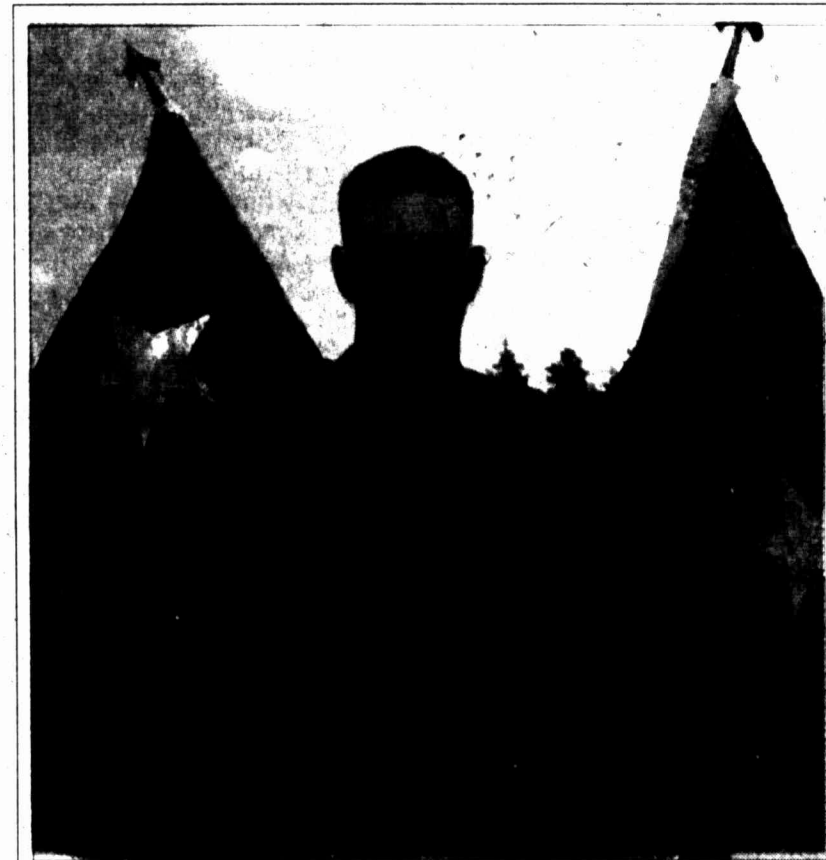
Pete Garcia, 42, was arrested at his home on Second Street in Ackerly on a charge of aggravated kidnapping after allegedly taking Sonya Renee Dean and her son from a Knott residence late in the evening of Aug. 27.

Dean and her son were removed from the home without any further injuries. Dean was immediately transported to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center with only minor injuries sustained during the days of captivity, while her son reported no injuries.

Garcia was indicted on two counts of aggravated kidnapping (first-degree felony), aggravated sexual assault (first-degree felony), four counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (first-degree felony) and a separate charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree felony).

According to Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, Dean was in the process of leaving an abusive relationship with

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US Army Photo by Spc. David Coulombe, 36th Infantry Division Public Affairs Office Texas National Guard Brig. Gen. Eddy Spurgin takes time to honor the flags, as Spurgin and a joint task force of army national guard and air national guard provided relief in south and eastern Texas following Hurricane Rita.

Local man leads way in hurricane relief effort

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Being promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the Texas National Guard is quite an honor, but for one Big Spring man there wasn't much time to enjoy it. There were more pressing matters at hand.

Local resident Eddy Spurgin, who like millions around the country serves his nation in the armed reserves, was in New Orleans several weeks ago working with the Hurricane Katrina relief effort when he received his promotion to general.

However, thanks to the ever-churning waters outside the Gulf Coast, Spurgin said there was little time to enjoy the accolades that come with the promotion.

"We were in New Orleans continuing our search and rescue effort and humanitarian efforts," said

"We learned a lot through the evacuations on the coast, and things went very well. There was a lot of cooperation involved."

Brig. Gen. Eddy Spurgin

Spurgin. "I had been there since Sept. 6, when we flew into the city. I was in New Orleans for about two weeks when we got the word that Hurricane Rita was bearing down on the coast.

"We had to work very quickly. We had to get all the equipment out of New Orleans and to a staging area in Texas, as well as airlift all of the soldiers out of there. We ended up at a staging area at Camp Swift, which is just east of Austin."

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Jail issue appears a stalemate

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Despite having recently failed an inspection from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, Howard County commissioners say they are unsure when the matter of building a new jail facility will be back on the agency's agenda.

"I think we need to revisit the jail issue as soon as we possibly can. It's not going to go away... It just makes good sense to get it under way."



Crooker

Sheriff Dale Walker made a presentation to the commissioners during their Monday morning meeting, explaining how the jail once again failed to meet TCJS minimum standards for inmate crowding and inmate-to-officer ratio.

"As you are all aware of now, we failed our inspection," Walker told the court. "We failed based mainly on the overcrowding situation. We had 49 prisoners in here the day they were here and they're requesting we stay at a minimum of 10 percent less than our capacity so we have room for classification and segregation of our inmates."

"I've been watching on a daily basis, and we've been running between 22 to 49 prisoners. It always peaks; it's never really at a constant. We're running at a holding capacity usually of 42 to

49 prisoners.

"We're also having problems with the number of staff per inmate ratio," he added. "If you have two or three jailers working a shift and you have one of them on control, they can't be counted because they're working the main office and can't respond to an inmate's needs. That's why the commission wants them there."

Walker said the county had previously tried to solve the overcrowding problem by housing inmates at contracted jail facilities across West Texas. However, it appears other facilities are having the same problem finding space as the Howard County Jail.

"Our contract facilities have been reporting to us for the last two to three weeks that they were full," said Walker. "I under-

"I really don't know how much longer it will be. I really can't give you any kind of a date or anything right now. We just don't have the money to do anything."



Simer

stand they have some openings today, so we'll be moving some prisoners around. But it's a continual problem that we're having."

Dennis Cisneros, TCJS Inspector, said in a letter to the

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TAILGATE PARTY

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club will be hosting its 4th Annual Tailgate Party, Friday, at the Steer home game, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in parking lot of Memorial Stadium, west side, north end. Members will be selling beef or chicken kabobs, which will include a cookie and a drink for \$5 in advance and \$6 at the event. Tickets are available from any of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club members or at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce from Debbye ValVerde, Rotarian member.

Proceeds from this event will help purchase teaching aids for the special needs students of Big Spring ISD.

COMING THIS WEEKEND

Cover Story: Texans take their chili seriously. In Terlingua (pop. 267), cooking a pot of beef, beans, onions, peppers, tomatoes and spices has been elevated to a culinary art form.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The annual Blessing of the Animals will begin at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Church, 10th and Goliad.

According to the church, the point of the service is to help everyone become more thankful for their pets and more aware of their responsibilities for all of nature. Dogs, cats, goldfish, sheep, snakes and stuffed animals have been blessed in the past. There will be no collection but offerings of dog and cat food for the local humane society will be welcomed.



Commissioners approve key changes at Senior Center

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

As the newly appointed board of directors for the Spring City Senior Citizens Center continues its "restructuring" of the local organization, it appears the cost of a balanced budget for the coming year will involve the loss of at least one job.

Bebe McCasland, president of the board, along with Center Director Rhonda Campbell, went before Howard County Commissioners Monday morning to present a plan that would change the structure of the agency and result in a balanced budget, something the center has failed to have for years.

"What I pointed out to our board is some 74 percent of our expenditures involved salaries and benefits," said McCasland. "That's 74 percent. That doesn't

leave much to operate on. So, with Rhonda's help and guidance, the members of the board came up with a restructuring plan. We also came up with a balanced budget. Both the plan and the restructuring were adopted unanimously by the board."

Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of the plan, which would eliminate at least two positions from the Senior Center's roster.

The position of assistant director, which has been held for several years by Yolanda Mendoza, would be eliminated, saving approximately \$21,320 for the center's budget. The elimination also frees up approximately \$10,000 in benefits, bringing the savings to more than \$31,000.

"I feel like I can handle the duties of that position in addition to my current duties," said

Campbell. The plan would also eliminate a maintenance position at the center, moving long-time employee Jessie Bravo into the county's current pool of maintenance workers.

"Under this restructuring, ... Bravo would be working for the county's maintenance department instead of solely for the Senior Center," said Campbell. "If there's a big maintenance problem, we would contact the county and they would have someone from that department come and make a recommendation."

In addition to the changes in personnel, McCasland said there has been a big change in the center's budget, which previously relied on grants for operating funds.

"Another thing we took into account was that for about 11 years grant money was used for

operating capital," said McCasland. "The board, along with Rhonda (Campbell), realized that has to stop. You don't always get grants. So we had to come to you (the commissioners court) and recommend a budget that's practical. That we can pretty well confirm our sources of income.

"If we're able to obtain grants in the future, perhaps it can be put into an endowment or special needs. But never again do we need to take grant money and apply it to operating costs."

Commissioner Gary Simer said moving Bravo to the county's central operation bothered him because it gave the center the appearance of being "over-budgeted."

"It looks like they just transferred their maintenance man over to the courthouse to help their budget," Simer said. "They'll still be using him, but

it will help their budget by about \$50,000. I'm concerned about the paperwork on it, mostly. What it amounts to in money, we'll still have to pay that one way or the other."

Commissioner Bill Crooker disagreed.

"I don't see the move causing any problems at all," said Crooker. "In fact, I think we'll be able to make better use of Jessie. He'll also have the chance for possible advancement down the road. So I really see this as a positive move for everyone."

In all, the restructuring and changes in the Senior Center's budget are expected to generate approximately \$86,000 in savings.

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court the problems merit immediate action.

"The facility was inspected ... and it was determined that deficiencies exist," said Cisneros. "You (Howard County) are urged to give these areas of noncompliance your serious and immediate consideration and to promptly initiate and complete appropriate corrective measures."

Commissioner Bill Crooker said the failing grade is a clear sign the court needs to begin working on the issue — which as it stands, involves building a new, multi-million dollar facility — as soon as possible.

INDICTED

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Garcia when he abducted her from the residence in Knott where she was staying.

Aggravated kidnapping and aggravated sexual assault are both first-degree felonies, carrying a possible sentence of five to 99 years, to life in prison. Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon is a second-degree felony, punishable by two to 20 years in prison. All three charges carry an optional fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Walker said Garcia was taken into custody by Martin County Sheriff Randy Cozart without resistance and was turned over to HCSO deputies at the scene of his arrest.

The grand jury also issued a true bill for a 29-year-old Big Spring man who was arrested and charged with robbery in the brutal mid-August attack on an employee at the Northside Community Center.

Howard Foster of 1002 N. Main Street Apt. 14 was arrested Aug. 17 for the attack which occurred the previous day in the 100 block of N.E. Eighth Street.

Foster was indicted on charges of theft (state jail felony) and aggravated robbery (first-degree felony). According to information provided by the Howard County District Attorney's Office, both charges could be upgraded to first-degree felonies in the future.

According to reports from the Big Spring Police Department, the victim sustained injuries when he was allegedly pushed by Foster during an attempt to steal his wallet.

Everett said Foster had entered the community center seeking assistance.

"While talking to the suspect, the victim turned away momentarily. At that point the suspect tried to take his wallet,

trying to do some other things to make up for the loss. At this point in time, however, we just don't have the money to do another study on the jail. So we'll have to hold off a little bit longer before we're able to do anything. There are some other places we can house prisoners and some other things we can do ourselves to help out."

Simer said when the court will once again pick up the issue is anybody's guess at this point.

"I really don't know how much longer it will be," said Simer. "I really can't give you any kind of a date or anything right now. We just don't have the money to do anything. We just have to try to keep our head above

said Everett. "The victim fought back and was pushed into a table or some other piece of furniture, hitting his head."

Everett said the suspect then fled the building.

If both charges are upgraded to first-degree felonies, Foster could face a possible sentence of five years to 99 years, to life in prison, including a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Also indicted were:
• Andrea Denise Alender, 33, of 2807 S. Anderson Road, forgery (state jail felony).
• John Henry Chappell, 28, of 1704 Cuiberson in San Angelo, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Dickie Dwayne Dodson, 29, of 5301 S. Hwy. 349 in Midland, burglary of a building (state jail felony).
• Brandon Edwards, 19, address unknown, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

• Alisha Faulkner, 18, of 1608 Bluebird, criminal mischief (state jail felony).
• Jeremy Carl Fortenberry, 29, of 1659 11th St. in Lubbock, possession/transportation of chemicals with the intent to manufacture a controlled substance (second-degree felony) and possession of a controlled substance (first-degree felony).

• Armando Franco, 20, of 1016 Bluebonnet, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree felony).
• Jon Eric Gelb, 38, of 1801 Rose St. in Wichita Falls, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
• McKinley Haskin, 23, of 1720 Auburn in Lubbock, sexual assault of a child (second-degree felony).
• Anna Maria Hoffpauir, 24, of 1905 Wasson Rd. No. 72, burglary of a habitation (second-degree

felony).
• Frankie Lopez Juarez, 36, of 1008 Second St., assault on a public servant (third-degree felony).
• Marcó Franco Juarez, 36, of 5704 E. Midway Road, failure to register as a sexual offender (third-degree felony).
• John Eugene Kelley, 39, of 1307 Oil Mill Road, possession/transportation of chemicals with the intent to manufacture a controlled substance (second-degree felony) and possession of controlled substance (first-degree felony).
• Heather Dawn McNew, 30, of 2703 Cindy, furnishing false information under Texas CS Act (second-degree felony).
• Emanuel Thomas Minguella, 51, of 1014 E. 21st St., burglary of a building (state jail felony).
• Jerry Dale Moore, 42, of 707 Bent Tree, driving while intoxicated with child passenger (state jail felony).

• Mike Moreno Ortega, 47, of 603 Bell, driving while intoxicated (second-degree felony, enhanced).

• Bryon Payne, 19, of 1509 Stadium, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).
• Sarah Peterson, 19, of 1104 Lancaster, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree felony).
• Curtis William Potts, 45, of 1314 Birdwell Lane, evading arrest (state felony jail).
• Jose Herminio Ramirez, 42, of 12905 Gail Highway, driving while intoxicated (second-degree felony, enhanced).

• David James Renteria, 39, of 1009 N. Bell, violation of a protective order (third-degree felony).
• Patrick Rios, 34, currently in Howard County Jail, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (second-degree felony) and aggravated robbery (first-degree felony).
• Rene Rodriguez, 17, currently in Howard County Jail, forgery (state jail felony).

water." Consideration of a new jail facility began more than a year ago when Howard County commissioners identified jail overcrowding and non-compliance with state jail laws as an ongoing and long-term problem.

In a facility needs analysis from TCJS, the state agency projects an approximate increase in population of 3,000 residents by the year 2020, with only a .03 percent increase in the rate of incarceration. In that time, the jail population is expected to grow from 92 inmates to 102 inmates.

The study recommended a 144 bed facility based on current conditions, as well as those projected 15 years from now.

Cost is the major point dividing commissioners. It will cost approximately \$12 million to construct the joint law enforcement center — supported by commissioners Crooker and Jerry Kilgore — county and city officials have envisioned.

There has been no firm estimate on how much a 96-bed jail-only facility — currently supported by commissioners Emma Brown and Simer — will cost, but supporters have said it could be constructed for as little as \$7 million.

Commissioners tabled the jail issue in July to concentrate on the county's budget and tax rate, missing any chance of placing a bond election in front of area voters in

November.

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Wednesday blood drive at SMMC gives donors chance to double up

Special to the Herald

The United Blood Service bloodmobile is set to arrive in the parking lot of Scenic Mountain Medical Center Wednesday and appointments are being accepted from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Additionally, because blood is in critical need, donors may elect to provide two units of blood at this drive.

"United Blood Services uses a high-tech process that makes it possible for blood donors to give two units of red blood cells in only one visit to the bloodmobile, doubling the lifesaving effect of their

generous gift," said Peggy Hards, public information officer for the San Angelo-based agency.

Along with meeting the regular blood donor qualifications, double red cell donors must meet special requirements.

Men must weigh at least 130 pounds and be at least 5-foot, 1-inch tall. Women must weigh at least 150 pounds and be at least 5-foot-5-inches tall.

"At first glance, the qualifications look backwards, but they're not. That's because men's bodies carry a greater blood volume than women's bodies. So, generally speaking, a man who is 5-

foot, 1 inch and weighs 130 has about the same blood volume as a woman who is 5-foot, 5 inches and weighs 150," Hards said.

United Blood Services' qualifications are based on blood volume, which has been translated to height and weight, she said.

To donate one unit of blood, donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. A list of daily medications is also required.

The blood drive is sponsored by Senior Circle. To schedule an appointment, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.

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steel and wood. Thousands of civilian volunteers walked north toward quake-hit towns.

Bad weather compounded the misery in the region, with heavy rain and hail forcing some helicopters loaded with food and medicine to cancel or delay their flights.

That official toll remained at around 20,000 people, but a senior army official close to the rescue operations said govern-

ment officials were estimating that between 35,000 and 40,000 died. The official asked not to be identified because he wasn't authorized to disclose the estimate to journalists.

About 10 trucks brought by Pakistani charities and volunteers rumbled into that city, where efforts by relief workers to distribute aid turned chaotic as residents scrambled for handouts of cooking oil, sugar, rice, blankets and tents.

It was the first major influx of aid since the monster 7.6-magnitude

quake struck Saturday morning, destroying most homes and all government buildings in this city, and leaving its 600,000 people without power or water. Most have spent three cold nights without shelter.

Two or three police looked on helplessly as more than 200 people raided a stock of food arranged by relief workers at a soccer field near Muzaffarabad's center. One man made off with a big sack of sugar, another left on a motorized rickshaw with a big crate of drinking water.

BSHS pep rally offers a ticket to ride

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
 Features Editor

Riding to victory is a theme for the Big Spring High School pep rally Friday as all Harley Davidson owners are invited to meet at Blankenship Field at 2:30 p.m.

"This is our Harley pep rally and the riders will bring the football players into the pep rally on their motorcycles," said

Shannon Stuteville, secretary for Career and Technology for BSHS.

Stuteville said the students will be dressed in Harley gear, t-shirt, leather and other motorcycle enthusiast wear.

"We're asking the Harley riders to contact us to let us know we have enough riders for the football players," she said.

This is the fourth such event for BSHS. Last year the rides were canceled

due to rain, she said.

"And we'll have to cancel for rain again this year, so we're hoping for good weather," she said.

To volunteer to participate as a rider, contact Stuteville at 264-3641, ext. 166.

"This is really cool and a great way to have a pep rally."

"The public is invited to attend the pep rally and we need riders to volunteer," she said.

SPURGIN

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Leaving New Orleans was one thing, according to Spurgin. Getting the images of destruction from Hurricane Katrina out of his mind was something different.

"It was terrible. We flew in at night, so it was the next day when I could really see what the hurricane had done," said Spurgin. "I toured the area from a Blackhawk helicopter and all you could see was water. The flooding was unbelievable, and the damage to the structures was immense. About 80 percent of New Orleans was flooded. What people saw in television was a very accurate portrayal of what the area looked like."

Spurgin said he and his troops established a headquarters in the library at Loyola University in the Orleans Parish, and the mission was in the process of winding down. That is, until Hurricane Rita decided to head for the coast only days behind Katrina.

Spurgin, who was in charge of the Texas National Guard's relief

effort for Hurricane Rita, said he and his men were prepared for the worst as the storm approached land.

"The eye of the hurricane looked like it would come ashore around the Lake Charles area," said Spurgin. "It could have been a lot worse. However, Texas took a pretty good hit from the storm. There were people near the coast and in East Texas that were without electricity for two weeks. There was a lot of destruction."

Once the storm subsided, Spurgin said he and his troops went to work.

"We mainly delivered food — most of it was MREs (meals ready to eat) — along with water, ice and medical supplies," he said. "There was a joint task force established between the Air National Guard and Army National Guard, and we went to work together with mass care strike teams. Each team had trucks and we used Blackhawk and Chinook helicopters to fly in supplies."

Spurgin said while the property damage caused by the storm was considerable, Texans were pre-

pared and handled it quite well.

"We really didn't get the full force of the storm," said Spurgin. "But Texas responded well. Like anything, however, improvements can be made. We learned a lot through the evacuations on the coast, and things went very well. There was a lot of cooperation involved."

While Spurgin was at the head of the effort following Hurricane Rita, he's quick to point out the men and women who made the relief effort such a tremendous success.

"I really had a great staff. We had all worked together before and had just come back from New Orleans," said Spurgin. "You're not alone. You're never alone. We had about 2,600 personnel who were ready and willing to serve."

"Going and helping the people of New Orleans was one thing. But it's something very different when it's your state. It's different then, and they really gave their all."

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Bedtime Stories

WHAM WHALE AND STUDEBAKER SHRIMP

This is a story about a very big whale. His name is Wham. He lives in a great big ocean. He is big. He is tough. He depends on no one to help him, ever! At least he thought so. But you and I know that no matter how big and strong we are, we must have a friend help us from time to time. Wham is



smaller fish that lived in the ocean, too. After all, eating fish helped make him big and strong. Do you like to eat fish? Did you know that eating fish is good for us humans, too?

Wham was chasing a fish that he wanted for lunch one bright day, and the little fish was a much faster swimmer than Wham. He could not catch the little fish. Henry Shark saw Wham chasing the little fish and said to Wham, "I am a much faster swimmer than you are. Would you like for me to catch that little fish for you?"

"No," said Wham, "I am big and I am tough, and I will never need help from anyone!" Henry thought to himself, "He is rude, and I will never try to help him again!" As Henry Shark

swam away, he looked back at Wham, still trying to catch the little fish. But he never did!

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swam away, he looked back at Wham, still trying to catch the little fish. But he never did!

Wham Whale chased that little fish all the way to the Pacific Ocean. Do you know where the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans are? Can you find them on a map? Tomorrow, after you wake up, hug your parents, have your breakfast, and brush your teeth, find the oceans on a map. Can you?

Just about the time that Wham was getting so tired from chasing that little fish, he realized that he was a very long way from his home in the Atlantic Ocean. "Maybe I should have let Henry Shark help me," he thought, "But I am big and strong, and I will never need help from anyone!"

Wham had a watch that his mother had given him when he was just a little whale. Are you thinking that whales do not have watches? Remember, this is a bedtime story, and

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Especially if his mother gave it to him! It was a very pretty watch and Wham just loved it! It was precious to him because his mother had given it to him. He carried it with him always!

But as he was chasing the little fish, he was growing weaker and weaker, and thinner and thinner! He wanted to show everyone that he needed no help from anyone. He had lost so much weight that his precious watch just slipped off him, and fell to the ocean floor. The watch slipped into a little crack between two rocks. Wham could not reach it!

If Wham had still been big and strong, he could have moved those rocks and easily gotten his watch back. "If only I had let Henry Shark help me catch that little fish, I

would still be big and strong, and I would still have my beautiful watch," he thought.

Wham sat on those rocks for a very long time, and he was getting sadder and sadder. Then, along came Studebaker Shrimp! "Why are you so sad, Mr. Whale?" Studebaker asked. "I am sad because I dropped my precious watch down in between these rocks and I cannot reach it," Wham answered.

"Would you like for me to help you?" Studebaker asked. "I am small and I can reach in between those rocks easily." "No, I am big and I am strong, and I can reach it," Wham answered.

"Please, yes, I do need help," Wham said to the tiny shrimp. Studebaker slowly climbed down in between those rocks and in no time at all, handed that watch to Wham! "Oh, thank you," Wham said to Studebaker, "I have made

a friend today, and if you ever need any help, just let me know, for one day soon, I will be big and strong and tough again, and I will help you, because you helped me!"

Wham slowly started swimming back to his home in the Atlantic Ocean, this time being very careful to help anyone that needed a friend. By the time he finally reached his home, he was big and strong again. He was tough again. But he never said that he will never need help from anyone again.

Wham saw that no matter how big and strong you are, you will always need help from a friend, even if the friend is not as big and strong as you. After all, Wham is one of the biggest creatures that lives on this earth, and he needed help from one of the smallest creatures, Studebaker Shrimp!

Wham and Studebaker said to tell you, "GOOD NIGHT"

Bush heartened by cooperation in rebuilding efforts

By JENNIFER LOVEN

Associated Press Writer
COVINGTON, La. (AP)

President Bush pledged Tuesday that the federal government will not seek to dictate terms for rebuilding the hurricane-devastated Gulf Coast but will instead allow state and local officials to make the key decisions. He rejoiced in what he said is a spirit of revival there.

"I think we've seen the spirits change," Bush said in an interview with NBC's "Today" show. "Local people are beginning to realize there's hope." In the interview, both he and his wife, Laura, defended his choice of Harriet Miers for the Supreme Court. Bush reiterated that he was confident she would be confirmed by the Senate.

Bush and his wife were interviewed at a Habitat for Humanity work site, in a town just north of New Orleans where the nonprofit organization is building houses for displaced people.

In response to the government's initially slow response to Hurricane Katrina, Bush said, "If I didn't respond well enough, I'm going to learn the lessons." The federal government's response to the second huge storm to slam the area, Rita, has gotten better reviews.

"The story will unfold. I mean, the facts of the story will come out over time, and the important thing is for federal, state and local governments to



An angel statue in front of a house damaged by Hurricane Katrina in the Chapel Hill development in Bay St. Louis, Miss. KRT photo/Zia Nizami

adjust and to respond," Bush said.

The president joined other volunteers hammering nails into a sheet of plywood. The first lady, a cloth nail pouch around her waist, accompanied him. Bush spent most of his time chatting, signing autographs.

At one point, a woman threw him some Mardi Gras beads that fell to the ground. "I couldn't catch them during the real Mardi Gras and I can't catch them now," he quipped.

Bush rejected criticism

from Democrats that his visits were largely for publicity and that he lacks a coherent reconstruction plan.

"I don't think Washington ought to dictate to New Orleans how to rebuild," he said. Bush said he had told New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin that "we will support the plan that you develop."

Of his Supreme Court selection, Bush was asked about growing criticism from the political right that Miers lacks proven conservative credentials.

"My answer is Harriet

Miers is going to be confirmed and people will get to see why I put her on the bench," he said. Mrs. Bush was asked if she shared her husband's conviction. "Absolutely. Absolutely," she said.

"She's very deliberate and thoughtful and will bring dignity to wherever she goes, but certainly to the Supreme Court. She'll be really excellent," Mrs. Bush said.

Asked if she believed some of the criticism reflected possible sexism, she responded: "I think that's possible."

On other subjects, Bush: • Predicted the Oct. 15 Iraqi elections on a new constitution would be marked by violence from "a group of terrorists and killers who want to stop the advance of democracy." And, Bush said, "I also expect people to vote."

Expressed confidence that the government would develop a plan "to handle a major outbreak" of bird flu if it spreads to this country.

Declined to discuss a federal grand jury investigation that includes an

inquiry into the role, if any, that top adviser Karl Rove played in disclosing the identity of an undercover CIA agent. "I'm not going to talk about the case. It's under review. Thank you for asking," Bush said tersely.

Bush was asked about criticism by some Democrats that while Iraqis were not required to repay money they have received from Washington, hurricane victims were required to do just that under recent relief legislation passed by Congress.

"What Congress has said is, you'll have five years to repay plus an additional five years to repay. And so I think it's the kind of package that Congress was comfortable with giving and I was happy to sign it," Bush said.

Mrs. Bush was asked how her husband was holding up personally under the strains of recent major crises and setbacks. But before she could answer, Bush interjected: "He can barely stand. He's about to drop on the spot."

Laughing, Mrs. Bush said: "He's doing great. He's got big broad shoulders."

Bush's motorcade wended its way through the pitch dark, down Covington's largely unscathed streets, to the brightly lit Habitat site — a small patch of land amid a still-sleeping, modest neighborhood turned into a makeshift TV set.

Snow pounds Colorado; thousands without power

By MEGAN MCCLOSKEY

Associated Press Writer

DENVER (AP) — An early blast of winter walloped Colorado's mountains with almost 20 inches of snow, killing three people, making driving conditions treacherous and canceling dozens of flights.

The storm forced motorists to seek shelter as whipping snow on Monday reduced visibility and knocked out power to as many as 80,000 homes. To ski resorts eager to open, the snow was a boon.

Crews were out in force across the Front Range and the eastern plains placing de-icer on the roads to keep freezing temperatures from turning water on roads into ice.

More than 60 people took refuge in Red Cross shelters in Strasburg, Byers and Bennett,

including a 21-year-old Robert Wade, who was stuck in the snow for four hours after driving off the road in whiteout conditions while towing a 17-foot U-Haul trailer.

"The snow got ridiculous," he said. "The U-Haul is pretty hard to handle. I'm used to driving a Toyota Camry."

Interstate 70, the main east-west route across the state, reopened to traffic early Tuesday, said Mark Aultman, of the Colorado Department of Transportation.

The entire highway had been closed for 80 miles between Denver and Limon, where truck stop parking lots were overflowing.

An unidentified man and a woman died after a van carrying 11 people crashed into a guardrail about 20 miles northeast of Denver along Interstate 76.

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

Quarterback club sets 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.

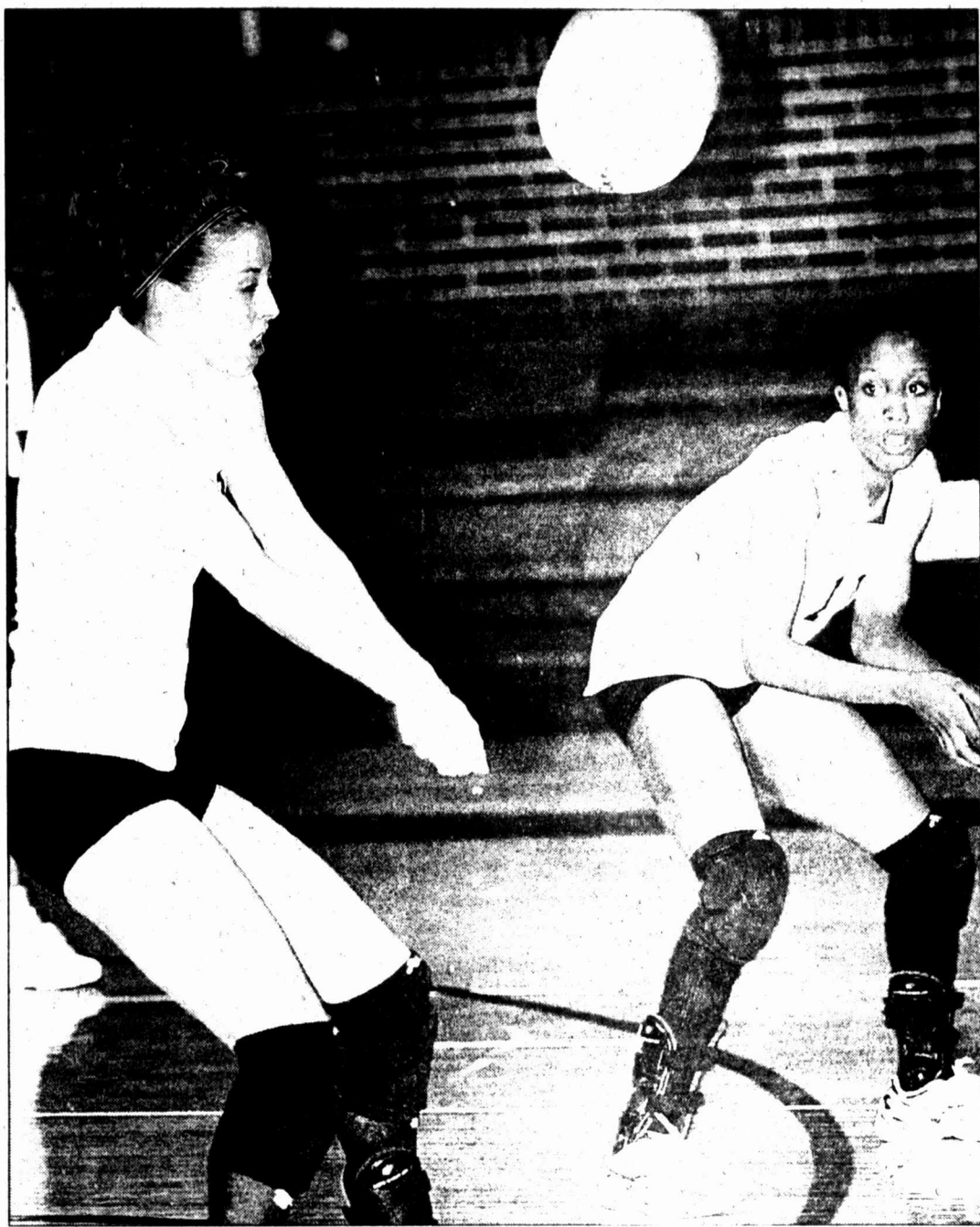
C.G.A. announces year's final tourney
The Chicano Golf Association has announced its final tournament of the year — the Grand Tournament — will take place Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Participants must be registered by 9:45 a.m. and nonmembers are welcome. There will also be food and refreshments after the tourney. For more information, call Willie Mendoza at 267-7977.

Hunter Education Class announced
The date for the next hunter education course will be Saturday and Sunday beginning at 8 a.m. in the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Building. The cost is \$10 and each student will need his/her social security number and a parent or guardian if under 17. For more information or to register, contact Steve Poitevint at 264-7033.

Softball tournament announced in B.S.
There will be a La Raza Unida softball tournament Friday and Saturday at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park. The entry fee will be \$110 per team. There will be a team trophy, player trophies and T-Shirts awarded for first place, while second and third place will get a team trophy and T-Shirts. For more information, contact Jennifer Patton at 263-6351.

Illness sidelines Rams' coach Martz
ST. LOUIS (AP) — Mike Martz is out indefinitely as coach of the St. Louis Rams with a bacterial infection of the heart. Martz was told by a specialist that his condition, which kept him out of two practices last week, had worsened. Rams president John Shaw said that Martz will be hospitalized four to 12 days. Assistant head coach Joe Vitt will take over as coach.

Andrews grabs hold of District 4-4A lead after win



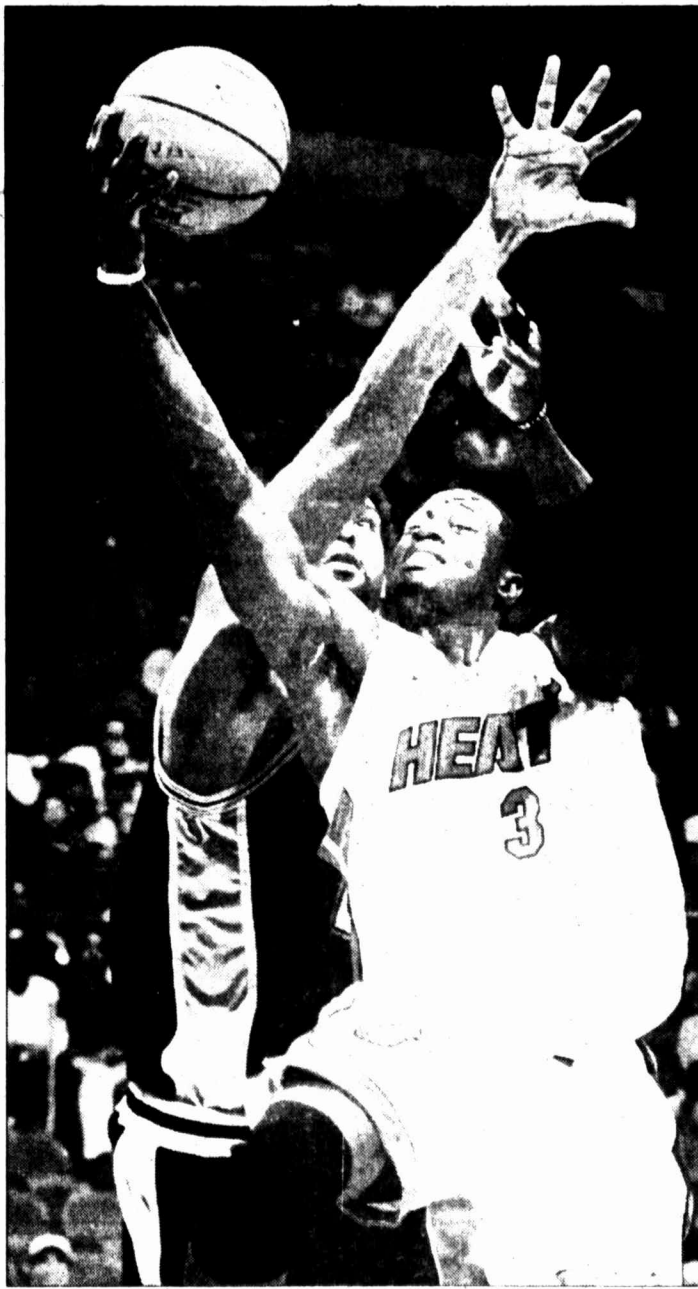
Big Spring senior Heather Policky, left, bumps the ball into play during volleyball action last Tuesday against Plainview. The Lady Steers lost to Andrews Saturday, but will try to get back on track with a win tonight at home against Lubbock Estacado.

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor
ANDREWS — The Big Spring volleyball team's chances at a District 4-4A title took a bit of a hit Saturday as the Lady Steers fell to arch rival Andrews on the road in five games. The Lady Mustangs took the first two games 25-15 and 25-18 before Big Spring battled back to force a fifth and decisive game. The Lady Steers won Game 3 25-18 and Game 4 26-24, but then fell short in the final game, losing 15-12. "We got off to a slow start, but came back and fought hard," said Big Spring head coach Jason McAden. "Andrews is a good team and deserves a chance at the district title. A month ago we would have lost this match in three games, but the girls refused to give up." The two teams split with one another this season as Big Spring defeated Andrews at the Steer Gym earlier in the season in four games. However, Big Spring is 5-2 in the district, while Andrews is 6-1. Seniors Carmen Lewis and Krista Chesworth led Big Spring with 22 kills and 23 digs, respectively. Chesworth also had eight kills. Senior Raegan Ritchey had eight kills, 16

digs and seven blocks. Senior Brenn Swinney had seven kills and five blocks, as well. "I am pretty demanding of my seniors and I think they were a big reason we even had a chance in this match," said McAden. Junior Swinney Mallory Dunn had a team-high in assists and also had 17 digs, while junior Katy Abner added 16 digs from her libero position. Freshman Shelbi Stewart had five blocks. The loss to Andrews means Big Spring has to get some help from Frenship tonight. The Lady Tigers take on the Lady Mustangs and a win over Andrews by Frenship would create another three-way tie for first place in the district. A win by Andrews puts them in the driver's seat for the championship trophy. "We've just got to hope Frenship can beat Andrews," said McAden. "If they do that tonight and we take care of business in our match then the race is wide-open." Big Spring hosts Lubbock Estacado tonight beginning at 7 p.m.

Heat take down S.A. in Katrina fund-raiser

By STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer
MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Heat and hurricane relief charities came away winners Monday night. Miami opened the pre-season by beating the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs 103-101 in a game added to the schedule to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina. A check for \$1.1 million was presented at halftime to the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army and Feed the Poor. "It's great to be able to do something for people," Heat coach Stan Van Gundy said. The game drew a capacity crowd of 19,600, with many tickets donated, and the teams gave fans what they came to see: dunks by Shaquille O'Neal, breakneck drives by Dwyane Wade and plenty of firepower from the Spurs. Following a timeout with 2.4 seconds left, Heat rookie Kevin Braswell hit a layup for the winning score. "On the bench Shaq said, 'The ball's coming to you,'" Braswell said. "With all the people in the stands, it felt great." As officials reviewed a TV replay to make sure Braswell beat the buzzer, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich urged them to let the basket stand. "It was a great night," Popovich said. "It was a win-win for everybody. It was really great for the people who were so unfortunate during the hurricane." While San Antonio's lineup was unchanged from the end of last sea-



Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade drives on San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan during first half action in an exhibition game at American Airlines Arena in Miami.

son, the game marked the debut of a revamped lineup by the Heat, who acquired three new starters after losing in the Eastern Conference Finals last season. Wade's daredevil acrobatics, Tim Duncan's shooting touch and Alonzo Mourning's scowl were all in midseason form. Perhaps the biggest surprise: O'Neal made his first three free throws, one a bank shot. Despite only a week of practice and a steady stream of substitutions, both teams showed considerable offensive flow and shot better than 50 percent. Duncan scored 16

Angels advance to ALCS after Game 5 win over New York

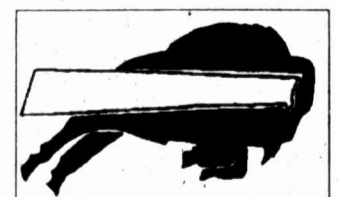
By JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer
ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — With an injured ace and a struggling slugger, the Los Angeles Angels turned to a few seasoned veterans and a poised rookie pitcher making his postseason debut. And the Angels eliminated the Yankees playing the way they did all year: with solid defense, aggressive at-bats and another strong night by the entire pitching staff. Ervin Santana bailed out the Angels when Bartolo Colon left early with a stiff shoulder. Adam Kennedy hit a go-ahead triple that sent Yankees outfielders crashing to the ground, and Los Angeles advanced to the AL championship series with a 5-3 victory over New York on Monday night in the decisive Game 5 of their first-round series. "It shows you something about this team. Different guys know how to step up," catcher

Bengie Molina said between champagne showers from younger brother Jose. Garret Anderson homered and drove in two runs, and the Angels produced enough offense despite getting no RBIs in the series from reigning AL MVP Vladimir Guerrero. Less than 24 hours after arriving in California, the Angels got ready to leave for the start of the ALCS against the White Sox in Chicago on Tuesday night. Santana, who started the season at Double-A, replaced Colon in the second inning and got the win by allowing three runs and five hits in 5 1-3 innings. He "had flashes of brilliance" according to Angels manager Mike Scioscia and left to a standing ovation with one out in the seventh after allowing a leadoff homer to Derek Jeter. "I don't have to be ner-

Wash just misses medal at annual Lamesa Invite

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor
LAMESA — The Forsan cross country teams traveled to Lamesa over the weekend to take part in the O'Donnell Annual Romp in the Park. Kassi Wash just missed medalling in the varsity girl's division as she placed 23rd with a time of 15:59. Kaleb Willey ran in the boy's JV division and he finished eighth

with a time of 22:00. Zack Gilliam and Dillon Walker each earned medals for their runs at the junior high level. Gilliam finished 10th with a time of 13:23 and Walker took 11th, crossing in 13:24.



Local shooters win top honor in Austin

Special to the Herald
AUSTIN — High school students from Abilene, Knott and Port Lavaca walked away with top shooting honors after 15 leading youth shotgun shooters from 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs across Texas competed in the Whiz Bang state finals at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo Sept. 30.

This year's winners were Michael Hahn of Port Lavaca in the senior category; Logan Gaskins of Knott in the junior category; and Miles Rand of Abilene in the sub-junior category.

The top three winners were awarded Browning Gold Sporting Shotguns, courtesy of Browning Arms. Beaumont attorney Mark Faggard also provided custom-made Montana Silversmith belt buckles for each of the top three winners.

Total prizes to all contestants were valued at more \$15,000 in supplies and equipment donated specifically for the event. Browning Arms also provided three additional Gold Sporting shotguns for three 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs represented at the shoot. Numerous other prizes that went to all participants included gift certificates for choke tubes courtesy of Briley Manufacturing of Houston and three automatic trap machines courtesy of La Porte, Promatic and Atlas. An additional manual trap machine was provided by Lincoln Traps. Shooting glasses were provided by Decot Hy-Wyd Sport Glasses and a custom gun case was given by Americase. Each of the fifteen finalists were provided with five cases of ammunition from Flocchi, Winchester and Remington.

Charlie Wilson, Mobile Shooting Range coordinator for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, developed the Whiz Bang more than 12 years ago. About 25 events are hosted by TPWD each year across the state, and the top shooters are selected in three categories.

This year, there was a shoot-off in each category for the first time. Winners were announced and awards were presented by Kim Rhode, Olympic Doubles Trap Gold Medalist. The top three winners and their parents were guests at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo Friday night banquet courtesy of Dallas Arms Collectors Association, Inc.

The sub-junior group consisted of Dustin Butler, Boerne; Judson Chevalier, Coahoma; Chris Clark, Crockett; Tyler Ford, Burleson; and Miles Rand, Abilene. Junior contestants include Harrison Chevalier, Coahoma; Logan Gaskins, Knott; J. Henderson, Mansfield; Joseph Rogers, Roanok; and Leo Ybanez, Corpus Christi. Rounding out the senior level participants were Dylan Burg, Stonewall; Michael Hahn, Port Lavaca; Tony Held, Clyde; Mark Minihan, Boerne; and Joseph Schreiber, Spring Branch.

At least 10 participants from previous Whiz Bangs have gone on to shoot in collegiate level competition, and 15 have participated in Junior Olympic competitions.

ALDS

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vous," Santana said. "It's a baseball game."

George Steinbrenner's \$203 million Yankees again learned that money doesn't buy success. Even with Randy Johnson coming out of the bullpen for 4 1-3 shutout innings, New York was eliminated by the Angels in the first round for the second time in four seasons, scoring 20 runs in the five games with four homers — all solo shots.

Just like last season, when the Yankees lost four straight against Boston after taking a 3-0 ALCS lead, Alex Rodriguez and Gary Sheffield were virtually invisible when New York needed their bats most. Rodriguez, the \$252 million man, hit into a double play after Jeter's lead-off single in the ninth.

"This is as low as it gets," A-Rod said. "It's one of those things you can't figure out. ... I've got to take a long look in the mirror at myself because I didn't do my part. I mean, you win and lose as a team, but I didn't show up."

The Yankees got two singles after Rodriguez's double play, bringing the go-ahead run to the plate. But Francisco Rodriguez retired Hideki Matsui on a sharp grounder to first for his second save of the series.

The Angels threw their arms up in celebration and formed a group hug near first base, fireworks going off behind them beyond the outfield and streamers coming from the upper bleachers as they advanced to the ALCS for the first time since winning the World Series in 2002.

After winning four World Series in their first five seasons under Torre, the Yankees are without a title since 2000.

New York staved off elimination with a 3-2 victory Sunday night at Yankee Stadium, forcing a fifth game across the country in Anaheim. The teams traveled all night, both landing around 3:30 a.m.

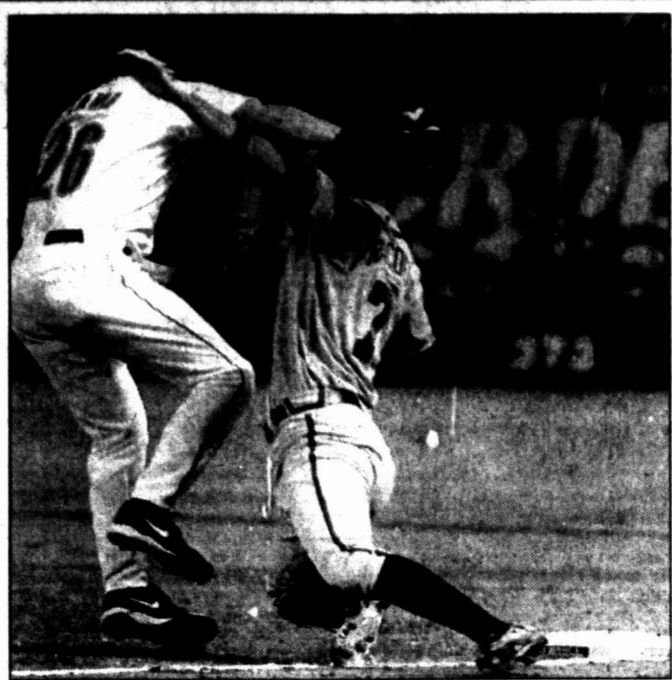
Anderson's second-inning homer started the comeback against Game 1 winner Mike Mussina after New York had taken a 2-0 lead in the top half.

Kennedy, the No. 9 hitter who was MVP of the 2002 ALCS, lined a triple to right-center with two outs in the second. Sheffield, in right, and center fielder Bubba Crosby collided hard and hit the wall trying for the catch. Two runs scored as the Angels went ahead 3-2.

Anderson added a sacrifice fly in the third, and Erstad's infield grounder also drove in a run. One out later, the 42-year-old Johnson replaced Mussina — the first relief appearance for the Big Unit since beating the Yankees in Game 7 of the 2001 World Series for Arizona.

Colon, who returned to California Saturday, got out of first-inning trouble when he struck out Matsui with two on. But he was replaced after 23 pitches by Santana, who allowed an RBI single to Crosby and Jeter's sacrifice fly in the second before settling down.

A-Rod, just 2-for-17 in the final four games of last year's ALCS collapse against Boston, went 2-for-15 (.133) with no RBIs. Sheffield, 1-for-17 during last year's final four games, had no extra-base hits and two RBIs.



KRT photo/Rich Addicks, Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Atlanta Braves rookie Jeff Francoeur (right) collides with Houston Astros first baseman Mike Lamb in the second inning of their National League Division Series game Saturday. Houston won the series 3-1 and will now play St. Louis with hopes of getting to the World Series

Steelers win game, Roethlisberger goes down late in fourth

By **BERNIE WILSON**

AP Sports Writer
SAN DIEGO (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger had just moved the Pittsburgh Steelers inside the San Diego 30-yard line when his left knee took a blow from a rookie defensive lineman's helmet.

A few moments later, Jeff Reed kicked a 40-yard field goal with 6 seconds left to give the Steelers a 24-22 win over the Chargers Monday night in San Diego.

Roethlisberger thrust both fists in the air in celebration from the bench,

his left leg wrapped in ice and bandages.





Trailing 22-21, Roethlisberger had completed a 9-yard pass to Antwaan Randle El when he was hit on the knee by the helmet of Luis Castillo.

Roethlisberger, whose knee was bent back awkwardly on the hit, was driven off the field on a cart after the final gun.

Roethlisberger was replaced by Charlie Batch.

Batch handed off three straight times to Jerome Bettis before Reed's kick.

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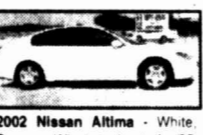
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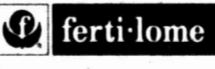
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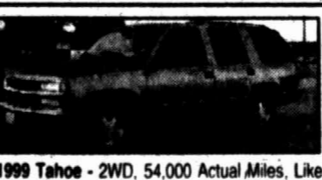
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Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHS The moon enters inventive Aquarius, making pretentious music with the prevalent Libran influences. To be quick and bright is to be attractive, and to be attractive is to have more of the good stuff. You'll have to define what the "good stuff" is to you. This is the right day to do it, since you're more in touch with your unique needs and desires.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The stars say you're "on" today. Without even trying, you have an eloquent (and at times even poetic) way of stating your needs and desires. They are graciously fulfilled.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The intense conversation you have with a loved one may unsettle you for hours afterward. But much good comes of the exchange. No matter what you say now, you'll remember this fondly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Promises, promises! The sparkling words of someone close to you mesmerize you like a hard jewel. You want to believe in lovely possibilities, but part of you is still afraid. Ignore that part.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A personal issue weighs heavy on your inner world, dulling your senses to the outside world. People who cross your path are almost indistinguishable. But by the evening, you'll have your solution and be back to "now."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You already know the risks involved in your "impossible" goal. Hearing others point them out again is like attending a lecture on the dangers of gravity. However, try to listen past the obvious points. You're given a gem of information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While people around you tend to be annoyingly overstated and dramatic, you show subtle sophistication. Remain in excellent taste and stay to the point. Continue to keep everyone on track.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You strive to be smart because you equate brilliance with attaining affection and approval. But you are loved exactly how you are. So strive to be smart because it makes you happy and for no other reason.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're no bionic-human, but you're certainly competitive with anyone else who is doing a job like yours. Give yourself credit for all you do in a day. With this acknowledgment, your strength and stamina increase.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your skills are put to use, which feels good. Problems disappear when you figure out what you have in common with your client, customer or boss and hold that idea in your mind while you work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Not one to dally around or gossip, you only need a quick exchange of information and you're off! However, you'll learn more and be more effective if you relax and shoot the breeze with someone knowledgeable.

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Legals

CITY OF BIG SPRING TRAFFIC COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING 5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2005

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 307 E. 4TH STREET, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING CODE OF ORDINANCES SPEED LIMITS-GENERALLY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 18-72, CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE 3, OPERATION OF VEHICLES GENERALLY. SECTION 18-72. SPEED LIMITS GENERALLY.

No person shall drive a vehicle upon any street or highway in the City at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the circumstances then existing. Unless otherwise designated by ordinance, the prima facie maximum reasonable and prudent speed for City streets shall be twenty five (25) miles per hour (mph).

The Traffic Commission will hold a Public Hearing concerning these Proposed Amendments to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Big Spring, Howard County Texas. Citizens will have the opportunity to express any oral or written comments or mail to Todd Darden, Public Works Director, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or call (432)264-2501

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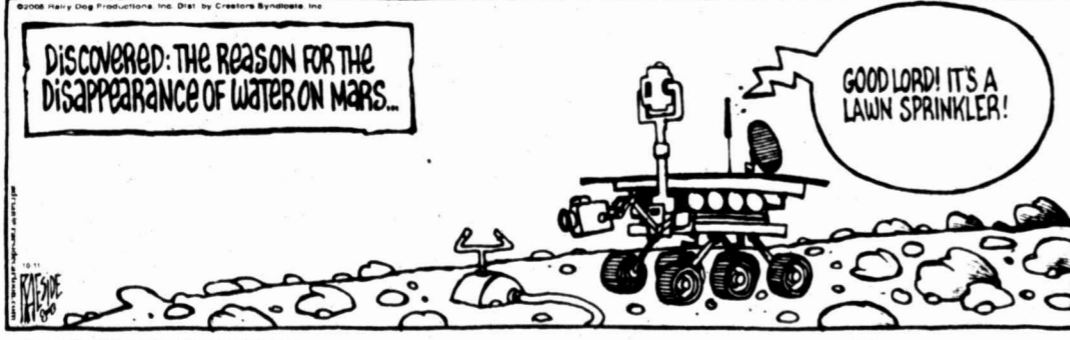
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 11, the 284th day of 2005. There are 81 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Thirty years ago, on Oct. 11, 1975, "NBC Saturday Night" (later "Saturday Night Live") made its debut with guest host George Carlin. On this date: In 1779, Polish nobleman Casimir Pulaski, fighting for American independence, died two days after being mortally wounded during the Revolutionary War Battle of Savannah, Ga. In 1811, the first steam-powered ferryboat, the Juliana, was put into operation between New York City and Hoboken, N.J. In 1890, the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in Washington, D.C. In 1942, the World War II Battle of Cape Esperance began in the Solomons, resulting in an American victory over the Japanese.

In 1958, the lunar probe Pioneer 1 was launched; it failed to go as far out as planned, fell back to Earth, and burned up in the atmosphere. In 1962, Pope John XXIII convened the first session of the Roman Catholic Church's 21st Ecumenical Council, also known as Vatican II. In 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission, was launched with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele and R. Walter Cunningham aboard. In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronaut Kathy Sullivan became the first American woman to walk in space. In 1985, Arab-American activist Alex Odeh was killed by a bomb blast in Santa Ana, Calif. In 2002, former President Jimmy Carter won the Nobel Peace Prize. Today's Birthdays: Author Elmore Leonard is 80. Actor Ron Leibman is 68. Country singer Gene Watson is 62. Singer-musician Daryl Hall is 56. Senator Patty Murray, D-Wash., is 55. Actress-director Catlin Adams is 55. Actor David Morse is 52.

Country singer Paulette Carlson is 52. Football player Steve Young is 44. Actress Joan Cusack is 43. Comedy writer and TV host Michael J. Nelson is 41. Actor Luke Perry is 39. Country singer-songwriter Todd Snider is 39. Singer NeeNa Lee is 30. Actress Michelle Trachtenberg is 20. Thought for Today: "What is time? The shadow on the dial, the striking of the clock, the running of the sand, day and night, summer and winter, months, years, centuries... these are but arbitrary and outward signs, the measure of Time, not Time itself. Time is the Life of the soul." - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet (1807-1882).

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like EBB, SCRAP, SHOP, REAL, OHARE, LINE, ALSO, FEVER, IDEA, SLIP, FREAM, DESK, SLEET, SIZE, FOGA, TOREUP, PANT, PITA, NURSE, SNORE, FLU, ELMER, STRIP, TANG, EAST, TEMPER, STOP, MEEK, LOCAL, CAPE, FALL, FLOWER, ALIT, ERASE, SAVE, LONE, RADAR, TREE, LEER, STETS, SELL.

Newsday Crossword

"A" IN GEOGRAPHY by Sally R. Stein Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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Wacky Facts

- The Schottengymnasium, a school in Vienna, Austria, has been open since 1155.
- The "scotch" in hopscotch has nothing to do with Scotland. It comes from the Middle English word "scocchen" (to cut), and refers to the diagram cut or scratched in the dirt. — *World Almanac for Kids*

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Chatter Box

"I've gotten many letters to go to high school proms. I almost took one up because he was willing to do car washes to raise money for my plane ticket. I thought, 'I want to go just because he's a hard worker.'"

— "Desperate Housewives" star Eva Longoria, in *People* magazine.



In The News

THE RECEDING RECESS

How are schools picking up the playtime slack?

BY EMILIE LE BEAU
Chicago Tribune

For many kids, elementary school isn't only about learning how to read and write. School also is the place to pick up the finer points of kickball, figure out how to capture the flag and master the best bounce in four square.

Disney even has a cartoon devoted to this traditional scheduled time when kids blow off steam and clear their heads before heading back to class. But at some schools, break time and gym classes are dwindling. And kids like "Recess" TJ and Spinelli will never hear that highly anticipated bell ring.

Forty percent of American schools do not have recess, according to the American Association for the Child's Right to Play. And the average lunch break is just 23.7 minutes, according to Erik Peterson of the School Nutrition Association.

Why are some schools clamping down on fun, especially now, with an increased focus on kids getting exercise? Peterson thinks these schools may be struggling to prep for the tests required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act. "More time is spent on reading, writing and arithmetic, and less time on lunch and extracurricular," he says.

Natalie P., 11, has gym once a week at the Chicago Academy, a contract school of the Chicago Public Schools system. The school day is less than five hours long, so Natalie doesn't have recess regularly.

"Sometimes on Fridays we get to play games," she says. "We have lunch and then our specials. It's fine that we don't have recess. We do learning games, so it's pretty fun."

Sometimes Natalie's class gets gym twice a week, and she says her teacher makes up fun games. During gym, her class exercises, talks about heart rates and warms up before games with sit-ups, push-ups and running. "Gym is

always fun. I'm always excited to go there," Natalie says. Her school also offers after-school sports, and Natalie plans to try out for the basketball and softball teams. Sydney F., 11, a sixth-grader at Morgan Park Academy in Chicago, also plays a school sport. She's in the tennis club, so she skips gym and goes to tennis practice instead.

"We don't compete. It's just a way to play tennis," she says. "The actual teams, like basketball and soccer, have an after-school commitment."

Middle school kids can sign up for a club sport like Sydney, or take a 45-minute gym class instead. "In P.E., they have units and rotate the units, so you could have a two-week unit on softball," she says. "You get to try lots of different sports, and that helps you decide whether you want to play on a sports team."

Thanks to gym class, Sydney knows she likes baseball and soccer. Volleyball hurts her arms and running "just isn't my thing," she says.

Besides gym, kids at Morgan Park Academy, even the high schoolers, also get a 15-minute recess. "Some of the kids play with equipment like football and Frisbee," Sydney says. "Other people play on the equipment. And four square was one of the big (games) last year."

Sports also are big with sixth-grader Jimmy A., 11. At his school, in Elmwood Park, Ill., they just started a new program that gives students health or gym class every day. He has gym on Mondays and Fridays for 40 minutes, and he says they start with exercises and move on to fun games.

Jimmy's class gets to go outside for recess on days they don't have gym and on Fridays, if they're "good," he says.

A double dose of play is an excellent reason to behave. "I think it's fun to go outside," he says. "It's a good break. It's very important ... so you're not inside the full day working."

Sydney also thinks students need a break. "People can get stressed out during class," she says. "Gym and recess are a time to forget about it. It gives you the chance to relax."

YOU NEED A BREAK

Some schools have breaks built into their schedules. Other schools squeeze in breathers when there's time. Wondering how your school compares? Here's the breakdown on break time at some Chicago-area schools:

■ Students at Charles R. Darwin Elementary School have recess for 15 minutes after lunch. Gym class is once or twice a week for 40 minutes, plus every teacher leads his or her class in physical activity for 15 minutes a day. Kids also can stay for after-school sports, such as basketball, volleyball and soccer.

■ Kids at Bardwell Elementary have gym class twice a week for 40 minutes. There also is a 15-minute recess after lunch. After-school sports include soccer, basketball and softball. And sometimes the park district swings by after school with cool activities such as tumbling or tennis.

■ Madison School students have gym for 25 minutes three times a week. Teachers also lead their students in physical activity twice a week for 25 minutes. Kids get 30 minutes of recess every day.

■ Kids at Samuel Sewall Greeley School call their gym class "kinetic wellness" and go four times in a six-day block for 25 minutes. Students also have recess during lunch for 30 minutes. And third- and fourth-graders can go to after-school sports programs one day a week.

Education secretary shares goals

To kick off the new school year, U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings sat down to discuss her favorite subject — school! — with Time For Kids kid reporter India Pasiuk. Spellings is the first secretary of education to be a mother of school-age children.



TFK: This year, some school districts began regular school year classes in July. In some cases, kids and parents were very upset that the school year started so early and interfered with traditional summer vacation. But school officials say the extra time is needed to expand the amount of instruction kids get before they take standardized tests. Do you think it's a good idea to start the school year in late July?



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Margaret Spellings

Spellings: That's an issue really not for the federal government to decide, but for states and local school districts to decide. But, as a parent, I have to say that what I know is, most of the countries in the rest of the world go to school a lot more days than we do. Some of the countries that are getting the best results for kids are working harder at it. In some cases, we're going to have to work harder to get results.

TFK: Do you think standardized testing is necessary?

Spellings: I absolutely do. I know sometimes kids don't like to take tests, but it's one of the things, just like going to the doctor. You have to have your temperature taken. They can't fix what's wrong with you if they don't know what made you sick, or what you need. And, so that's true in education, too. It's important that we find out how kids are doing and what they're doing well on and where they need help, and the way that we do that is through testing.

TFK: What advice would you give kids who want to help make changes in their school's programs or procedures?

Spellings: First, I would tell them to talk to their teacher or principal about what they saw or observed. If you wanted to have an orchestra program, or Spanish, or take recess away so you could learn more ... then I would tell you to go to your principal and see if you could get some support there. Then I would go to the PTA or parent organization that's at your school to see if you could get support. Then you work your way to the school superintendent and the school board. I think that would be an interesting lesson in democracy and government to try to make a change in schools.

TFK: How have your daughters helped you in your job? What can kids teach adults about improving our education system?

Spellings: That's a great question. ... I see my own kids ... they're like a little focus group about what we need in education, what we can do better, and what we're doing well. I think we really do have work to do in middle school. I think it can be more rigorous.

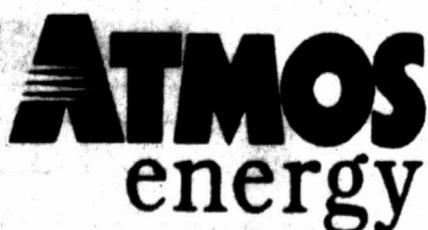
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